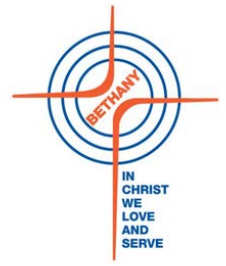


Bethany Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Term 4 | Week 2 | Thursday, 19th October, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. I trust that you were able to spend some 'non routine' time with family during the break and to replenish for the busy and celebratory time that lies ahead. As a staff we commenced the term with a two days of professional development focussed on the new NSW English and Mathematics curriculums which will be instituted fully in 2024.

Matilda Jr - The Musical

For the past term a large number of our students have been involved in regular rehearsals as part of a musical troupe who will shortly perform the stage production Matilda Jr. These performances will take place on the evenings of Thursday 2nd November & Friday 3rd November 2023 at Caroline Chisholm College.

Bethany has a proud and successful involvement in school musicals over a number of years. We look forward to our 90 strong troupe experiencing the wonder of performing on stage in front of an audience. We can all be justifiable and proud of each and every one of our students for their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment.

On their behalf we are immensely grateful to each of the dedicated and talented staff who have been involved in the production as well as the parents who have assisted and supported the musical.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

I would strongly encourage our school community to support the musical by purchasing tickets to these performances via QKR at a cost of \$20. We are privileged to present Matilda Jr in the modern and intimate creative arts centre at Caroline Chisholm. I am incredibly thankful to the College and their principal Tania Cairns and her staff for their unwavering support with this venture.

The Marian Month of October

During this Marian month of October it is worth leaning on the power of prayer for the grace and the silent blessings that only prayer can provide. Our prayers for peace in the world also need to extend closer to home.

On a personal note I extend a prayer of thanksgiving as we commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Blue Mountains Bushfires. The prayers of thanksgiving are offered for the selflessness and service of all those involved in our civil protection agencies including NSW Police, Fire & Rescue, Ambulance, RFS, SES, Red Cross and all those who work in support of charitable organizations in our land. We are incredibly blessed to live in a country where these institutions and structures are in place for its citizens.

Wishing all a blessed week and may the peace of Christ reign in the world.

Sergio Rosato

Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for our final term of 2023. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and found the time to rest, relax and catch up with family, friends and loved ones.

Professional Learning

On Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th of October, the staff at Bethany engaged in two full days of professional learning around the new syllabus documents for both English and Mathematics. It was a comprehensive two days of learning and we were fortunate to be able to collaborate with other CSPD colleagues across five different schools.

Staff were able to deepen their knowledge and further develop their skills in planning with both of the new syllabus documents. We collaborated during the day to plan learning sequences that support excellence in student learning.

Semester 2 Student Reports

Term 4 sees the conclusion of our second semester of learning. Semester 2 Student Reports will be available to parents on Compass on Friday 8th December. If you'd like to discuss any areas of your child's learning before then please feel free to contact the school office to make an appointment with your child's teacher. If you are having any difficulties accessing the Compass portal please call the school office for support.

Road Safety

This term we are promoting road safety within our school community. Road Safety is everyone's responsibility, have a look at what our road safety guide has to say.

[Bethany Road Safety Promo.](#) This is the first of a series of road safety videos we will be sharing over the coming weeks. Keep an eye out on Facebook and Compass for further information.

Many blessings,
Rebecca Lloyd
Acting Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



CURRICULUM

During Term 4, students in each grade will focus their learning in Religious Education on the following overarching questions:

Kindergarten: What did Jesus teach us about showing love for ourselves and others?

Year 1: How is God's love shown through Jesus?

Year 2: How does sacred scripture help us to understand the hope, peace, joy and love of Advent and Christmas?

Year 3: How does prayer bring us closer to God?

Year 4: How do the scriptures enrich my life?

Year 5: What connections can we make between stories from the Bible, current world issues and our personal experiences?

Year 6: How can we use prayer to guide our mission and express our devotion to God during different liturgical feasts and seasons?

ROSARY CLUB DURING OCTOBER THE MONTH DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

Rosary Club has recommenced for the month of October – The month of the Holy Rosary. Students are invited to attend Rosary Club during the lunch break to pray The Rosary outside St Padre Pio church at the statue of Mary. Students may bring their own Rosary Beads or borrow a set from the school. Rosary Club will take place each Monday and Friday from weeks 1-4.



CATHOLIC MISSION AND MISSION WEEK

This week, representatives from Catholic Mission visited Bethany to provide experiential workshops to students in Years 2-6. These workshops enabled students to learn more about issues of mission and justice.

Term 4 Religious Education lessons have begun with a focus on outreach and how to fulfil our mission as members of the Catholic faith community, following the example given to us by Jesus Christ. Next week, (Week 3: 23-27 October), Bethany will celebrate Mission Week when Bethany students have an opportunity to participate in a range of activities to raise funds for those who are less fortunate. Funds raised will be donated to *Catholic Mission*.

Communication was sent home last week about the activities taking place during Mission Week. For students to participate, please complete the [2023 Mission Week @ Bethany!](#) form. Donation payments for participation are made via Qkr!.

All forms are due by Friday October 20.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the need to organise these activities, no late forms can be accepted.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUED



Proposed timetable for the Mission Week activities

Monday 23rd Oct	Tuesday 24th Oct	Wednesday 25th	Thursday 26th Oct	Friday 27th Oct
Recess Break Activities				
Sockball soccer shootout Early Stage 1/ Stage 3 participants		Sockball soccer shootout Stage 1 participants	Sockball soccer shootout Stage 2 participants	
Lunch Break Activities				
<i>Rosary Club</i>		Whole School Mass 9am Crazy Sock Day		<i>Rosary Club</i>
Year 5 Anime Drawing Competition: collect drawing sheets from outside Year 5 @ lunchtime. Return completed drawings to Year 5 by Friday. Include name and class details on the back of the drawing. Competition results will be provided at the beginning of Week 4.				
	(Kinder) Lolly guessing competition Early Stage 1 participants	(Kinder) Lolly guessing competition Stage 3 participants	(Kinder) Lolly guessing competition Stage 2 participants	(Kinder) Lolly guessing competition Stage 1 participants
(Year 1) Bubble blowing fun Stage 1 participants	(Year 1) Bubble blowing fun Early Stage 1 participants	(Year 1) Bubble blowing fun Stage 3 participants		(Year 1) Bubble blowing fun Stage 1 participants
	(Year 3) Scratch Art Years Stage 3 participants	(Year 3) Scratch Art Stage 2 participants	(Year 3) Scratch Art Stage 3 participants	(Year 3) Scratch Art Early Stage 1 participants
	(Year 4) Paper aeroplane throwing Stage 2 participants	(Year 4) Paper aeroplane throwing Early Stage 1 participants	(Year 4) paper aeroplane throwing Stage 1 participants	(Year 4) Paper aeroplane throwing Stage 2 participants
Board Games (Year 6) Stage 2 participants	Board Games (Year 6) Stage 1 participants		Board Games (Year 6) Early Stage 1 participants	Board Games (Year 6) Stage 3 participants
(Year 2) Ring Toss Early Stage 1/ Stage 3 participants		(Year 2) Ring Toss Stage 1 participants	(Year 2) Ring Toss Stage 2 participants	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUED



UPCOMING DATES

October 23–27: Mission Week

October 25: Whole School Mass to celebrate Mission Week

October 25: Crazy Sock Day

Tuesday October 31: Year 6 attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday November 1: All Saints Day Whole School attending Parish Mass @ 9am. All are welcome!

Friday November 3: Years 3 and 4 attending Friday morning Parish Mass

Sunday November 5: Children's Parish Mass @ 10am coordinated by Kindergarten

SPORT



ATHLETICS NEWS

In week 10 of Term 3, I was lucky enough to watch the showcase of talents at the Mackillop Athletics Championships at Homebush. Congratulations to the following students for their wonderful achievements at this high level.



Junior Boys Relay -
came 14th / 17 teams
1. Braxton Lawler
2. Jett Ward
3. Ephraim Amponsah
4. Morrison Browne



Junior Girls Relay -
came 15th / 17 teams
1. Indiana Dewhurst
2. Olivia Langmack
3. Charlotte Okulicz
4. Olivia Grady



Senior Boys Relay -
came 8th / 16 teams
1. Jude Dunn 2. Xander Pringle
3. Alejandro Flammia 4. Brayden Fretton-Lee

A huge congratulations to Jude Dunn for achieving 2nd place in the 100m. Jude had a jam packed day in between the relay races he competed in the Long Jump and the 100m heat then qualifying for the Finals and receiving a silver medal!

We wish Jude all the best at the PSSA Athletics Championships in week 3!



- Lucas Okulicz - came 8th Discus
- Georgia Gately - came 16th Shot Put
- Jude Dunn - came 4th Long jump

TOUCH FOOTBALL NEWS

On the last few weeks of Term 3, the Stage 2 and 3 Touch Football Gala Days were held at The Kingsway.

STAGE 2

The girls and boys teams showed off their footy skills in 32 degrees heat! Both teams won in their pool and came away with a first place medal!



SPORT CONTINUED



STAGE 3

The girls and boys' teams did some awesome tags and sprints as they played different schools from across the diocese.



BASKETBALL NEWS

On Monday, we had 6 teams from Stage 2 and Stage 3, representing Bethany at a Basketball Gala day.

Congratulations to each team for their awesome results:

- Year 3/4 Girls - 3rd
- Year 5 Boys - 2nd
- Year 6 Boys - 2nd

A special mention goes to the following teams who walked away with 1st place!

- Year 3/4 Boys - 1st
- Year 5 Girls - 1st
- Year 6 Girls - 1st



SPORT CONTINUED



Thank you to all our scorers on the day. Mrs Castle, James Baker, Mrs Wright, Mrs Grady, and Mrs Pitkin and Mrs Sunderland.

A huge thank you to our team managers/coaches:

- Yr 6 Girls – Mrs Baker and Mr Gately.
- Yr 6 Boys – Tammy Gosling
- Yr 5 Girls – Mr Gal
- Yr 5 Boys – Mrs Culbert
- Yr 3/4 Girls – Mr Pollock
- Yr 3/4 Boys – Mrs Pitkin and Mrs Sunderland

We couldn't have so many teams without the help of all of you.



SPORT CONTINUED



BASKETBALL TEAMS 2023

Stage 2 GIRLS	Year 5 GIRLS	Year 6 Girls
Adylin Finn	Jaidah Rose Moussa	Aafreen Mavi
Olivia Grady	Isabella Fabiano	Jaleah Harris
Olivia Voyce	Sienna Grady	Sophie Rudel
Emily Rudel	Elidie Gal	Alana Tagudin
Charlotte Okulicz	Achik Dau	Sarah Baker
Harlow Pollock	Aluel Tor	Georgia Gately
Ellie Kopp	Alysha Castle	Sierra Ryan
	Serenity Thomas	Mia Magnoli
Stage 2 BOYS	Year 5 BOYS	Year 6 BOYS
Brock Sunderland	Lincoln Primmer	Ryan Amponsah
Ephraim Amponsah	Nate Culbert	Ethan Cook
Orlando Fedeli	Ryan Sapsed	Mateo Tangata-Toa
Archie Wright	Xander Pringle	Brayden Fretton Lee
Eden Choi	Brighton Hsu	Ezekiel Kabigting
Ayvree Pitkin	Ashur Slewa	Mason Ranieri
Phoenix Power	Cooper Almer	Ben Kyle
Noah Mourga	Beau Wright	Liam McAlister

DANCE FUN

K-6 have been participating in a dance program run by qualified dance teachers from ZING. This program will run from weeks 1-4 during their rotation time. From weeks 5-8, the students will then be involved in a skipping rope program. Here is a snapshot of the fun they are having.



K-Yr 1 Sport Activity Fun

Students will be participating in some sport activities organised by Mrs Neilly on Friday, 3rd November. Parents welcome. This event will be held on the school grounds.

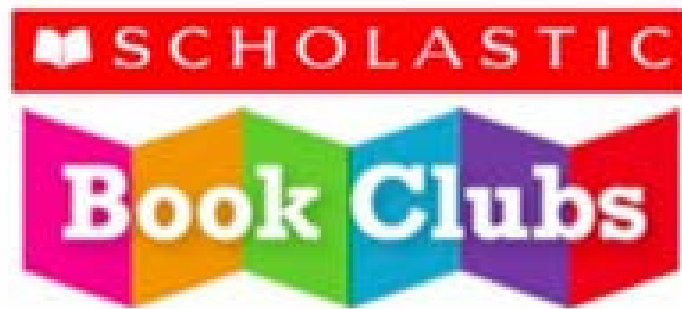


Scholastic Book Club

Catalogue 7 was sent home earlier this week.

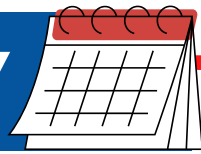
There will only be one more Book Club Catalogue prior to the end of the year.

The closing date for LOOP orders will be next Tuesday 24th October.



The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
LEARN, the more places
you'll **GO**.

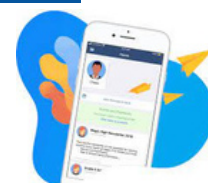
DATES FOR THE DIARY



23th October	Mission Week 23/10/23 to 27/10/23
24th October	Kindy 2024 - Parent Information Zoom - 7pm
2nd November	School Musical Night Performance
3rd November	School Musical Night Performance
6th November	Effort in Learning Awards Assemblies Years K-2 Years 3-6
7th November	Kindergarten Transition Session 1 - 9am - 10:20am
14th November	Kindergarten Transition Session 2 - 9am - 10:20am
21st November	Kindergarten Transition Session 3 - 9am - 10:20am
27th November	Bethany Twilight Swimming Carnival
28th November	Kindergarten Transition Session 4 - 9am - 10:20am



Recent Compass Notifications



19/10/2023	Student Travel - 2024
19/10/2023	Notification of Hand Foot and Mouth - Kindergarten
18/10/2023	Teaching Arrangements for 2B
17/10/2023	Children's Mass - Sunday 5th November
17/10/2023	Road Safety
17/10/2023	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL
17/10/2023	Kindergarten and Year 1 Sport Activity Fun Day
16/10/2023	Swimming note sent home last Friday
13/10/2023	Mission Week At Bethany
13/10/2023	Letter to Parents/Carers - Conflict in the Middle East
13/10/2023	Bethany School Musical
12/10/2023	Free Covid Testing Kits available at the School Office
09/10/2023	DANCE FEVER- EXTRA SPORT UNIFORM DAYS in Term 4 - Year 4
09/10/2023	20% OFF sale at Lowes this week!
28/09/2023	Sport Uniform Days Term 4

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters!



Every Student

Every School

Every Day

Notification of Absence

A gentle reminder to parents and carers to please notify the school if your child is absent.

The automated attendance SMS system is an efficient way for parents/carers to notify the school of their child's absence. If a student is absent, an SMS notification will automatically be sent to parents/carers. The notification will contain a one-time link that can be clicked on to add an attendance note for your child. The one-time link is valid for 48 hours.

Other ways to notify the school of your child's absence include contacting Bethany via email (bethany@parra.catholic.edu.au), phone (4723 3700), or sending a note with your child to school.



Safe RESPECTFUL Learner

Bethany's PBS4L Purpose Statement:

Our purpose is to create a safe, respectful learning environment for students who love and serve Christ. We nurture students who are responsible and valued members for our Bethany school community.



- We keep our hands and feet to our self
 - We move safely and calmly
 - We are in the right place at the right time
 - We use equipment and belongings safely
 - We follow instructions
- We use active listening and follow instructions
 - We care for and respect each other
 - We care for our environment
 - We wear our uniform with pride
- We try our best in everything we do
 - We demonstrate perseverance and resilience
 - We ask questions and take risks
 - We work collaboratively

SCHOOL TRANSPORT INFORMATION



School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback |](#)

[transportnsw.info](#)