

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Bethany Parents and Carers,

In her book, The Black Dress, Pamela Freeman has this rather delightful image to put into our minds:

"Poor little sad soul! Sister Aloysius sent him to me that first week. I was standing in the playground, looking down at the mangroves and the bay, relishing the fresh salt air. Mick, his name was, came sliding up to me reluctantly, eyes down, terror in every movement.

'Sister says I have to tell you,' he said in a quavering voice. He gulped. 'I stole a bun in the kitchen.' God love him! I almost laughed. But I put my arm around him. 'Were you hungry?' He nodded. He was twisting his hands together in a combination of misery and fright. That movement alone told of months of abuse and fear. 'Well, you go back to Sister and tell her I said to give you another bun.' His head came up, astonished, and he met my eyes for the first time. I smiled. He grinned and hugged me hard and raced off to Sister Aloysius, leaping as he went. Then, I did laugh."

Mary Mackillop's action towards little Mick was one of total kindness. A century later, Mother Teresa made a statement so relevant to Mary Mackillop's action when she said, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness, kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."

The Roman Emperor, Julian, (355-363) tried desperately to limit the influence of growing numbers of Christians but reluctantly, made this observation about them: "As children are coaxed with cake, so have these Christians enticed the poor to join them by their kindness. Strangers they have secured by hospitality. By brotherly love they have won the multitude." John Abbott. The History of Christianity.

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

If we are to take too much notice of the sensational side of media reporting, we might begin to doubt our personal safety in a ruthless society where kindness is, seemingly, becoming such a rare commodity. Perhaps media reports could include a few words from St Paul such as, "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another." Eph. 4:31,32.

As parents, we all know how self-absorbed young people can be. It's part of their development, discovering their own identity and deciding who they want to be. It's quite possible that they might think that because they are "family", they are entitled to get what they want, when they want it, even if it means that their selfishness is to the disadvantage of other family members. They will need strong parent models from whom they can learn by observation and influence that they need to be more aware of other family members and their needs, their feelings and their concerns. They will need to be lead from self-absorption to sensitivity of others, so that kindness becomes part of their nature as they mature towards adulthood. Here's a thought to keep at the back of your mind: "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." Author Unknown.

God our Father, we thank you for your "random act of kindness" that enabled us to have the children we do. Help us to establish kindness in our household, so it is found in our words, our attitudes and behaviours. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes

Cheryl Brown

Principal

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

#### Class Groups in 2018

Over the next few weeks the teachers will spend a significant amount of time ensuring that all students have a positive transition from one year to the next. This includes teachers meeting with each other to learn about all the students that they will be teaching the following year. This is a very thorough and thoughtful process. Teachers take many factors into consideration when regrouping children, including social and learning needs. I ask parents to trust the decisions made in grouping students, as I trust, if there has been a problem and/or concern regarding a child's needs this would have already been conveyed to teachers during the year. If you have a significant circumstance, not including friendship requests, please write a letter to me, no emails please. It will be reviewed in light of the grade grouping processes and there is no guarantee requests will be granted.

#### The Cyber Safety Lady, Online Safety Presentation

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Cyber Safety Lady presentation on Monday this week. I was very grateful of the Bethany staff that attended the presentation as well.

Our speaker was Leonie Smith, National Cyber Safety Ambassador, also featured on 60 minutes, The Project, The Morning Show, A Current Affair amongst others. All those who attended found it invaluable and engaging. Leonie is also a parent and all her advice was practical and from a parent's perspective.

If you missed it, see if you can borrow the book and resources from a fellow parent. Our school generously purchased over 30 copies which were handed out to parents as lucky door prizes.





### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

#### Fun Fair

Last Friday, was our annual Bethany Fun Fair. The school playground came to life with the arrival of children, parents, families and friends to enjoy the spectacular stalls, rides, food and entertainment. The event was well supported by our parent community in volunteering their time and expertise to coordinate a successful event.

We are blessed to have such a wonderful P & F Committee who worked tirelessly in the organisation of the event and most importantly on the day.

We wish to thank the senior students who volunteered their time in service of our community, namely McCarthy Catholic College, Caroline Chisholm College and St Donimic's College.

We wish to acknowledge the Bethany staff who supported the event in different capacities.

The Fun Fair is a great opportunity that demonstrates the unification of parents, parish and school partnerships in a common goal to support our students and their learning.







# upcoming events



Week 5

Year 3 and 4 Children's Mass - Sunday 5th November

Kindergarten Transition Session 4-Thursday 9th November

Week 7 Disco - Friday 24th November

Week 8 Twilight Swimming Carnival – Thursday 30th November





# RE - Mrs Cignarella

# Mission Possible

Stage 3 Project Based Learning



Project Based Learning is a teaching and learning method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge.

This term the Stage 3 students developed their understanding and appreciation of Christian mission and showed how they can respond to God's love, through the strength of the Holy Spirit, in their everyday lives.

The Driving Question, which lead the students throughout the unit was - "How can we, as promoters of mission, develop a campaign so that we can create awareness of social injustices around the world?"

Students engaged in individual and group tasks throughout the 4 week unit. In groups they chose and researched a social injustice which they would base their project around. They learnt all about designing effective persuasive posters as a basis to attract and engage an audience. In groups, they had the opportunity to work collaboratively using technology to create authentic final products.





# RE - Mrs Cignarella

The project culminated yesterday with a Showcase of stalls created by the groups, where they were required to promote an awareness of social injustices in our world to inform others of Jesus' mission.

Not only were all the stalls appealing and engaging, it was great to listen to all the groups and individual students talk passionately about their chosen injustice. It was obvious that they had a clear understanding of their injustice and their call to help the oppressed and vulnerable in our world today was admirable.







Thank you to all the parents, teachers and students who had the opportunity to visit the stalls yesterday. Having an authentic audience made the learning experience more valuable for the students.



# LITERACY - Mrs Baldacchino

#### What has been happening with literacy this week at Bethany?

Last week, the parents of the new Kindergarten students for 2018 participated in a workshop with a focus on Literacy. This workshop covered:

- agreed practices in teaching the three strands of literacy at Bethany (Reading and Viewing, Writing and Representing and Speaking and Listening),
- information about the daily 2 hour literacy block,
- writing development in Kindergarten including letter formation and an insight into how spelling is taught,
- hints and ideas for reading with young children,
- the importance that Speaking and Listening plays in a child's literacy development.

At the end of the workshop, Parents responded with comments including:

"I learned there are a number of ways to work out how to spell a word beyond 'sounding it out'.

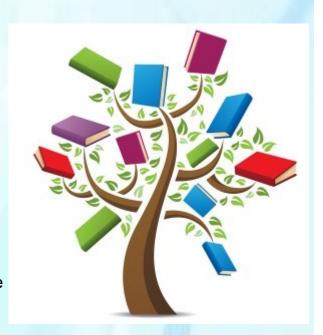
"Reading everyday is important."

"Reading is important and I'm going to read everyday to my child."

"Great insights into speech and language."

"Students who are not read to have 1000 words less than students who are read to."

This week, the Bethany staff reviewed the school literacy goal for 2017 and began the process of formulating a literacy goal for 2018. In reviewing the current goal, some aspects were identified as necessary to be continued and will become priority learnings in 2018. The 2018 literacy goal will be published in later editions of the newsletter.





### ATTENDANCE - Mrs Lazare

Did you know that missing just two days a month from school amounts to four weeks of lost learning a year. That's a whole year of lost learning from Kindergarten to Year 10. This is why school attendance does matter. As we lead up to the end of the year, there is still valuable learning happening across the school. This is why we continue to stress the importance of

#### **EVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY!**

Your child's learning is important to us, and we thank you for your support in ensuring they continue to keep up their attendance right up to the last day of school.

For the past two weeks we have continued to maintain the whole school attendance rate of 88%. This is a great achievement! We are almost at our minimum target of 90%. Well done to Year 5 and Year 1 who were our grade winners for attendance this past fortnight and congratulations to these classes who received 100% attendance for at least 1 day in the past fortnight:

KB, KW, 1R, 1W, 2W, 3B, 3R, 4W, 4R, 5B, 5G, 5R, 6W, 6B

Have you checked out our attendance board on the playground? Keep up to date with the latest attendance rates here!





# Road safety-Mrs Lazare



# Be Bus Aware Bus Safety Week 6-12 November 2017

NSW Bus Safety Week will be held from 6–12 November 2017 to highlight the importance of bus-related safety issues for all road users. Bethany is reminding everyone to 'Be Bus Aware'. This campaign aims to reinforce the road rules relating to buses to the community and promote safer on-road interactions between pedestrians, motorists, bicycle riders and buses. Head to BeBusAware.com.au to find out more #BeBusAware

#### We all have a part to play

Our Be Bus Aware campaign highlights the importance of bus safety for all road users. Buses are large, heavy vehicles and can't stop quickly. Each year, Bus Safety Week helps raise awareness for all road users on how to stay safe on and around buses, helping to reduce injuries and fatalities.

#### Pedestrians

Pedestrians made up the largest group of bus fatalities over the 2012 to 2016 period. Bus Safety Week promotes safety for pedestrians, who should:

- Plan ahead and don't rush for the bus
- Follow the rules and cross with care
- Avoid being distracted by mobile devices
- Stand back from the kerb when waiting for a bus.

#### Adults always hold your child's hand when crossing the road

School-aged children might seem independent, but they still need a hand.

#### Remember:

- Always meet your child AT school or the bus stop. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across.
- Always supervise your child and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing
  the road until they are at least 10 years of age.
- Wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road.

#### Drivers

We know that because of their sheer size and mass, buses cause severe outcomes for other road users in crashes. Buses can't stop quickly and drivers should:

- Give way to buses
- Not merge too closely in front of buses
- Slow down to 40 km/h when bus lights are flashing

#### **Cyclists**

- If you are overtaking a bus, avoid passing it when it is turning buses can take up more than one lane when they turn
- You may travel in a Bus Lane, Tram Lane, Transit Lane or Truck Lane but not in a Bus Only Lane
- Follow the rules and ride with care

# Slow down to 40 when lights flash



#### <u>Passengers</u>

More than one quarter of all seriously injured bus passengers are aged 70 years or over. If you are older, have a disability or are pregnant, try to sit closer to the front of the bus or in a courtesy seat. All bus passengers should:

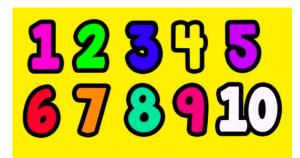
- Press the button well before your stop to give the driver plenty time to stop safely
- Wait until the bus has stopped before you get out of your seat





# NUMERACY- Mrs Donlan

#### NUMERACY NEWS Term 4 Week 4



As mentioned in the last newsletter, teachers have been contributing activities towards achieving our school goal in numeracy on visualisation.

Today what I share with you are some tasks that students from Year 3 and 4 have been accessing for number. You might like to try these at home and see how your child is using visualisation as a strategy to help them solve mathematical problems.

# Year 3 Whole Number Counting and Place Value Alphabetical Numbers

Say numbers names 1-10 in alphabetical order without writing anything down (Eight, five, four, nine, one, seven, six, ten, three, two) a variation would be to say the months of year in alphabetical order without writing anything down

#### **Hundreds Chart Visualisation**

'Picture in your head': Ask you child to picture a hundred chart in their head. Ask questions such as: what number lies above 48? Below 74? 2 to the left of 16?

#### **Addition and Subtraction**

Coin Combinations Imagine what coins could you put together to make \$1

#### **Multiplication and Division**

#### **Array Visualisation**

Children are given a number and visualise how this may look if shared into equal groups (may be groups/arrays etc). Eg I have 12 cookies to put on an oven tray. I want the same number of cookies in each row.. How may this look? 20 students in even rows - what might this look like?

#### **Array Game**

2 dice, roll - visualise the array you could make and draw it on grid paper, First person to fill the graph paper wins.

Further visualisation questions: What do you need to roll to win?

### Year 4 Multiplication and Division

#### **Dice Multiplication:**

Player rolls 2 dice. The first dice is the number of groups to make and the second is how many in each group. Visualise what it will look like and predict the total.

Use counters (objects) to make a model of the situation.

Children predict the total and then prove.

Imagine one more group/one less group.



### SPORT - Mrs Donlan

#### **Basketball Gala Day**

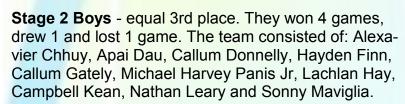
On Tuesday, 31st of October, some students in Stages 2 and 3 attended the Parramatta Diocesan Basketball Gala Day at Penrith Sports Stadium. Four teams attended the day. The players displayed great sportsmanship and represented Bethany with pride. It was excellent to see their progress over the day and the consistently high level of effort they applied in all games.

On behalf of the students, we would like to thank Mr Donnelly, Mr Martin, Mr Scott and Mr Chhuy for coaching the teams on the day. Your coordination of the teams and your knowledge of the game were greatly appreciated. Thank you to all of the supporters we had on the day, especially the parents who kindly scored games. Also, thank you Miss Keeley, Miss Balzan and Miss Dunphy who organised the Bethany students to attend the day and coordinated team tryouts and training.

Congratulations to all of the teams on the following great results in your age group:



Stage 2 Girls - 3rd place. They won 4 games and lost 2 games. The team consisted of: Arok Dau, Georgia Dudley, Angelina Erian, Zara Harris, Sara Malinowsky, Charisse Maron, Georgina Martin, Alani Pettett, Ella Smith and Charlee Stafford.







**Stage 3 Girls** - equal 3rd place. They won 4 games and lost 2 games. The team consisted of: Aaliyah Chhuy, Madison Cooney, Amy Doherty, Abby Grech, Sofia Hunt, Chloe Joy, Alyssa Tagudin, Charlotte White and Charlotte Wood.

**Stage 3 Boys** - 5th place. They won 2 games and lost 4 games. The team consisted of: Phoenix Arcia, Romir Awasthi, Kaiden Harrison, Jesaiah Kite, Rohan Lowden-Menz, Bayden McCheane, Tristan Scott, Karlo Sudilic and Alastair Wood.



### SPORT Continued-Mrs Donlan

#### **Swimming Trials for 2018 Zone Carnival**

This week notes have gone home to students in years 1-5 who are interested in participating in our 'Twilight Carnival' on Thursday 30th November at Ripples Penrith. Students turning 8 years or older in 2018 are eligible to compete in various events as outlined in the permission form. I ask you to complete this form if your child is wishing to compete so we can promptly attend to the event program. We are calling on assistance with time keeping, so please consider volunteering and this too can be recorded on the form sent home. We look forward to this our final sporting event in 2017.

#### **Infants' Sports Day**

On Tuesday, Kindergarten and Year 1 participated in the Infants Sports carnival. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day as the children exhibited their skills in numerous activities including shot put, mini hurdles, frisbee, parachute and ball games.



The day concluded with the girls and boys taking part in running races. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying the day, working cooperatively in their activities and cheering on their peers. Thank you to all the parents who attended and to those who assisted in running the activities. A very special thank you to Mrs Neilly for organising such a fun day.





# LIBRARY NEWS



Thank you so much to all those families who supported the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion. We have been so lucky to be able to purchase items for our library's Makerspace.

Bethany's Create-A-Daze has been a great success this year. Students have gathered to create, invent, tinker, explore and discover using a variety of tools and materials.

Many of our students have enjoyed this experience and developed their critical thinking and problem solving skills whilst working collaboratively and sharing amongst their peers.

These are some of the new resources students will get to use thanks to our wonderful Bethany Community.

Happy Reading Mrs Liepa











## LIBRARY NEWS



# Urgent help required

We need a new co-ordinator position for Book Club.

Sadly we say goodbye to our current co-ordinator Donna

Cudmore, however she has offered to pass on her knowledge to
train a new team. The position is voluntary and only requires
your time for one or two mornings a month. There will be plenty
of support from the other mums and library staff. This is a
valuable service provided for our students as it encourages literacy and a love for reading and we would love for it to continue
next year. So if you are interested and can spare a little time

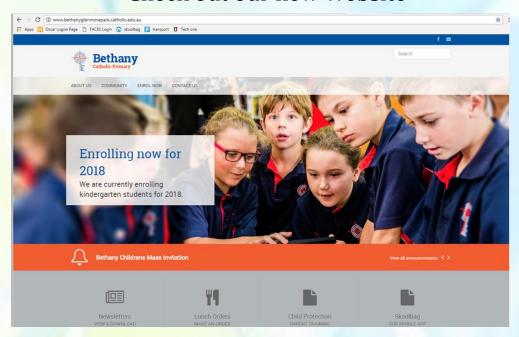
please contact the Bethany office on 4723 3700

Thank you

Book Club Team

### Other news

#### Check out our new Website



http://www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au Click here



One of our Year 5 students Chelsea Graham will be in the theatrical production of The Secret Garden.

Her sister and one of our ex students Amy Graham will also be in the production.

We are very proud of Chelsea and Amy.

Ticket information is on the flyer.

#### Remembrance Day Service

There will be a service held at Memorial Park Warragamba on



Saturday 11th November 2017

Commencing 10.45 am

All welcome

For more information contact

Elaine Bonning

Secretary Warragamba ANZAC committee 0407 674 478.



# School Fees

#### 2018 SCHEDULE OF FEES



# BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 2018 Schedule of Fees

School Based Fees	Annual Fee per child	Instalment Fee - per child (Charged in Terms 1,2 & 3)
Activity Fee	\$90	\$30
Resource Fee	\$375	\$125
Year 5 Overnight Excursion (March 2018)	\$174	\$58
Year 5 Excursion Meal Component	\$36	\$12
Year 6 Overnight Excursion (TBA 2018)	\$273	\$91
Year 6 Excursion Meal Component	\$72	\$24

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is only charged for the first three (3) children currently enrolled in the diocese (in other words there is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools(see 'Sibling Discounts' below). To work out how much the fee is for each child, check the table below.

ANNUAL FEES	No Charge for 4 <sup>th</sup> + children	1st child 100%	2nd child 75%	3rd child 50%
Tuition Fee				
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1173	\$879	\$588
	Years 1 - 6	\$1515	\$1137	\$759
Secondary	Years 7 - 8	\$2100	\$1575	\$1050
	Years 9 - 10	\$2331	\$1749	\$1167
	Years 11 - 12	\$2976	\$2232	\$1488
Temporary Residents	Education Fee per Student K-12	\$1935	\$1935	\$1935

Instalment Fee	Charged in Terms 1,2 & 3	1st child	2nd child	3rd child
Tuition Fee				
Primary	Kindergarten	\$391	\$293	\$196
	Year 1 - 6	\$505	\$379	\$253
Secondary	Years 7 & 8	\$700	\$525	\$350
	Years 9 & 10	\$777	\$583	\$389
	Years 11 & 12	\$992	\$744	\$496
Temporary Residents	Education Fee per Student K-12	\$645	\$645	\$645

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood are required to pay the annual Parramatta Diocese Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools).

The Building Levy for 2018 is \$783 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$261 payable in terms one, two and three.

## School Fees

#### **DISCOUNTS ON FEES**

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are committed to providing an affordable quality Catholic education for families. We understand the financial demands placed on families and seek to keep the fees as low as possible. No child who meets the enrolment criteria will be refused enrolment or disadvantaged because of a family's financial circumstances.

There are very significant discounts for the second (25% reduction) and third (50% reduction) children enrolled from the one family. There are no fees for the fourth and subsequent children.

If you have children in other Diocesan schools, please click on the Sibling Discount Applicable Schools

If any of your children attend a school listed where a sibling advice notice is required, please complete and return the Sibling Registration for Diocesan Tuition Fees form. (attached)

Please note that for automatic discounts to apply the residential address on each enrolment form must be the same. It is up to parents to advise schools of other siblings in order to receive the discount. Please note that discounts are not backdated.

#### FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY

Please contact Mrs Julie Brien on 47233 700 or email jbrien2@parra.catholic.edu.au

# Sibling Discount



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### BUS APPLICATIONS

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.

In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing grade bands i.e. going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Students enquiring about pending cancellation should be advised to go online to <a href="https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails">https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails</a> to update details/make application for next year's entitlement.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure their entitlement is updated and their current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

**Please note:** Students who are changing grade band and are <u>remaining at the same school</u> will not receive notification and <u>do not need to reapply</u> (the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students in the Opal area applying for a SSTS or TBP entitlement for the first time will receive their card (posted to the nominated address) a week or two before the commencement of 2018 classes. Please let students know new cards for 2018 are not posted in 2017 or during the Christmas / New Year period.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas are expected to receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the New School Year. **Note**; not all R&R operators issue passes (often in smaller communities where the student is known a pass is not issued).

#### Concessions

Email: Student@transport.nsw.gov.au





# WAGGLY TAILS PET SERVICE

Glenmore Park, Penrith Areas, Emu Plains, Leonay, orchard Hills etc.....

- Dog sitting ( Personal care dog minding at our house in a caring family environment ) conditions apply
- Daily Visits (We can do multiple visits per day if required)
- Dog Walking
- Extra's (watering plants/lawn, taking bins out, poop patrol, bringing mail in)

Being a dog owner myself I know how hard it is to go away and find the right care for your fur babies.

Waggly Tails Pet Service is a family pet caring service; we will give the best service every time, and update you with daily posts on how your pet is enjoying their time with us.

PET SITTING	COST	
Small dogs, low maintenance that do not require exercise	\$30.00 Per Day	
All dogs that are active and require exercise	\$40.00 Per Day	
DAILY VISITS	COST	
One visit per day - 15 minutes	\$20.00	
Two visits per day – 15 minutes each visits	\$35.00	
30 minute dog walk	\$20.00	
Extras- water plants, mail, poop patrol etc	\$10.00 depending on time	

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