



# BETHANY'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 23rd AUGUST, 2019

TERM 3 WEEK 5



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Bethany Parents and Carers,

Parents play an important role in their child's learning and development. Your child is watching you! Be a partner in the learning that happens every day! Your child is learning to expand their vocabulary when you talk with them about their day.

Your child is learning language and literacy when you provide a print-rich environment and a variety of writing tools to explore the written world.

Your child is learning to be confident when you give them plenty of opportunities to experience

many different environments and discover new things. Your child is learning mathematics when you plan meals, cook and bake together or play board games using dice or spinners.

The education of each student in a Catholic school is viewed as a partnership between parents as the first educators of their child and the school. Catholic schools are called to assist parents in fulfilling their obligation for the Christian formation and education of their children.

As a parent, how do you model and teach respect to your child?

**Respect** is one of the most important virtues a child can have. Teaching your child how to respect others will ensure they develop positive relationships with their family, friends and teachers throughout their life.

### Modelling Respect

Modelling respectful behaviour and instilling values that promote empathy, equality, the acceptance of differences and the value of diversity are important.

### Respecting Others

Children who learn to respect others are well placed to do the same when they attend school, develop friendships and establish romantic relationships. Parents and carers play a crucial role through modelling behaviour and providing advice and boundaries. A solid foundation in moral and ethical behaviour will help them to develop and maintain respectful connections with others throughout their lives.



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## **Respectful Relationships**

Having respect for others involves valuing people for who they are, looking for the good in people, and not expecting others to be exactly like yourself, or others. A respectful relationship sees each person being valued, contributing and having responsibilities. A respectful relationship is one in which people feel safe.

Respect doesn't have to come naturally – it is something you learn.

*Let us be reminded of the sign when we enter our school everyday...*

*Welcome to Bethany*

*In Christ We Love and Serve*

*Our school name was inspired by the ancient biblical village*

*Jesus often visited and is associated with  
hospitality, service, listening and learning.*

***'IN CHRIST WE LOVE AND SERVE'***

Respectfully yours

Mrs Cheryl Brown  
Principal

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Bethany is very proud of Sienna - 6R. Sienna competed at an interstate Figure Skating Competition. She came 3<sup>rd</sup> in her division for her technical program at the Crystal Challenge in Melbourne.

What an awesome achievement!!!





# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Professional Learning is at the heart of teacher practice. As teachers plan for their classes, deliver their lessons, monitor student engagement, measure the impact of their teaching, and adjust their practice to optimise student learning, they become learners of their own teaching. Effective professional learning should originate from student learning needs, build on teacher competencies, respond to teachers' individual learning needs, and contribute to the achievement of collective improvement goals.

Please find outlined below the ongoing learning opportunities that our teachers will be involved in over the next fortnight:

### Week 6:

- Wednesday 28th August - Mrs Brown will continue her Nourish Movement program.
- Thursday 29th August - Miss Caitlin Sibbald will take part in her ongoing Beginning Teacher Training.

### Week 7:

- Tuesday 3rd September - Mrs Rebecca Andreatta will continue with her L2 training.
- Wednesday 4th September - The school Leadership Team will continue to work with Learning Leader Attila Lendvai from the CEDP, on the topic of Relational Trust.
- Thursday 5th September - Mrs Cristina Cignarella will continue with her Reading Recovery Training.

## BETHANY AWARDS SYSTEM

For some time now, the matter of school awards have been the subject of countless discussions in our community. With Tell Them From Me data confirming this hot topic, the school is about to undertake a process of consultation with the parent community and staff, regarding the possible re-introduction of Bethany Awards.

Parents and Carers are invited to attend one of two Parent Forum sessions where the opportunity will be given for parent voice about the topic of awards. We are keen to hear what type of awards parents are interested in having, as well as when and how these will be given out.

### *Please join us to have your say:*

Week 7 - Thursday 5th September at 8:30am in the school Library.

Week 9 - Wednesday 18th September at 6:15pm in the Teacher Workspace (demountable buildings) prior to the P&F meeting.

Should you choose to come on the Wednesday evening, we invite you to stay with us for the P&F meeting. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

## BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

Earlier this term the school had scheduled a Book Character Parade for all students across Years K-6. In light of the loaded school calendar, with other fundraisers and opportunities for dress up, it was decided that the Book Character parade would be postponed. This was to ensure a fair balance between school events as well as P&F events.

The Book Character Parade was a scheduled event and as such, a number of parents had prepared for the occasion. With this in mind, the new date for this year's Book Character dress up day is Wednesday 20th November (Term 4). More details will be released in Term 4 as the event approaches. We encourage you to put on your thinking caps and be creative!!





# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## **USE OF SMART WATCHES, FITNESS TRACKERS (FITBIT) & MOBILE PHONES**

Earlier this year communication was shared with the school community regarding the use of electronic wrist devices which serve as more than a time-telling tool, fitness trackers, smart watches etc. It has been noted that students across Years K-6 have access to these tools.

These expensive devices have proven to be a distraction for some students. As teachers and parents alike, we have a responsibility to ensure the safety and eSafety of all members of the school community. Students too have a responsibility to look after these items responsibly. As such, please be advised that if your child is caught using their Smart Watches, FitBit and other similar wrist devices inappropriately or at the inappropriate time, their device will be sent home and the student will not be permitted to return it to school. Students are encouraged to use their gadgets responsibly. Wrist devices such as Garmins which work solely as fitness trackers and time telling tools are permitted.

# IMPORTANT DATES

|                        |                                                                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 24th August   | Whole Day Musical Rehearsal - Bethany                                        |
| Sunday 25th August     | First Holy Eucharist Mass 2, 12pm St Padre Pio Church                        |
| Monday 26th August     | Year 6 Celebration of Learning, Year 6 Learning Spaces 2:00pm - 2:30pm       |
| Monday 26th August     | Father's Day Stall                                                           |
| Tuesday 27th August    | Voice of Youth Cluster Finals - 10:00am-12:00pm                              |
| Wednesday 28th August  | St Nicholas Netball Gala day                                                 |
| Thursday 29th August   | 2nd chance Father's Day Stall                                                |
| Friday 30th August     | Father's Day BBQ, Prayer and Open classes                                    |
| Sunday 1st September   | Children's Mass, St Padre Pio 9:30am                                         |
| Monday 2nd September   | Staff Development Day                                                        |
| Thursday 5th September | Awards Parents' Forum 8:30am - Teacher Workspace                             |
| Friday 6th September   | Lion King Trivia Night - 6:30pm, School Hall                                 |
| Friday 6th September   | MACKILLOP Cricket Trials Wagga Wagga                                         |
| Friday 6th September   | Kindergarten Celebration of Learning, Kinder Learning Spaces, 2:00pm—2:30 pm |
| Saturday 7th September | Whole Day Musical Rehearsal - Bethany                                        |
| Monday 9th September   | Year 1 Celebration of Learning, Year 1 Learning Spaces 2:00pm-2:30pm         |
| Friday 13th September  | Kinder - Year 1 Tabloid Sports Carnival - 8:30am - 12:00pm, Bethany Oval     |



**A reminder that Monday 2nd September is a Staff Development Day. Students do not attend school on this day.**



# REC - Mrs Cignarella

## The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15th August

Last Thursday, the Bethany community celebrated the *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at our St Padre Pio Parish. The Mass was planned and led by our year two and three teachers and students.*

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus.

God chose Mary to be the Mother of his son, Jesus. What was so special about Mary that she should be chosen above all others to give birth to Jesus?

Mary was born without sin and was completely pure in body and soul. She was ready to do whatever God asked of her and to live a life full of love and goodness.

Because Mary was so special, she was taken up body and soul together to be with Jesus in heaven. Because of her sinless life and her great love for God, Mary was named the queen of heaven.

Mary said 'yes' to God's plan and so Jesus was made man, died on the cross, and was raised from the dead to save us from our sins. Just as she helped Jesus when he was young, she stayed on earth after Jesus ascended into heaven to help and strengthen the apostles. Just as she was always there for Jesus and the apostles when they needed her, she is always there for us to pray to God on our behalf.

### Prayer for the Assumption of Mary

*Father in heaven,  
all creation rightly gives you praise,  
for all life and all holiness come from you.  
In the plan of your wisdom  
she who bore the Christ in her womb  
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him  
in heaven.  
May we follow her example in reflecting your  
holiness  
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*







# SPORT- Mrs Neilly

## ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL, FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August we had approximately 45 students compete at the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all the students that ran, jumped and threw and represented Bethany with pride. Despite the windy weather, we had some outstanding results.



A special mention to Lachlan - 5W who was awarded the 11 years Runner Up Zone champion.



# SPORT

## DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Well done to the following students who competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival today:

Ryan - 6W

Riley - 6R

Analise - 3R

Charli - 5W

Zachary - 4W

Georgina - 6W

Zoe - 5R

Eva - 4W

Jaxon - 6R

Brooklyn - 3W

Joshua - 5W

Lachlan - 5W

Campbell - 6R

Sara - 6W

Matilda - 4B

Zavier - 3B

Isabella - 6W

Amelia - 5B

## WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

Last Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August years 3-6 were involved in cricket sessions on the school oval hosted by Cricket NSW. The students were thoroughly engaged and keen to learn new skills!



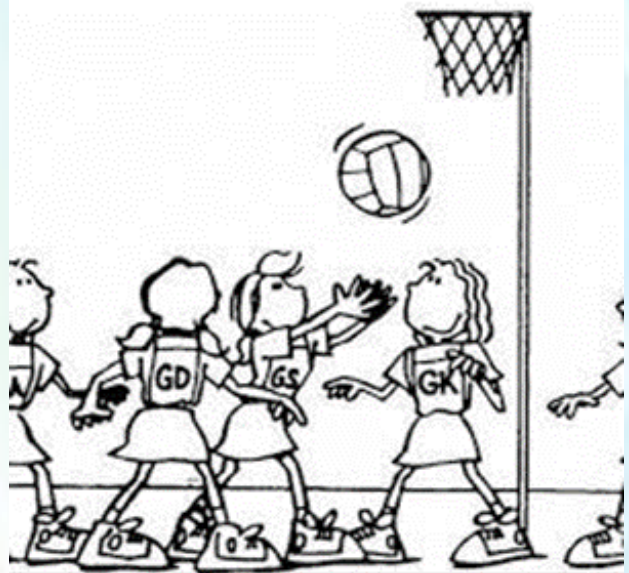


# SPORT

## **NETBALL GALA DAY 28<sup>th</sup> August**

Just a reminder that notes are now due in the office.

At this stage I am still in need of parents to coach (manage the teams) for the 11 years girls, 12 year girls and the Senior boys team.



## **YEAR 5 and 6 SPORT TIMES with Mrs Neilly**

Year 5 and 6 will be working with AFL NSW and Mrs Neilly for four weeks for their sport lessons on Wednesdays.

## **Year 5 - change of sport uniform day.**

Starting in week 6, could year 5 please wear their sport uniform on Wednesday instead of Tuesday for the remainder of the term. Thank you.



# PBS4L - Mrs Cignarella

## PBS4L - Positive Behaviour Support for Learning UPDATE

It is important to understand that PBS4L is for **EVERYONE!** It is not just for kids with challenging behaviours.

Implementing PBS4L at the school means that:

- the expectations of behaviour are made very clear to all in the community
- these expectations are actively taught
- these expectations are positively reinforced by staff when these behaviours are observed
- these expectations are corrected and re-taught by staff when problem behaviour arises.

### Why is the teaching of social behaviour skills so important?

We can't take the leap that because expectations are posted in classrooms and around the school environment that students fully understand what is meant by them. Perhaps rules have been discussed with the students on the first day of school and they seem to understand what is being explained to them. Could the students successfully demonstrate each of the rules? How would you know?

The teaching of behaviour must be approached the same way a teacher approaches the teaching of academics. Taking the time to thoroughly teach the expectations will make such a positive difference because students will clearly understand and demonstrate what is expected of them in their classroom and on the playground.

### HAVE YOUR SAY!

Parent feedback is vital in providing useful insights for any school.

In the coming weeks, the PBS4L team will be requesting feedback from both staff and parents in relation to their understanding of the PBS4L framework which has been implemented at Bethany. We look forward to your responses and in working in partnership with you to create a safe and positive learning environment for the Bethany community.

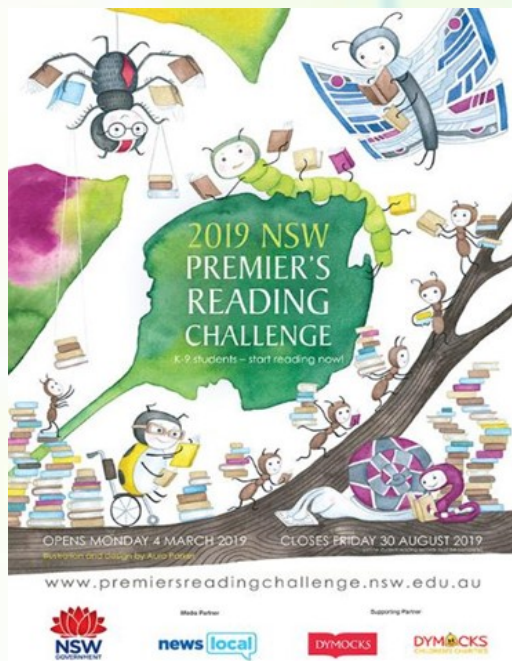




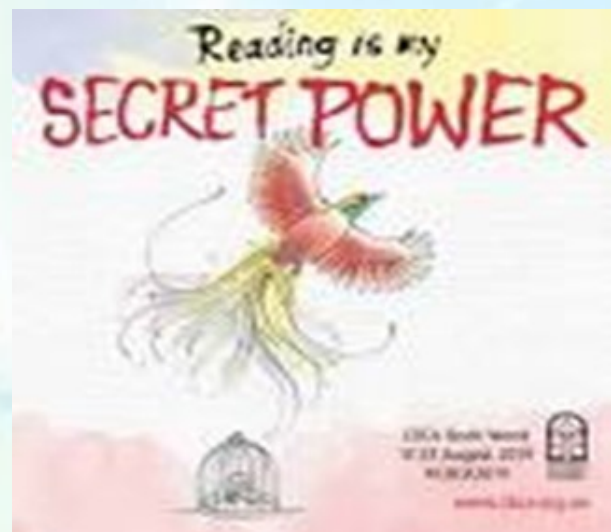


# LIBRARY - Mrs Liepa

## Library News! Premier Reading Challenge



A huge congratulations to the 286 students who have already successfully completed the 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge concludes on the **30th August, 2019**, so let's get reading Bethany!



## CBCA Book Week - 17-23 August 2019



This week we have been very busy creating our own Book reviews. Students enjoyed sharing their favourite books with each other.

Happy Reading

Mrs Liepa

The more that you read,  
The more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
The more places you'll go.  
-Dr. Seuss

# OTHER NEWS

## SCHOOL FEES


The third and final instalment of 2019 school fees have been sent to families and are due on Wednesday 28th August. Please contact Wendy Vincent, Senior Finance Officer on 4723 3700 if you are experiencing financial difficulty or have any enquiries regarding school fees.

## ATTENDANCE

Our school's current attendance stands at 83.5%.

Well done to Year 3 with the highest attendance rate of 90.3%

every learner  
every day 




MON TUE WED THU FRI

every learner every day 

**ABSENCES ADD UP!**

FEBRUARY 2 DAYS A MONTH = NOVEMBER 4 WEEKS A YEAR = MISSING MORE THAN 1 YEAR OF LEARNING IN 12 YEARS


**DID YOU KNOW**

  
1 IN 6  
PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

**EACH DAY MISSED:**

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections


**WHAT PARENTS CAN DO**

-  **BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
-  Develop good sleep and morning routines
-  Schedule appointments after school
-  Avoid taking holidays during term time

**GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY**

  
Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

**SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP**

  
If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

every learner every day  



# FATHER'S DAY BBQ & PRAYER



**BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY**

## FATHER'S DAY BBQ & PRAYER

Please join us in celebrating  
Fathers and all they do for us!

**FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST**

7:30am - BBQ Breakfast

8:45am - Prayer & Tribute to Fathers

9:30-10am - Open Classrooms

Please complete an Order Form for catering purposes

# THE LION KING JR

## *The Lion King Jr* Trivia Night

7:00 pm (entertainment  
from 6:30 pm)

Bethany School Hall  
Friday the 6th of  
September 2019

Pre-purchase tickets at:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BEZBK>

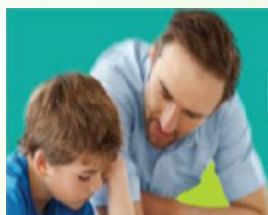
All money raised will go to the  
production of our  
school musical 'The Lion King Jr'

Sausage sizzle  
available from  
6:15 pm





# PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Parents Representative Council  
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## Building Young People to Face Modern Day Challenges

James will speak to the modern day challenges facing our young people as revealed through a number of recent national and local surveys, Diocesan student forums and countless candid conversations with young people in the Diocese of Parramatta. James presentation will explore a culture of belonging, Wellbeing and positive engagement. He will outline what and how his team is able to assist young people to face these modern day challenges.



High school aged students are invited to attend with a caregiver or parent.



Our guest speaker for the evening is:

**JAMES CAMDEN**

Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta

Register FREE now: [www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)



**Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)**  
(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker)  
**St Andrews Primary School,**  
**36 Breakfast Rd, Marayong, NSW 2148**

Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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