

BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 2 | Week 8 | Thursday, 15th June, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Last Sunday was the Feast of the Holy Body & Blood of Christ also known as Corpus Christi.

As Catholic Christians we believe that Jesus is really and personally present to us in the broken bread and shared chalice of the Eucharist.

Christ's presence under the form of bread and wine is one filled with the greatest intimacy. The simple gifts of bread and wine are changed not by magic but by God's love and taken into ourselves in faith.

As we eat and drink these elements, Christ becomes part of us, and we come alive in Christ. Together we become the Body of Christ.

Saint Augustine taught that if we truly love the Eucharist we will embody what we eat. By receiving the bread – blessed and broken, the cup of wine – poured and shared, we say 'yes' to becoming the same in Christ: blessed, broken, poured out and shared in love.

May the gift of Holy Communion continue to strengthen and nourish us for our journey of life.



Staff News: Wendy Vincent

I wish to inform the Bethany community that our Senior Finance Officer Wendy Vincent and her husband have decided to relocate from Sydney to the north coast at the end of this term.

Wendy's contribution as Senior Finance Officer for almost two decades to Bethany and Catholic Schools Diocese of Parramatta has been significant. She has served with distinction in a number of schools in our Diocese including Trinity Primary School Kemps Creek, St Francis of Assisi Primary School Glendenning and Delaney College Granville. She also worked with the Senior Finance Team in the Catholic Education Office and has served the Bethany community on two occasions including her most recent appointment starting in 2016.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

I know I speak for our whole Bethany family in expressing our immense gratitude to Wendy for her loyal, dedicated and thoroughly professional contribution to our community. She will leave a significant legacy at our school through her unwavering commitment, skill and financial astuteness. Her contributions and service have been instrumental in helping to make our school the place it is today and she will be missed enormously.

On a personal note I am immensely grateful for Wendy's support and wise counsel since my appointment at Bethany in 2020.

May God bless Wendy and her husband Daniel as they embark on the next exciting phase of their lives.

Classroom Refurbishment Project

Last year our school applied to CSPD for a Minor Capital Works grant. I am delighted to inform you that this grant has been approved.

The project proposed for Bethany will involve the internal refurbishment of all classrooms at the school over the next 12 months, commencing this year.

The refurbishment of classes will retain the current 3 classroom per grade format of spaces with the flexibility of interconnecting doors.

What is being proposed will include:

- Re-carpeting of all classrooms
- Designer Autex paneling to all internal walls up to the ceiling enabling the easy display of student work and improving both the aesthetics and acoustics of classrooms.
- Internal repainting of all classrooms
- Upgrade of wet areas
- External painting

We have commenced initial planning with the consulting architect and CSPD for the first phase to commence later this year. The much needed refurbishment promises to provide our school with beautiful, revitalised learning spaces for teachers and students.

Wishing all a blessed week ahead,

Sergio Rosato

Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners In Learning Survey

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the TTFM Partners in Learning Survey. The survey is now closed. Once we have received the results and had a chance to work with the data and read the feedback provided, we will share our next steps with you.

Compass Parent Portal

It is very important that you are able to access the Compass Parent Portal. If you are having any issues or require support, please contact the school office.

Semester 1 Student Reports will be available on the *Compass Parent Portal* on Friday 30th June.

Family Learning Conferences

The Family Learning Conferences FLCs which will be held during Week 10 of this term complement and supplement the Semester 1 student reports. The two dates for FLCs recently communicated to parents/carers are:

- Monday 26 June 2023 interviews commencing at 8:30am - 4:00pm (Note this will be a Student Free Day).
- Wednesday 28 June 2023 interviews commencing at 3:15pm until 8:15pm.

The Structure for FLCs is as follows:

1. Learning Conferences are **15 minutes** in duration.
2. They begin with a **brief introduction** about the whole child by the teacher.
3. Teacher will highlight **areas of strength** focusing on the 3 KLAs (RE, English & Mathematics) and the child's learning dispositions.
4. Discussion regarding some specific areas for **development**.
5. Arrive at a consensus regarding **specific learning areas** to be achieved during Semester 2.

Booking Times for the 2023 Bethany Family Learning Conferences

Families are able to book their Conference meeting time through the Compass Parent Portal. This platform will remain open **until Friday 23rd June**. Please follow the instructions on the attached infographic to book your conference. There are also instructions on the Compass Parent Portal once you select the "Conference" tab.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT'D



Arriving At School On Time

Please remember that the morning school bell goes at 8.30am for students to start their day. Teachers will mark the class rolls from 8.40am. Any child not present for the roll will need to be signed in by a parent at the front office. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Many blessings for the week ahead,
Rebecca Lloyd
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Have you seen this image before?

This traditional image is of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Friday (June 16) is the *Feast of The Sacred Heart of Jesus*. This feast is always celebrated 19 days after Pentecost and celebrates God's mercy and love.

The heart seen in this image is of a human heart encircled with a crown of thorns. A cross sits above the heart with flames radiating from the base of the cross.

This image reminds us of God's eternal love for humankind. Through Jesus, God's love has been demonstrated to us through the sacrifice he made by laying his life down for us.

Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist at St Padre Pio

Enrolments for the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist at St Padre Pio Parish are now open.

This sacrament is open for any child from Years 4 - 6 who has received the sacraments of Baptism and First Reconciliation.

The last day for enrolments is Friday June 30 (last day of Term 2)

A copy of the enrolment form and relevant dates for this sacrament can be accessed from the St Padre Pio Parish website:

padrepio.org.au



2023 Vinnies Winter Appeal - Pyjama Day at Bethany

When: Friday 21st July (Term 3, Week 1)

What: students wear their pyjamas to school

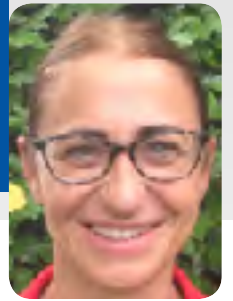
Donation: gold coin

This day will coincide with Multicultural Week. More information will be shared before the end of Term 2.



Mrs Baldacchino

SPORT



CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

Earlier this term, the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival was held at Eastern Creek. Our Bethany representatives had a great day and achieved personal goals on the difficult course.

Thank you to the following parents for helping as officials on the course:

Therese Baker

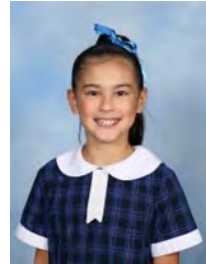
Alan Okulicz

Nat Browne

A big congratulations to:

Olivia Langmack - 1st place for the 8/9 yrs.

Ellie McElroy - 2nd place for the 10 yrs.



Olivia Langmack



Ellie McElroy

ATHLETICS

We were blessed with wonderful weather for our school athletics carnival.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the helpers on the day! We had parents, carers, grandparents and ex-students all taking roles on the day. I could not have run the day without you! I also would like to thank Mrs Gibson for supporting me in the organisation of the carnival.

Zone qualifiers will be notified shortly. The Zone carnival will be held in August.

The top 2 for the following events will be going to Zone:

100m- 8yr, 9yr, 10yr, 11yr, 12 yr FINALS

The following events are categorised as:

Junior (8-10yr) (I look at the results out of 8, 9 and 10 years to find the top 2)

11 yrs

Senior (12-13yr)

200m

800m

Shot put

Long jump

SOCCKER NEWS

The Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day was held on Friday, 2nd June at Jamison Park.

The girls displayed sportsmanship and skill and came away with an overall pool win!

I personally would like to thank Mr Briggs for taking on the role of coach on the day.

Congratulations! Bethany are proud of you all!



SPORT with Mrs Neilly

During Weeks 6-10, the Learning Intention is to improve our Ball Skills and we have a focus on introducing Volleyball skills in each lesson.

A Volleyball NSW coach is working with the Yr 5 and 6 classes each week.



LIBRARY



Parents of K-2 students

Wednesday 21st June from 2.15pm



You are invited to
an informal gathering
in our school library to

- * chat with other parents about books they have enjoyed reading with their children
- * look at our library collection
- * borrow a selection of books to take home and read with your children.

A reminder too that the library is open before school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday if parents wish to come in and borrow with their children.

Thank you

to the volunteers who have helped to cover the many books our school has recently purchased.
As more packs of books are prepared we will be in touch to enlist your help again.



Premier's Reading Challenge for 2023

With 9 weeks still to go until the **closing date on Friday 18th August**, it's wonderful to see so many students enthusiastically reading. Well done to those students who have already completed the challenge for this year and continue to



for leisure and enjoyment.

Mrs Emmett

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Friday 16th June	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Monday 26th June	Family Learning Conferences (FLCs) & Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 28th June	28/6/2023 - QKR Closes (Uniforms)
Thursday 29th June	Last day financial transactions
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
Friday 21st July	NSWPSSA Cross Country- Eastern Creek
Friday 28th July	Year 5 Bathurst Excursion

COMMUNICATION

Recent Compass Notifications

14/06/2023	Teaching Arrangements for 4B
14/06/2023	Clothing Pool days
09/06/2023	STAGE 3 BOYS SOCCER
09/06/2023	Family Learning Conferences (FLCs) and Student Progress Reports Semester 1 2023
09/06/2023	Notification of Head Lice - Year 3
08/06/2023	Referee needed for Years 5 and 6 Boys Soccer Gala Day
07/06/2023	Stage 3 (Yr 5 and 6) Boys soccer trials
07/06/2023	Public Holiday 12th June 2023
05/06/2023	Your feedback is important to us (The Tell Them From Me survey)
05/06/2023	Stage 3 Boys Soccer trials

ATTENDANCE

DID YOU KNOW

1 in 6 primary students are not attending school regularly. Schools are here to help.

If you are having attendance issues with your child please contact us so we can support you to address them.



every learner
every day



Catholic Schools
Parramatta Diocese

OTHER MATTERS

REMINDER

To minimise interruption to important learning time, please check that your child/children have packed recess, a drink bottle, lunch and the books that are required for their school day before they leave home.



SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to the families who have paid their instalment two school fees. CEDP is in the process of sending out reminder letters. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact Wendy Vincent on 4723 3700 or bthy-glmpfees@parra.catholic.edu.au. Please note, all conversations are confidential.

COMMUNITY



The poster features a construction theme with a yellow and black striped top border. The background shows a city skyline with cranes and a building under construction. A crane in the foreground is lifting a red LEGO brick. A cement truck and a bulldozer are also visible. The text is in various colors and fonts, with a large black curved banner for the main title.

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Penrith Sports Stadium (PVRSC)
7th July & 14th July 2023

ELIGIBILITY	PROGRAM NAME	TIME	FEES	BOOK ONLINE AT
K - Yr 6	Engineering & Robotics	9:00am to 3:00pm	\$210 Both Days	www.trybooking.com/CIYVF
K - Yr 6	Engineering & Robotics	9:00am to 3:00pm	\$110 (07th July)	www.trybooking.com/CIYVF
K - Yr 6	Engineering & Robotics	9:00am to 3:00pm	\$110 (14th July)	www.trybooking.com/CIYVF

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JOIN TODAY AND
GET TO PLAY!



COMMUNITY



Sign Language Workshop Penrith



Down Syndrome NSW will bring the 2023 Sign Language Workshop series to Penrith on the 21st June.

You will learn approximately 50 everyday signs and nursery rhymes with AUSLAN trainer, Lisa Dodd, who has a son with Down syndrome.

This event is for:

- Parents, grandparents & carers of a child with a disability
- Support workers, therapists & special education teachers
- Parents of children without a disability who would like to teach their baby or toddler basic sign language.

The Benefits of Sign Language for Children

Sign language accelerates the acquisition of speech by stimulating areas of the brain that are associated with speech and language.

Many children with special needs experience difficulty with expressive language and verbal ability. Sign language gives these children access to communication while strengthening the ability to produce expressive speech.

Babiesandsignlanguage.com

Wednesday 21 June
Penrith Bowling & Recreation Club
Woodriff St & Derby St
Penrith

11:00am to 2:00pm

\$80pp member

\$90pp non-member

Light lunch is included

Down Syndrome NSW is proud to offer a discounted rate to the community.

As this is an educational workshop, we are unable to accommodate children attending.

Registration is essential, simply scan the QR code.

Or, visit <https://bit.ly/45Z6O7I>

Email: admin@dsansw.org.au Phone: 02 9841 4402

