



BETHANY'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 17/11/2017 TERM 4 - WEEK 6



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers of Bethany,

We have just passed half way of Term 4. The next 4 weeks of school are action packed and the learning and teaching continues to be a focus right up to the last day of school – Every Learner Every Day.

Promotions day for the students to meet their 2018 teacher will be Monday 11th December. The staffing arrangements for 2018 are in the planning processes, as soon as the staffing is finalised parents will be advised of the 2018 class teachers.

I wish to congratulate all the 2018 Kindergarten parents who attended the four (4) parent workshops over the past four weeks. We received so much positive feedback about the information and the fantastic resources provided to parents who attended the meetings. Below is a snapshot of our wonderful 2018 Kindergarten students.

The group photos are random not 2018 class groups.



Week 7 is going to be an action packed week with Busking Day, Thursday, 23rd November and the P & F Disco evening on Friday, 24th November. Bethany looks forward to seeing many parents and grandparents at the Busking Day, bring your small change with you so you can honour our talented students with a coin of appreciation for their efforts in being part of the Busking Day! I hear the teachers are opening the event with a Busking Act as well!

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday next week.

Take care and be safe

Kind regards

Mrs Cheryl Brown

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

CUPPA WITH THE PRINCIPAL



Dear parents and carers,

I invite you to a morning tea opportunity on Thursday 23rd November at approximately 8.45 am after the morning

assembly. I am keen to invite parents to be part of the conversations in planning for 2018. Some of the areas for planning are:-

Arrival and dismissal of students – student safety

School uniform

Parent Handbook

Awards

Student Leadership

You may have some topics you would like to discuss as well. I understand that many parents work and would not be able to attend the morning tea, so I ask you to contact someone who is attending and pass on your thoughts and/or ideas for them to bring to the meeting.

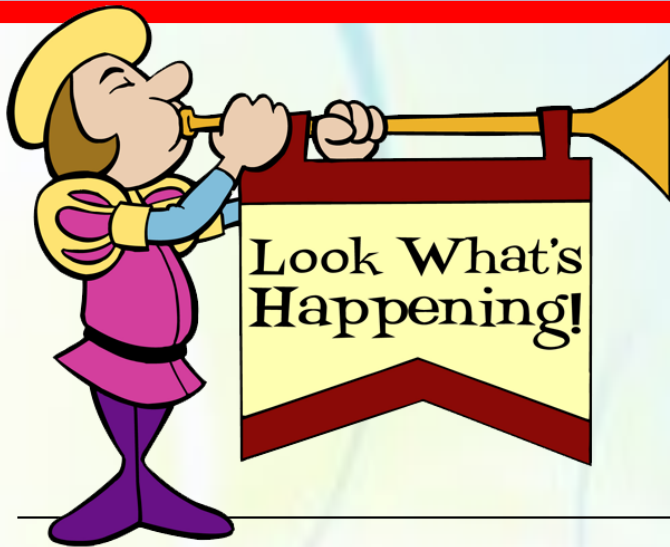
I look forward to meeting with you, and promoting a collaborative and supportive environment for students and parents.

Reminder: Class Groups in 2018

Over the coming week classes for 2018 will be finalised. 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.

Upcoming events-Saves these dates



Week 7

Cuppa with the Principal - Thursday 23rd November 8:45am

Mission Week Busking Day - Thursday 23rd November 11:00am-1:45pm

Week 8

Disco - Friday 24th November- Infants - 6:00pm - 7:00pm Primary - 7:15pm - 8:30pm

Twilight Swimming Carnival - Thursday 30th November 6:30pm - 7:00pm start

Last day for hamper item - Friday 1st December

Week 9

Thanksgiving Mass-Wednesday 6th December 9:00am

Christmas Concert - Wednesday 6th December 5:30pm

Week 10

Year 6 Farwell Liturgy-Tuesday 12th December 5:30pm

Year 6 Social- Tuesday 12th December 6:45pm - 9:00pm



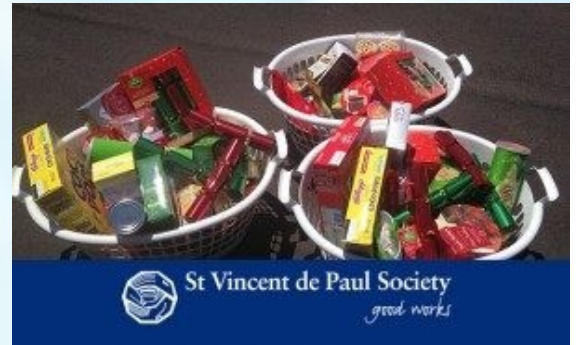


RE - Mrs Cignarella

REBUILD LIVES THIS CHRISTMAS

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

"You can make Christmas wishes come true"



For many people, Christmas is a joyful time of year. However, the sad reality is that 13.3% of Australians are living in poverty. Of these, 731,000 are children who may not get their Christmas wish. But your support can make a difference.

With over two million people living below the poverty line in Australia, including over half a million children, donations of any kind, allows the St Vincent de Paul Society to provide more than immediate help, it provides something much more valuable – the opportunity of a better life.

Vinnies continues to rebuild strength in the men and women experiencing disadvantage this Christmas.

<https://www.vinnies.org.au/>

**At Bethany, we can do our bit to help make
Christmas wishes come true!**

Did you know that by supporting Vinnies this Christmas through the hampers, you will be providing for struggling families in our local community who are finding it hard to make ends meet?

There are, in fact, over 50 families in our local area alone who are finding it difficult to make ends meet.

The hampers we create will enable a local family to share a cooked meal and a gift with their children on Christmas Day.

During this Christmas season, let's help our children

**understand the importance of helping the
vulnerable, just like Jesus showed us.**

In Christ we Love and Serve..



RE Continued- Mrs Cignarella

Each Christmas season we encourage our students to share and give to others who are less fortunate. This is always a wonderful learning opportunity to teach our children about ways we can help others and reflect on how lucky and fortunate they are here at Glenmore Park.

Your child would have already brought home a letter explaining what they need to donate to make up the hampers.

Please bring in the hamper item by Friday 1st December for our Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, 6th December.

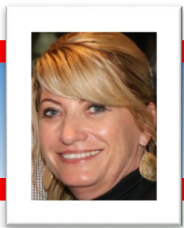
KR – Decorations (eg. Bon bons, tinsel)	KW – Desserts eg Cakes mixes, jelly packets, pudding etc
KB – Jam, honey or vegemite	1R - Hot Chocolate or Milo
1W - Cereal	1B – Christmas Plates, cups, napkins etc
2R – Juice or Cordial	2B – Biscuits
2W – Lollies	3R – Chips
3W – Long life custard/cream/milk	3B – Sugar
4G – Tea or Coffee	4R – Jam, honey or vegemite
4W - Salsa	4B – Pasta Sauces
5R - Pasta	5W - Rice
5B – Soft Drink	6R, 6W, 6B – Tins of Fruit

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

We appreciate your anticipated support with Bethany's annual outreach initiative.

**Every act of kindness to others
is an act of kindness to Christ.**



SPORT - Mrs Dowlan

Swimming Trials for 2018 Zone Carnival

A reminder that students in Years 1-5 in 2018 who are interested in participating in our 'Twilight Carnival' on Thursday 30th November at Ripples Penrith are required to bring in their notes ASAP. Children turning 8 years or older in 2018 are eligible to compete in various events as outlined in the permission form. I ask you to please 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.



LIBRARY NEWS

Would you like to continue borrowing some fantastic books over the school holidays.
Check out our online borrowing platform.
Click image below to be redirected.

The screenshot shows the eLibrary website for Bethany Catholic Primary. The header includes the eLibrary logo and navigation links: Log In, My Lists, Library Information, and icons for accessibility and help. Below the header is a search bar with a dropdown menu set to 'Bethany Catholic Prim' and 'All Fields'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has sections for 'Bethany Catholic Primary', 'CEDP Resources' (listing eResources, Student ebooks, Staff ebooks, and Clickview), and 'Local School Information' (listing Premier's Reading Challenge, ABC Splash, BTW News, and DK Find out). The right column features a large graphic with the text 'Connect With Bethany Primary School' and a Facebook icon. The graphic also includes logos for Classm8, eLibrary, and School Website. At the bottom of the graphic, it says 'Connect with us on Social Media' and 'Google Slides'.

https://ceop.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_GB/13988

It's that time of year! Start looking for those missing Library books and Class Readers.

Check under the bed, in the car, maybe at Grandma's or on your bookshelf or they could still be in your school bag.



Please return to school ASAP. These books are expensive to replace!

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 con-

tact the Bethany office on

4723 3700

Thank you

Book Club Team



Other News



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget



On Saturday, nine Bethany students joined a combined school band at the Warragamba Remembrance Day Service. The band performed the national anthem at the service as well as Amazing Grace.

From Alastair Wood



**we need
your help !**

Clothing Pool Volunteers

Firstly, we would like to thank our 2017 clothing pool volunteers. They have done such a wonderful job. We really appreciate all your efforts. Unfortunately, they are unable to facilitate this service any longer.

We would like to kindly ask if any parents would be interested in volunteering 15 minutes of their time every Tuesday afternoon in 2018 to continue this service to our Bethany families.

Please call the office on 47233700

Other News



Band News



Is your child interested in joining the band next year? Would you like more information on the School Band program? The **School Band** is now taking enrolments for 2018 and participation is open to all students who are **currently in Year 2-5**. No prior experience is required.

Students are attending (or may just have) a **Demo Concert** by the band and **Teaching Services Australia (TSA)** staff demonstrating the variety of instruments available for tuition next year. They will have received a *green* **Instrumental Band Program-Introduction** with a tear-off **Expression of Interest** form. Students who return this tear-off form asap will be given the opportunity to test a variety of instruments to help them find the one most suited to them. They will then be given a comprehensive *Enrolment Pack* with the results of this instrument test.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer. TSA is committed to providing a quality concert band program, with full band rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.



This *green* **Expression of Interest** form is due back to the school office **within 5 days**. You can download this note at

www.teachingservices.com.au or for more information email info@teachingservices.com.au



COME ALONG TO OUR CHRISTMAS THEME DISCO

THE LAST DISCO OF THE YEAR, SO PUT ON YOUR
CHRISTMAS ATTIRE AND COME AND JOIN US!

**Sausage Sizzle, DRINKS,
Glow Accessories & Lollies**

\$5 per person
or
\$10 per family

Infants - 6pm TO 7pm
Primary - 7.15pm to 8.30pm
Bethany Students Only

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2017

BETHANY PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PLEASE EMAIL BETHANYPARENTS@GMAIL.COM





15-18 December 2017

Advent Camp for Girls

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Ages 10-12



SAINTS ALIVE...

When: Friday, 15 December 2017, 7pm –
Monday, 18 December 2017, 4pm

Where: "Home of Light" @ Mount Schoenstatt
230 Fairlight Rd., Mulgoa

Cost: \$120.00 (includes food &
accommodation)
- Sponsorships available -



RSVP: Tuesday, 5 December 2017

Registration will close when all places are taken.

For further details, please contact: Sr. M. Luka Junemann
(mob) 0439 537 843 or (email) sr.m.luka@bigpond.com

Reflection day for Women

Saturday 25 November 2017

Mt Schoenstatt / 230 Fairlight Rd Mulgoa
9.30am – 3.00pm

Sr Mary Louise Walsh

Cost \$25 / BYO lunch - tea & coffee provided

Register by 22 November 2017

info@schoenstatt.org.au / Ph 4773 8338



Preparing our hearts for Advent



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 <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> 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 remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply (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



Transport

Parish News

PADRE PIO

GINGERBREAD HOUSE NIGHT

Please join us for a fun night of friendship and laughter as you make a gingerbread house to share with your family & friends over Christmas.



COST: \$25.00 (\$30.00 Gluten Free – 12 ordered)

(Includes gingerbread kit, tea/coffee & refreshments)

Please bring all lollies for decorating your house together with dessert or tablespoon, knives, scissors, pins (to hold house together while icing sets) and any other utensils you wish to bring including bowls (or zip lock bags) & food colouring if you wish to tint your icing

This night is for anyone from Year 5 at primary school onwards

Kits can also be ordered separately for collection

Gingerbread Houses - \$23.00/Gluten Free \$27.00

Star Tree - \$10.00/Gluten Free \$11.00 (2 ordered)

Triangle Tree - \$14.00/Gluten Free \$16.00 (2 ordered)

Nativity Kit - \$26.00/Gluten Free \$30.00 (1 ordered)



Date: 13 December 2017

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Bethany/Parish Hall

RSVP & Payment by:

1 December 2017 or

24 November 2017 for Gluten Free



(Payment can be made via Parish website)

Enquiries: Please call Therese Baker on [0419448941](tel:0419448941)/terrybaker@iprimus.com.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

Call Karen on - 0412 984 056

Follow us on Facebook - WAGGLY TAILS PET SERVICE



SUMMER 2018 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Week 1: Jan 8-12	
Mon—Welcome to the Jungle. Children will be walking on the wild side and stepping into the shoes of Tarzan and Jane in our Jungle Theme Day.	
Tues—Tom Foolery Incursion. Children will be drawn into the amazing world of balloons, magic and jokes and the tricks you can	
Wed—Attractivity Excursion. Come and enjoy a range of spectacular attractions all under the one roof! Cram in as much Ten Pin Bowling, time on the Ropes Climbing Course, Dodgeball, Cranes, Crypt Shooting Gallery, Dark Ride- XD Theatre, Laser Frenzy and a selection of Unlimited Arcade and Amusement Games as you can!	
Thurs—Walk to Glenmore Loch and Sustainability Workshop. We will be heading off on a nature walk from 9.30am-11.30am, where the children can discover creatures of their own. After lunch, from 1.30-4.00pm, the children will be learning about compost, worm farming and decorating their own sustainable pots in our Sustainability Workshop with Penrith Council.	
Fri—Splish, Splash, Splish. Splish splash splash, get seriously soaked. Water play to bring a towel for our Bethany beach. Get Soaked!	
Week 2: Jan 15-19	
Mon—Mad About Harry Potter. the lucky at a game of Quidditch.	rdry that is Hogwarts! We will take a ride on attend Potion Class with Professor Severus Snape and try our
Tues—101 Ninja Excursion. Institute, offers over 22 obstacles to overcome, a basketball slam dunk trampoline, a three leveled warped wall to conquer an only 2 ninja obstacle inflatable courses. Also on offer are soccer courts with instructors to facilitate games. Each child receives Ninja 101 Socks and a complimentary zipper dooper to keep the energy levels high enough to keep on tackling the course.	Obstacle Course. The venue, located in Futsal
Wed—COSH C Spa Day. Boys and girls can enjoy the delights of being pampered today! There will be massages, hand and foot soaks, funky hairspray and hair gel. Children can make bath bombs, salts, body lotions and learn the art of reflexology.	
Thurs- Jay Scott Berry Magic Show Incursion. wondrous journey into pure imagination.	ter magician Jay Scott Berry on a
Fri—Initial Day. A day filled with activities all starting with the letter of our names! T is for Teacup Biscuits, K is for Kite making, of that beings with the letter of your name??	
Week 3: Jan 22-25	
Mon—COSH C Colour Run. Life was meant to be fun & colourful. White, 2nd Hand T-shirts & clothes incl shoes encouraged as colours may not come out 100%... COSHC Bethany will host their own version of a colour run disco party!	
Tues—Earthbeats Australiana Workshop Incursion. Cool Collection of Australian and Indigenous songs, dances and music games, this is a great Australia Day workshop. In global style, Earthbeats also celebrates Australia's cultural diversity with songs from around the world.	
Wed—Oz Funland Excursion. Travel down the Yellow Brick Road into an interactive world that pays homage to Frank	ene as the story magically unfolds around them. Games of Mini Golf,
Face Painting, a Playmaze and Jumping Castle, Interactive Games and Challenges, The Balladrome- a fast paced cannonball shooting game played in a zapping globe in the dark arena with techno sound effects and the Wizard of Oz sound and light show await you in the merry old land of Oz.	
Thurs- Aussie, Aussie, Aussie. Join us in celebrating our Aussie culture! Thong throwing, sausage sizzle and lamington eating, what a ripper of a day!	
Fri: CLOSED	

Children Must Bring: Fruit snacks, morning tea, lunch in a brown paper bag and a refillable drink bottle unless otherwise indicated. COSHC will supply breakfast and afternoon tea each day. Children will not be able to purchase food while off site. COSHC is a NUT FREE Zone!!

Children Must Wear: As per our Sun Safe Policy, all children must wear sun-safe clothing with sleeves and collar, enclosed sport shoes & socks and a sun-safe hat (Legionnaire hat or Bucket hat with a deep crown and wide brim) for all outdoor play including all excursions. Children must wear COSHC Hi-Vis Vests on all off site excursions.



SUMMER 2018 VACATION CARE

Jan 8	Jan 9	Jan 10	Jan 11	Jan 12
Welcome to the Jungle	Tom Foolery	Attractivity (Excursion)	Glenmore Loch & Sustainability Workshop (Walking Excursion/Incursion)	Splish, Splash, Splash
Jan 15	Jan 16	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19
Mad About Harry Potter	101 Ninja (Excursion)	COSH C Spa Day	Jay Scott Berry Magic Show (Incursion)	Initial Day
Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26
COSH C Colour Run	Earthbeats Australiana Music Workshop (Incursion)	Oz Funland (Excursion)	Aussie, Aussie, Aussie & Games at Ched Reserve (Incursion/walking excursion)	CLOSED

Care is available each day from 6:30am—6:30pm. All excursions will depart by 8:00am and return by 4:00pm unless otherwise specified

Please return booking form in person or email to: coshcbethany@parra.catholic.edu.au

Contact Centre Supervisor on 0409 133 213

CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS & PAYMENT: Monday Dec 11, 2017

Child Information (As listed on your enrolment form)

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ School Year: _____

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Child Name: _____ Age: _____ School Year: _____

Are children currently enrolled in COSHC for Before/After School Care? YES / NO **If this is the first time booking for Bethany VAC you will need to also complete an enrolment form**

If YES, which COSHC Service do they attend? _____

I hereby give my permission for my child/ren to participate in the excursions and incursions on the dates I have indicated on this booking form:

Preferred Contact Number: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please initial the box for each child, for each day of care that you require										
Child's Name	Jan 8 \$50	Jan 9 \$55	Jan 10 \$70	Jan 11 \$50	Jan 12 \$50	Total \$				
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Child's Name	Jan 22 \$50	Jan 23 \$55	Jan 24 \$70	Jan 25 \$50	CLOSED	Total \$				
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CLOSING DATE FOR PAYMENTS DEC 11, 2017						TOTAL: \$				

Parent / Guardian Permission
(Please read and initial every statement)

I understand that failure to make the full Vacation Care fee payment by December 11, will result in my child/ren's position at Vacation Care being cancelled without notice.

I understand that **no further bookings OR changes to bookings will be accepted after Monday, 11th December 2017.**

I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of Catholic Out of School Hours Care.

I accept that children will be supervised at all times, and that all travel between the Centre and excursion venue will be in privately booked buses with seatbelts.

I understand that excursions are compulsory for all children booked in on that day to attend and that the number of participants will not exceed the licensed number.

I understand that "Excursion and Incursion Risk Assessments" have been completed prior to the event and are available to me upon request.

I understand that the ratio's that COSHC adheres to is 1:15 for onsite days and 1:8 for all excursions (water based excursions are 1:5). Additional carers will be rostered where it is deemed to be necessary, based on the activity risk assessment.

I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure we are at the Centre by 8:00am on excursion days (unless another time is specified). I understand that the bus will not wait and I will need to make alternative care arrangements for my child/ren if we arrive late.

I understand that I am required to sign my child in and out of the program each day. Written notification is required to allow another person to collect my child if they are not listed as an authorised contact.

I understand that my children may be required to participate in activities that may be physically and emotionally demanding. My children's participation in any activity is not compulsory. COSHC staff will duly exercise their Duty of Care.

I agree to support the centre in implementing the Sun Protection Policy by my child/ren wearing Sun-safe clothing with sleeves & collar, sun-safe hat and sports shoes & socks.

I understand that all programs will continue in the event of inclement weather unless notified. I understand that should the scheduled venue need to change due to inclement weather, the backup venues COSHC will use are the Movies, Bowling and Sydney Aquarium/Wildlife World.

I understand that COSHC will take no responsibility for lost property. This includes all electronic devices.

I give permission for my child/ren to have their face painted and hair sprayed as part of the centre program throughout the holidays.

Parent 1 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent 2 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Staff Signature: _____ Date Received: _____