

BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 1 | Week 7 | Thursday, 9th March 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

During this time of Lent, we are led to contemplate once again that Jesus was both a human person and at the same time divine.

The Lenten narratives always begin with Jesus in the desolate wilderness of the desert.

The Jordan Valley was a fairly fertile area. However, Jesus would not have had to travel a great distance to find himself in a desert

wilderness. The area was not only geographically rough, but it was also full of bandits and rebels - a dangerous place to be on your own.

The desert wilderness serves as a place of preparation for Jesus as he commences the last three years of his life and begins his active ministry which culminates with the utter desolation of His Passion.

So, while this experience was filled with pain, doubt and loneliness the desert is also a place of revelation and transformation for him.

Why do these emotionally charged events of Lent and Holy Week resonate so strongly within us?

Perhaps it is because we can personally relate with the humanity of Christ's own experience. In our personal struggles, doubts, missteps, losses and life-changing challenges we, in essence, share in His Passion.

The great promise of our Catholic faith that we celebrate at Easter is that after the desolation of the cross life will be transformed and prevail.

Wishing all a blessed week,

Sergio Rosato
Principal



Now I been out in the desert, just doin' my time
Searchin' through the dust, lookin' for a sign
One sunny mornin' we'll rise I know
And I'll meet you further on up the road.
(Bruce Springsteen - Further Up the Road)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrate **Catholic School Week**. It is a special week to celebrate and give thanks for the strength and distinctiveness of all Catholic Schools, especially our school Bethany. The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is ***"Our teachers make the difference"***.

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual event which involves the communities of all 591 Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and the ACT. CSW provides an opportunity for Catholic schools to showcase what is done every day in our schools and invite the community in to experience teaching and learning at its best. It was lovely to see so many families visiting our classrooms during the open classrooms sessions and meeting new families during our school tours.

Catholic Schools Week is also about strengthening relationships between all those that have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community.

OUR NEW LOGO

You may have noticed that Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese now have a new logo.



The central cross is made up of interlocking sections representing unity and community. This symbolises how we all come from different backgrounds but like the inside of the cross, we're joined together by our Catholic faith and values. The three circles that surround the cross are a representation of community, warmth and strength, and of the Holy Trinity. The lines flow into the base of the cross, showing that our schools are inclusive places for all, and acknowledging that we all experience a different journey to our Catholic schools.

NAPLAN

The official NAPLAN testing period for Years 3 & 5 is scheduled between 15th and 27th March. Teachers will be preparing students for NAPLAN by making them familiar with the type of questions and tools they will experience during the tests by using the demonstration site. Parents are welcome to access the public demonstration site as well to understand what the different NAPLAN assessments involve.

The link to this site can be found [here](#).

All Year 3 & Year 5 students will require headphones for the practice tests. Most students at Bethany already have these. Please make sure your child has working headphones. These cannot be the bluetooth or earbud type. If you have any concerns about your child participating in NAPLAN, please contact your child's class teacher.

Many blessings for the week ahead,

Rebecca Lloyd

Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



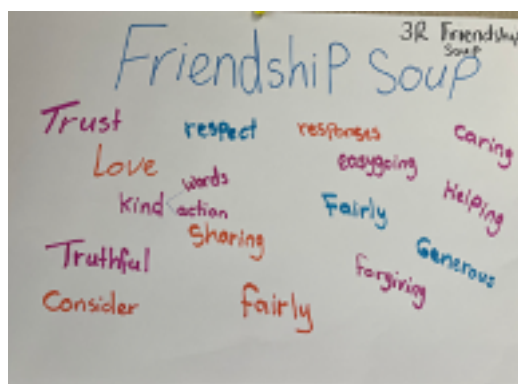
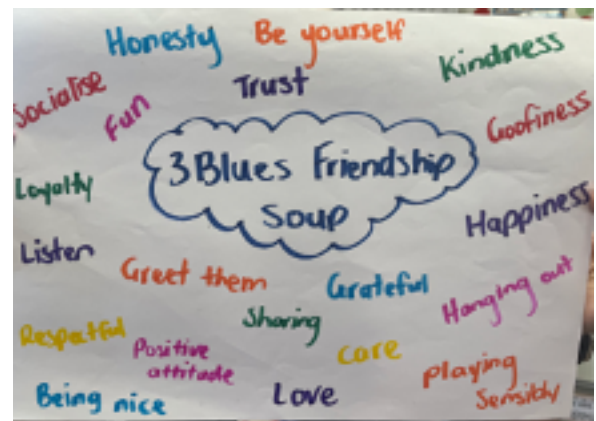
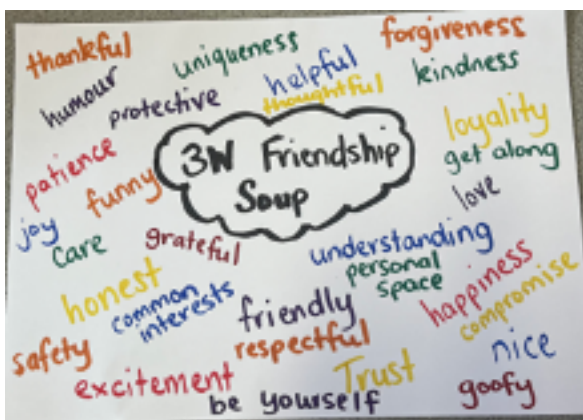
Catholic Schools Week

A Celebration of Learning at Bethany

During our celebrations of Catholic Schools Week, Year 1 have drawn why they are thankful for their Catholic School Community.



Year 3 learning in Religious Education has been about how belonging strengthens their relationship with others. They recorded what qualities and actions are needed to develop a strong friendship.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONT'D

St Padre Pio Sacramental Program

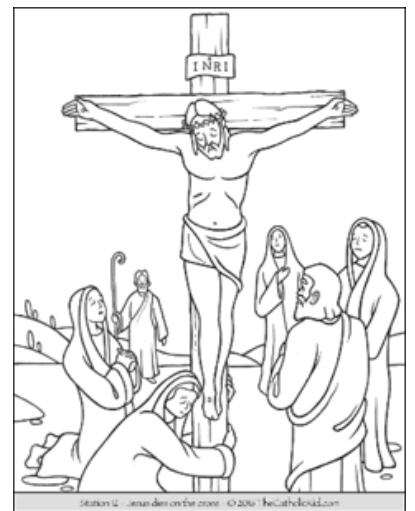
Please keep the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in your prayers as well as their parents who are supporting them on their faith journey.

The parent letter and enrolment form for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** are available on the St Padre Pio website. This sacrament is open to students in Years 5 and 6 who have made their First Holy Communion.

Stations of the Cross - Good Friday

Calling for students to be part of the Stations of the Cross at St Padre Pio Parish on Good Friday. Practice sessions for this will take place in Weeks 9 and 10 at school. Students will need to be available on Good Friday, April 7.

If your child is able to participate in this representation of Jesus' journey to Calvary, please email Mrs Baldacchino by Friday 17th March.



SPORT



ZONE SWIMMING



On Monday, 20th February, our Bethany swimming team competed at Glenbrook pools. I would like to congratulate all our swimmers as they represented our school with pride and tried their best. Some students even swam PB's! The day started with great success with our relay teams and continued in the individual events.



A special congratulations goes to:



Nikola Marakovic Caleb Commerford

Nikola Marakovic for achieving the Zone Junior Boys Runner Up Age Champion.

Caleb Commerford for achieving the Zone Senior Boys Runner Up Age Champion.

Well done Boys!!

All the best to our Diocesan swimmers who will be competing in the next level on the 14th March at Blacktown!

BETHANY CROSS COUNTRY / FUN RUN

Last week, the whole school was involved in either the Fun Run or the competitive Cross Country run. It was lovely to see the student's displaying sportsmanship and cheering on their fellow classmates.

A big thank you to the following parents for helping me on the day. The day would not be able to run smoothly without your help:

Ranae Roddick, Xin Guan, Erin Finn, Lauren Gibson, Nat Browne, Jess Pringle, Ana Marakovic, Therese and James Baker and Bethany Wootton. I hope I didn't miss anyone!! Thank you to the parents that helped supervise out on the course too!

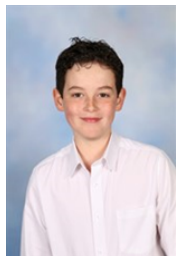


Congratulations to the following students who will be competing at the **Diocesan Cross Country** next term.

8/9 Year Boys	8/9 Year Girls	10 Year Boys	10 Year Girls
1st - Hudson Farkas	1st - Olivia Langmack	1st - Jett Ward	1st - Charlotte Okulicz
2nd - Ethan Saliba	2nd - Audrey Commerford	2nd - Orlando Fedeli	2nd - Ellie McElroy
3rd - Levi Fullam	3rd - Indiana Dewhurst	3rd - Zach Michael	3rd - Willow Briggs
4th - Morrison Browne	4th - Harlow Pollock	4th - Nicholas Hamilton	4th - Callie Davies
5th - Phoenix Power	5th - Olivia Voyce	5th - John Paul Bhandoo	5th - Alysha Castle
6th - Eli Coburn	6th - Olivia Grady	6th - Agniv Jaidev	6th - Karli Gunawan
Multiclass - Noah Xiberras			

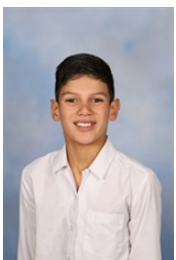
11 Year Boys	11 Year Girls	12 Year Boys	12 Year Girls
1st - Lachlan Eadie	1st - Audrey McDonagh	1st - Liam Bird	1st - Jasmine Galea
2nd - Zane Duncan	2nd - Sienna Dinaro	2nd - Zane Attard	2nd - Sarah Baker
3rd - Harrison Vella	3rd - Angelina Polimeni	3rd - Caleb Commerford	3rd - Amelia Rubelj
4th - Brody Willmott	4th - Heidi Lloyd	4th - Vita Fazio	4th - Sophie Parker
5th - Mateo Tangata-Toa	5th - Isabella Fabiano	5th - Alejandro Flammia	5th - Mia Magnoli
6th - Seth Flood	6th - Heidi Grbin	6th - Marco Cavina	6th - Aafreen Mavi

PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN TEAM SPORT TRIALS



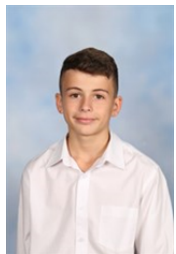
Cricket

Congratulations to Benjamin Kyle who trialled and made the Parramatta team and the Mackillop team on invitation, for cricket. He travelled to Ballina this week to compete at the NSWPSA event. Bethany is proud of you and hope it was a wonderful experience!



Rugby League

Congratulations to Mateo Tangata- Toa who trialled and made the 11 years Rugby League Parramatta team.



Congratulations to Jude Dunn who trialled and made the 12 years Rugby League Parramatta team.

Good luck to both boys at the Mackillop trials in Canberra in May!

Mrs Neilly

LIBRARY



Premier's Reading Challenge for 2023

The Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage students to read for leisure and enjoyment, increase their reading and to experience a wide range of literature.

Kindergarten to Year 9 students in all NSW schools can participate in the PRC with certificates awarded at the end of each year to acknowledge students' achievements.

Last year at Bethany, 321 students completed the challenge with 26 achieving Gold and Platinum certificates for participating over a number of years.

Students in Years 3-6 have been reminded this week of how they can log their 20 books with the unique Username and Password they were issued with on a laminated bookmark last year. New students received their details this week.

Students in K-2 have received a note this week with information about the PRC and a bookmark with their logon details. K-2 students complete the PRC by listening to 30 books read aloud.

The PRC website can be found at online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc or search for PRC 2023

The PRC Booklists can also be found on the website.

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2023 closes on Friday 18th August.

Here are some steps to help you when logging the books you have read.

1. Go to the Premier's Reading Challenge website at: online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc
2. Click on "Logon" on the left side of the screen.
3. Enter the PRC username and password you have been given.
4. Click on "Student Reading Records" and type the titles of your books. Sometimes it auto-fills the information. Make sure it gives the correct author and title.

Any student who has problems logging on can see Mrs Emmett in the library before school or at lunchtime on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Parents of K-2 students who require assistance with logging PRC books can contact me by email via the Bethany office at bethany@parra.catholic.edu.au



Don't miss the boat!
Start reading now for the PRC in 2023.

Mrs Emmett

DATES FOR THE DIARY



10th March	Bethany Open Day 9am - 10am
10th March	Mufti-day to support WYD
13th March	SRC Induction - 9:00am - School hall
14th March	Diocesan Swimming carnival - Blacktown Aquatic Centre
15th March	Sacrament of Reconciliation formation workshop session 3 (7pm-8pm in the school hall)
15th March	NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5 - testing window - 15/3/23 to 27/3/23
16th March	Western Sydney Zoo Excursion - Year 1
17th March	School Photos - SRC & Catch up Day
22nd March	Sacrament of Reconciliation formation workshop session 4 (7pm-8pm in the school hall)
29th March	St Padre Pio Sacrament of First Reconciliation - 6:45pm
30th March	NSWCPS Swimming carnival- SOPAC
31st March	Effort in Learning Awards Assemblies
5th April	NSWPSSA Diving- SOPAC
5th April	NSWPSSA Swimming
6th April	NSWPSSA Swimming

COMMUNICATION



Recent Skoolbag Notifications

09/03/2023	LOWES - 20% OFF EVERYTHING! 9 and 10 March
08/03/2023	Head phones required for NAPLAN
07/03/2023	AFL Auskick cancelled today
07/03/2023	Letter from Bishop Vincent Long
06/03/2023	Teaching Arrangements for 3B Term 1 Weeks 7 & 8
03/03/2023	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - Year 4
02/03/2023	Lego Person - Monday 6th March
02/03/2023	Catholic Schools Week 2023
02/03/2023	Temporary Maintenance/Groundsperson Position Available
01/03/2023	Kinder and Year 1 Fun Run
01/03/2023	School Photos catch up day
01/03/2023	Leadership Day
01/03/2023	Teaching Arrangements for 3R for the remainder of Week 6
01/03/2023	Changes to Sport Days for Year 5 and Year 6
01/03/2023	Student Residential Address & Other Information Collection Notice
28/02/2023	Formation Workshops for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
28/02/2023	School Photos - Wednesday 1st March
27/02/2023	St Padre Pio Children's Mass - Sunday 5th March
27/02/2023	Year 1 Excursion
27/02/2023	Kindergarten and Year 1 Fun Run
24/02/2023	St Padre Pio Children's Mass - Sunday 5th March
24/02/2023	Effort in Learning Awards

OTHER MATTERS

School Fees

Instalment 1 2023 School Fees are due next Wednesday 15 March 2023, unless on arrangement.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty, could you please contact Wendy Vincent on 02 4723 3700 or bthy-glmpfees@parra.catholic.edu.au to discuss.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - CATCH UP DAY

Catch up day is on Friday 17th March. Students who were absent from school on Photo Day will be able to have their individual portraits taken. **These students are to wear full summer uniform** - no sport uniform please. The SRC, RE Angels and Year 6 Group photos will also be taken on this day.



Scholastic Book Club News Edition 2 for 2023 will be sent home with students today.

Scholastic's online LOOP payment system enables families to make payments by credit card. scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Following the closing date, all book orders for our school will be processed and as soon as they are delivered to Bethany the books will be sent home with students.

**The closing date for LOOP orders for Edition 2 will be next Thursday
17th March.**

CONTACT DETAILS

Please notify the school if you have changed address or any contact details such as emails or phone numbers. It is vital that we have the correct information in case of emergencies, school communication and to ensure accurate billing information. Please send an email to the school with new details. **Change of Details Form** is available at the office and is also on the school website.

ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

We wish to remind you, for the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff, **animals are not permitted on school premises** (with the exception of service dogs).



2024 ENROLMENTS

We are currently accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2024. Families who have a child starting school next year are encouraged to complete and submit an enrolment form. Please visit the school office if you would like an enrolment pack or contact our Enrolments Officer on 4723 3700 if you have any enquiries regarding the enrolment process.

If you have family or friends who have a child ready for school, please pass on our details and let them know enrolments are now open. We love welcoming new families to our community!



OPEN DAYS

2024 ENROLMENTS

FOR GIRLS YEARS 7-12

OPEN NIGHT TOURS:

Mon 13th to Wed 15th March 2023

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Join us to see for yourself why girls are so
happy to learn at Caroline Chisholm College.
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Tours of the college: 3:30 - 6:30pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Limited places available in other years
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Further information and bookings can be made
via our website and Facebook page.

www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au

90-98 The Lakes Drive Glenmore Park

Enrolment packages can be obtained by
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