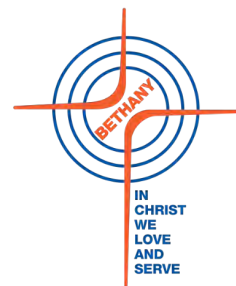


BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 2 | Week 10 | Thursday, 29th June, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Colleagues,

During this week we hosted Family Learning Conferences to celebrate each child's effort and growth in learning. The FLCs are an opportunity to further our work in partnership with the families of the children in our care.

Whilst the focus of these meetings is primarily on Key Learning Areas and the academic aspects of learning they also encompass the whole child including the spiritual & relational domains.



Almost thirty years ago the local Catholic community called on the Holy Spirit to help them discern a name and motto for the soon to be built Catholic school. The name eventually chosen was not of a solitary saint but rather of a small village in Judaea. Bethany was the home of Jesus' close friends - siblings Mary, Martha, and Lazarus as well as Simon who suffered from leprosy.

Jesus stayed at Bethany on several occasions during his ministry. It was an important place of refuge, hospitality and relationship for him. It was a place where he taught, broke bread, laughed, grieved, healed and restored life.

Tomorrow our community will farewell **Wendy Vincent**. Wendy's contribution as Senior Finance Officer to Bethany and CSPD for almost two decades has been enormous. In carrying out her duties diligently, skillfully and astutely she has faithfully and credibly lived out our school motto, *In Christ we love and serve*.

Wendy has worked each day with a view on how she could serve this community with a sense of the WE and always with the COMMON GOOD in mind. Wendy leaves a significant legacy at our school and she will be missed enormously not only for her work but also for her warm presence, humour, spirit, kindness and care. May God continue to bless and protect Wendy as she embarks on the next phase of her life.

- Well done, you good and faithful servant!

Wishing all students and their families a restful and replenishing term break. We look forward to seeing you back for the beginning of Term 3.

God bless,

Sergio Rosato

Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the first school semester draws to a close, we reflect on each student's achievements and set goals for the second half of the school year. Thank you for your involvement and input during our recent Family Learning Conferences. We hope that these conferences provided you with the opportunity to discuss your child's areas of strength and areas for development.

The Semester 1 Student reports will complement and supplement these conferences. ***They will be available via the Compass Parent Portal on Friday 30th June.***

The A - E style of reporting is mandated by the Government for all grades except Kindergarten (who have a different reporting scale). There are a few important things to remember about this reporting process:

- There are no predetermined numbers of A, B, C, D or E achievement levels to be allocated.
- Each Key Learning Area must have an overall achievement level indicated.
- It is important to note that this reporting process is not based on a bell curve.
- The overall achievement level is for the whole Key Learning Area (KLA) which may contain many strands. Although some KLA's have been broken into strands, it is important to note that some strands have more weight than others. The overall achievement is not just a straight averaging of strands.
- The achievement levels/common grade scale are provided by the NSW Education Standards Authority and are included below for you to reference.

The Common Grade Scale describes performance at each of five grade levels.

A The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

B The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

C The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.






D The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT'D

E The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Each year level introduces different concepts, content units and skills etc. which can increase in difficulty from the year before. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement level in a particular Key Learning Area may change. The achievement level of 'C' is awarded to children who have achieved sound knowledge and understanding of work covered in that particular grade at this particular time. It means your child is working and achieving appropriately for their grade. This may be different from the traditional 'C' from our own school days. The following website <https://arc.nesa.nsw.edu.au/go/k-6> provides work samples that illustrate A-E Achievement levels.

It is well worth a look.

A Outstanding Achievement	B High Achievement	C Sound Achievement	D Basic Achievement	E Experiencing Difficulty
Grand Prix racer.	Advanced driver training with extra skills.	Full drivers licence - like most of us!	A person on "P" plates drives independently but is still learning.	A person on "L" plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.
				

Teachers are available all throughout the year to discuss your child's learning. Please feel free to contact the school office at any time if you'd like to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable holiday break and some special time with family and friends.

Rebecca Lloyd

Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Pyjama/Oodie Day - Vinnies Winter Appeal - Friday July 21

This day will run at the conclusion of Multicultural Week at Bethany. A gold coin donation for this event can be made through the Qkr! App. All funds raised will be sent to St Vincent de Paul to support their Winter Appeal.

This year, Vinnies will focus on supporting older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Funds raised will provide assistance with food, clothing, household bills, specialist homelessness services and support people in need to find and maintain secure housing.

A sausage sandwich is on offer for \$3. To order please use the

[Sausage Sandwich Lunch order form](#)



Grandparents Day and Book Fair at Bethany Wednesday July 26th



Grandparents and parents are invited to celebrate Grandparents Day on the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus.

When: Wednesday 26th July, 2023

Where: Bethany Catholic Primary School, Glenmore Park

Time: Book Fair opens from 8am

Join us for Mass celebrating Grandparents at 9am
(Book Fair closed during Mass)

Picnic morning tea on the playground 10:30am

Open classrooms 11am - 12pm

Book fair closes at 3pm



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONT'D

Sacrament of First Eucharist reminder:

Enrolment forms are due by Friday June 30, 2023. Please hand enrolments into the Parish office.
Please contact St Padre Pio Parish for any questions via email - sacraments@padrepio.org.au

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

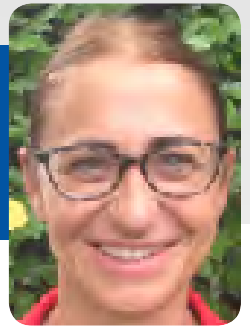
Multicultural Week - Term 3 Week 1 - See Compass message sent to parents this week.

Pyjama/ Oodie Day - Friday 21st July

Grandparents Day - Wednesday 26th July

Children's 10am Sunday Parish Mass - Sunday 6th August - coordinated by Year 6

SPORT



SOCCKER NEWS

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Congratulations to the following boys who represented Bethany at a Gala Day on the 16th June.

Vita Fazio	Jayke Shehata	Roarke McEwan
Zane Attard	Jude Dunn	Ezekiel Kabigting
Cruz Dewhurst	Koby Ellingsworth	Brody Willmott
Mason Ranieri	Liam Bird	Ryan Sapsed
Brayden Fretton-Lee	Mitchell Conn	Lachlan Eadie

I would like to thank Brayden's grandfather John, for taking on the role of coach for the day.

Also, thank you to Cooper Ranieri, who is an ex student, for refereeing on the day.

Bethany appreciates the support of our volunteers.



Rugby League News

RUGBY LEAGUE 11 YEARS

CONGRATULATIONS to Mateo Tangata-Toa - Yr 6 who represented MacKillop at the NSWPSA Rugby League U11's Championships at Liverpool.

The team finished equal 3rd and was awarded bronze medals.



RUGBY LEAGUE 12 YEARS

CONGRATULATIONS to Jude Dunn - Yr 6 who represented MacKillop at the NSWPSA Rugby League U12's Championships at Wagga Wagga last week in freezing temperatures!!

Bethany is extremely proud of your achievements!

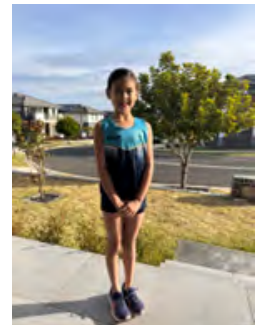


Ellie McElroy

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

The NSWPCS Cross country was held on the 13th June, at the Sydney Equestrian Centre.

I would like to Congratulate Olivia Langmack - Yr4 and Ellie McElroy - Yr4 for completing this difficult course at such a high level of competition.



Olivia Langmack

SOFTBALL NEWS

Congratulations to Georgia Gately, Charlotte Lawford, Sierra Ryan and Francesca Vella who attended the Mackillop trials on the 15th June and have all made the team!

They will be playing softball at a NSWPSA competition next term! Good luck girls!



PE with MRS NEILLY

Next term, during Sport lessons, our focus will be learning the skills of Basketball!

Enjoy the holiday break!

LIBRARY



Next Term.....

HATS OFF TO READING!

Book Fair

Wednesday 26th July in Week 2
to coincide with
Grandparents Day.



Everyone is invited to wear a hat on the day!



More details after the holidays.

On the day of the Book Fair we will need volunteers to help with book sales. A message will be sent out via Compass in Week 1 asking for volunteers. If you can help out, even for a short time, your help will be appreciated.



READ GROW INSPIRE

Book Week is Term 3 Week 6

Book Character Parade

Thursday 24th August

More details after the holidays.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

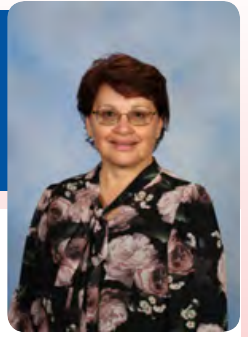


The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2023 closes in Week 5 on Friday

18th August.

Mrs Emmett

ITALIAN



Italian Term 2

Year 1 - Dancing the Tarantella



Year 3 - Making Bruschetta



Year 5 - Playing Bocce



Mrs Sciacchitano

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Friday 30th June	Effort in Learning Awards Assemblies - Infants - 8:45am Primary - 9:30am
Friday 30th June	Last Day Term 2
Monday 17th July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 18th July	First Day Term 3
Tuesday 18th July	Multicultural Week
Friday 21st July	NSWPSSA Cross Country - Eastern Creek
Friday 21st July	Pyjama/Oodie Day - Vinnies Winter Appeal
Monday 24th July	Kindergarten's 100 Days of learning
Wednesday 26th July	Grandparents Day and Book Fair
Friday 28th July	Year 5 Bathurst Excursion

COMMUNICATION

Recent Compass Notifications

27/06/2023	Clothing pool open today
26/06/2023	Anaphylaxis and Food Allergies
26/06/2023	1500m race Little Athletics Expression of Interest
26/06/2023	Multicultural Week
26/06/2023	Year 3 watching PG rated movie
23/06/2023	Referees still needed
21/06/2023	LOWES 20% 2 DAY SALE EVENT
21/06/2023	Booking Family Learning Conferences
21/06/2023	Red, White and Blue Mufti Day
21/06/2023	School Photos - 6W
21/06/2023	Farewell Liturgy for Wendy Vincent
19/06/2023	Family Learning Conferences / Staff Development Day Monday 26th June
19/06/2023	SOCCER REFEREES NEEDED
19/06/2023	Stage 2 (Yrs 3 and 4) SOCCER trials for boys and girls teams

COMMUNITY

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**PARISH
FETE**

SUN 6 AUG 9AM-3PM
ST. JOSEPH PARISH GROUNDS
12 RICHMOND RD, KINGSWOOD

CAKE STALL
BBQ FOOD STALL
FILIPINO FOOD STALL
BOOKS & RECORDS STALL
INDIAN FOOD STALL
HOMEWARES STALL
PLANT STALL
LOLLIES STALL
FACE PAINTING

**GREAT FAMILY
DAY OUT!**

JUMPING CASTLE
• ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY
PERFORMANCES
• INDIAN
ENTERTAINMENT


DONATIONS

Let's Help

**PARISH
FETE**

What We Need

- *Quality Books & Records
- *Plants
- *Homewares
- *Donation for Filipino and Indian Food Stall



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COMMUNITY

LOWES

2 DAY VIP EVENT

20% OFF EVERYTHING*

JUNE 29TH & 30TH INSTORE & ONLINE



LAST CHANCE TO REDEEM BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS!

*Not applicable to certain items, see store for details.

Lollipop's
PENRITH

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN
AT LOLLIPOPS PENRITH PANTHERS

We have extended our Holiday trading hours 9:30am-5pm

MONDAY JULY 3RD PAW PATROL VISIT  1pm & 3pm	TUESDAY JULY 4TH KIDS CRAFT FOUR BAD DECORATING  11am, 12pm & 1pm <small>20 kids per session call us to secure your spot</small>	WEDNESDAY JULY 5TH COOKIE DECORATING  12pm, 1pm & 2pm <small>20 kids per session call us to secure your spot</small>	THURSDAY JULY 6TH KIDS TATTOOS  12pm	FRIDAY JULY 7TH BALLOON ANIMALS  1pm <small>20 kids per session call us to secure your spot</small>
MONDAY JULY 10TH KIDS TATTOOS  12pm	TUESDAY JULY 11TH CRAFT WITH ARIEL  11am, 12pm & 1pm <small>20 kids per session call us to secure your spot</small>	WEDNESDAY JULY 12TH FREE FACE PAINTING  <small>By Koral & Pinky</small> 11am-2pm <small>Limited spots available, call us to secure your spot</small>	THURSDAY JULY 13TH PAW PATROL VISIT  1pm & 3pm	FRIDAY JULY 14TH FROZEN DISCO  12PM - 2PM

PANTHERS

Now located inside Penrith Panthers on Level 3 Open daily from 9:30AM-6PM PH 02 4721-8555
 SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS & TO BOOK
 All events are FREE after entry fee