

BETHANY'S NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY

TERM - WEEK



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bethany,

Term 2 has been a wonderful term with the following highlights:

- MAI student assessments
- Election of 2018 P&F Committee
- Parent Information Night
- Whole School Mass
- Launch of Project Compassion
- Ash Wednesday
- Kindergarten and new students – Welcome Barbeque
- Year 6 Leadership Day
- Introduction of Celebration Assembly on Friday every fortnight
- Padre Pio Children's Mass
- Grade Excursions
- Swimming Carnival
- Year 5 Graffiti Awareness Incursion
- P&F Mufti Day
- Open Day for Prospective 2019 Parents
- Catholic Schools Week events – open classrooms and Liturgy
- Reconciliation
- Year 5 Wedderburn Camp
- Project Based Learning (PBL) Professional learning for teachers.
- Proactive Group 1
- Positive Behaviours Strategies for Learning (PBS4L) Program planning
- Bethany Barn Dance

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

- Holy Week Celebrations
- Easter Hat Parade
- Arrival and Dismissal Stage 1
- Bethany Cross Country
- P&F Disco – Infants and Primary
- I am sure that I have missed something.

As you can see, Term 1 has been action packed. I wish to express my appreciation of the Bethany Staff for supporting every event in some way and acknowledge the time each staff member has contributed to the extra curricula activities out of school hours.

A very special thank you to the P&F Committee for working collaboratively with the students, staff, school, parents and parish community.

Today, we farewelled Mrs Kate Mulkern as she begins maternity leave in anticipation of the arrival of her baby, best wishes to Kate and her family. We look forward to the arrival of baby Mulkern.

In Term 2 we welcome Mrs Karina Davis back to Bethany as she will be replacing Mrs Mulkern on Fridays in Year 3 White and Year 5 White.

In Term 2, we have planned many exciting events as well.

On behalf of the Bethany staff, I wish parents and carers a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 1st May, 2018.

Warmest Regards

Cheryl Brown

Principal

Important Dates

Monday 30th April

Staff Development Day (Week1, Term 2)

Tuesday 1st May

Diocesan Cross Country

Friday 4th May

School Photos - Summer Uniform

Sunday 6th May

Padre Pio's Children's Mass - 9am

Monday 7th May

Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 8th May

**Confirmation enrolment forms due back to
Parish Office**

Friday 11th May

Mother's Day Liturgy - 9am

RE Continued- Mrs Cignarella

Reflection - What does God want from us?

The greatest commandment

Mk 12:28-34

One of the scribes who had listened to them debating appreciated that Jesus had given a good answer and put a further question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one, only Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'



The above scripture from the Gospel of Mark is one of my favourite scriptures. In this scripture, Jesus teaches that the Ten Commandments consist of two great commandments: to love God and to love one another.

Jesus, what is the greatest command?

To love God with all your being.

What does it mean to love God with all my being?

Love your neighbour as yourself.

But what does it mean to love my neighbor?

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Instead of just saying all of His commandments are equally important, Jesus answers the scribe by first emphasising that God is God alone and without equal. Therefore, we should love and serve God with all of our being. Jesus shows that we are called to direct our whole lives to God, which includes our actions and choices. As a result, we should view the rest of Jesus' teachings as helping us to love and come closer to God. Jesus then points out that we are to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to show God's unceasing love for all people, which enables us to more fully see God's presence in the world.

While it may seem these commandments are too basic or simple, think about the numerous times where we have found it difficult to follow these teachings. So many things in our lives try to pull our focus away from serving God and others: greed, wealth, pride, grades, and even fear. We must continually remind ourselves of the importance of these commandments.

We are reminded over and over again that LOVE - love of God and love of neighbour - is our ultimate goal.

To love God with all your heart is a daily challenge: remembering God, not only when in trouble, but every day. Prayer – of whatever kind – helps to keep God in the forefront of our mind.



LITERACY - Mrs Baldacchino

But we're on holidays, why do I have to read?

Just because children have a break from formal lessons at school, doesn't mean that they should have a break from reading. The holiday break is a perfect opportunity for children to immerse themselves in literature and to continue to develop their comprehension skills. Here are some suggestions for how to engage your child in quality reading during the holiday break:

- Go to the local library and spend some time browsing through the many shelves of books. Spend some time sitting together and reading some of the books. Take turns to read a page each. Find books by the same author and/or illustrator.
- For younger children, ask them to identify familiar sight words within the books.
- For older children, read materials other than books such as magazines and newspapers. Ask: What is the main idea of the story? Who is the target audience? What is the purpose of the articles in the magazines or newspapers?
- Read labels when you are out shopping. Ask your child to interpret the food labels and nutritional tables.
- Follow a recipe or a set of instructions to construct something or play a new game.
- Visit a gallery and make the most of visual literacy opportunities. Interpret images in artworks. Ask: What is the main idea? Who is the target audience? What is the purpose of the image/artwork?
- Sit with your child to use digital technologies as reading material. Listen to stories online.
- Play Scrabble or other word games.
- Background knowledge and personal experiences play a huge role in comprehension. Go on some excursions such as the beach, the city, the country, a museum, catch a train or a bus, watch the planes at an airport or air-base, visit a farm or zoo, go bushwalking, go fishing, visit a lookout. The list is endless.
- Ask questions about what your child is reading. Probe deeper beyond the obvious to prompt critical thinking about the text. You never know where the discussion could lead.

Have a great holiday break!





NUMERACY- Mrs Dowlan



The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Year 3 and 5 students at Bethany will be sitting the numeracy test on Thursday 17th May in the morning session. The test is just one aspect of our school's assessment and reporting process, and does not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

The NAPLAN numeracy tests measure the achievement of students in numeracy. The numeracy test assesses the strands of understanding, fluency, problem-solving and reasoning across the three content strands of mathematics: number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability.

The numeracy test contains two types of questions: multiple-choice and written responses.

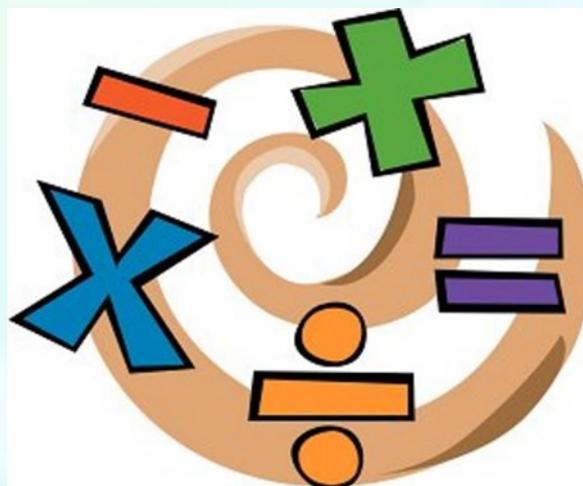
The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that the test is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

Students have looked at and worked on some example questions so they are not going into the test without knowing what it looks like and how it works. Some additional websites students might explore over the holiday break include:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests>

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10/naplan/test-preparation/numeracy2/year-3>

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10/naplan/test-preparation/numeracy2/year-5>



SPORT - Miss Dunphy

School Cross-Country and Fun Run

On Friday, 6th of April, Bethany held the school Cross Country and Fun Run carnival at Ched Towns Reserve.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with the carnival, whether it be as directors on the course or as lap markers. These events could not go ahead successfully without supportive parents.

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Diocesan carnival, to be held on Tuesday 1st May at Sydney Motorsport Park:

8/9 Years Boys

Zavier Scott

James Baker

Isaac Camilleri

Logan Krahe

Hunter Russo (unavailable to attend)

Rory Gately

Dominic Anteckki

10 Years Boys

Regan Allardice

Hayden Finn

Liam Moldez

Lincon Daines

Lachlan Hay

Ivan Sudulic

8/9 Years Girls

Charli Kassouf

Eva Sudulic

Charlotte McLean

Amelia Wood

Olivia Bernardinis

Alexis Blok

10 Years Girls

Georgina Martin

Georgia Dudley

Annabelle Tran

Gracy Thompson

Olivia Gammal

Madison Dempsey

11 Years Boys

Campbell Kean

Keeghan Tran

Endre Hegyi

Sonny Maviglia

Ryan Banister (unavailable to attend)

Riley Coburn

11 Years Girls

Hayley Quirk

Rachel Wilkinson

Isabella Vella

Madison Jenkins

Ariella Sultana

Charlyse Russo (unavailable to attend)

SPORT - Miss Dunphy

12 Years Boys

Tristan Scott
Lachlan Anteck
Sebastian Berg
Jose Campo
Mitchell Hayes
Ronan Douglass

12 Years Girls

Tara Stoll (unavailable to attend)
Abbey Wilson
Charlotte Wood
Abby Grech
Kaylee Stahlhut
Alyssa Tagudin

We wish all of the runners the best of luck at the Diocesan Cross Country.

Sport Stars

Congratulations to the following students who successfully made it into the Parramatta Diocesan sports team:

Joshua Bourke – Boys hockey
Hayley Quirk – Girls hockey
Tristan Scott – Boys soccer

School News - NAPLAN

All Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN assessment during Term 2, Week 3, on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May, with a catch up day on Friday 18th May for any student who is absent on the assessment days.

At Bethany, we treat the NAPLAN assessment process as a normal day at school. All students are regularly assessed in many ways and the students are familiar with the ongoing nature of assessment throughout their learning.

Arrival and Dismissal Survey

Thank you to the 226 parents who have completed the survey as at 9.30 pm on 13th April, 2018. The opportunity for parents to complete the survey has been extended until Wednesday **18th April**.

I encourage all parents to complete the survey so we have a comprehensive data base of parent voice. Thank you to all parents who entered their name on the survey, validating their response and recommendations. The survey results will be reviewed during the school holidays by the School Leadership Team and more information will be shared in Term 2.

Winter School Uniform

Students will start to wear their Winter Uniform from **Week 2 of Term 2**. There will be a transition period as the weather has been very warm of recent weeks. There is an expectation that all students will be wearing the Winter Uniform from Monday, Week 4, Term 2.

School News - Photos

School Photos will be on Friday, 4th May, 2018 (Week 1, Term 2). School Photo envelopes were sent home with each student this week. All students are to wear their **Summer Uniform** on the day. **Sports uniform must not be worn.** Please ensure school shoes are polished and hair groomed as per school rules.

Please read the instructions below and return the photo envelopes on the **day of photos** only.

say cheese

School Photo Day is Friday 4 May 2018


msp
photography
Capturing School Moments
e sydney@msp.com.au
p 9499 6555
f 9499 6585
PO Box 850 Rozelle 2039

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office
- If paying by cash please enclose correct money as no change is given on photo day. **NO CHEQUES ACCEPTED**
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling our Office prior to the day. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.
- Sport/Specialty Photo Orders will be organized after photo day on a separate form.

Student News

MATILDA MOBBS

Matilda Mobbs came 2nd in her heat for 50m freestyle on day one of the State Championships and made it through to the final race for 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke on day two.

Unfortunately she did not place in the medals for either Finals, however she swam personal bests in both races and is now ranked 10th fastest freestyle and 7th faster backstroke Multi Class swimmer in the state.

The Bethany School community are so proud of Matilda - well done.

Matilda, you are a CHAMPION!!!



OTHER NEWS

**AUSTRALIAN
TRAINING
AWARDS**

2017 Finalist
Schools Pathway to VET

McCARTHY
CATHOLIC TRADE
TRAINING CENTRE

YEAR 10 STUDENTS & FAMILIES



Combine your HSC Studies with Trade Qualifications and the opportunity to be employed as a School Based Apprentice/Trainee

Trades/Vocations Include but are not limited to:

- Automotive
- Metals and Engineering
- Carpentry
- Hospitality
- Electrotechnology
- Hairdressing
- Bricklaying
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Plumbing
- Shopfitting

2019 INFORMATION EVENING

6PM WED 30 MAY



/McCarthyTTC



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OTHER NEWS

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**AN EVENING OF COFFEE, CAKE
& FABULOUS CONVERSATION**

Guest speaker & Supper

Cost \$10

Bring some girlfriends & book a table of 7

Presented by Secret Women's Business & Pastoral Care

27TH APRIL

Topic - "QUILTING"

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34-38 WILLIAM HOWELL DRIVE
GLENMORE PARK**



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