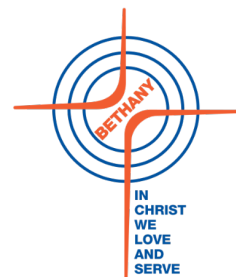


# BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 1| Week 7 | Friday , 11th March , 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

We continue to pray for all those in our State affected by the **floods** caused by the recent wet weather. We hope that the weather begins to improve soon for everyone's relief and particularly for those who have lost homes - may they continue to be supported by their communities in their recovery.

Over the past week I have read a number of articles discussing how to best **talk** to school aged children about the unfathomable human tragedy taking place daily in **Ukraine**.

Although children of different ages and maturity have different levels of understanding and capacity to process this type of tragic event, having a **supportive discussion** with a trusted adult can be a helpful way to decrease fear and misapprehensions if children are asking questions or expressing concerns.

Taking time to **listen** to what children are **thinking** or what they have **heard** is a good starting point. Children only need to know simple age-appropriate information if they are inquiring to help allay their fears - taking our cues from children and limiting the information to the basics.

Younger children may not be at all conscious of what is happening and if they are then can be satisfied just by having it explained to them that sometimes countries fight.

The key takeaway for parents and teachers is to **keep it simple** by validating a child's **feeling** or **question**, simply correcting any misinformation and reassuring them that they are safe.

Reassuring children that people all over the world are working together to help resolve this problem is also useful for them to know. Another important way to decrease fear in children is to **limit** what children **see** and **hear** on TV screens and online.

Some children may self-initiate ways they feel can help. This can include praying, donating some of their pocket money to organisations such as CARITAS or expressing their feelings by drawing. Supporting them in these personal ways can be a great way to provide them with reassuring ways to express their **thoughts** and **feelings**.

As we commence the second week of **Lent**, may we continue to devote some time in prayer with our children for all those who continue to be affected by the war and for **peace to reign** in that land and in the hearts of those in power.

Go gently,

Sergio Rosato

Principal



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have celebrated Catholic Schools Week.

At the heart of Catholic schools is the notion of bringing to life the Church's evangelising mission. We are communities of learning and faith. We strive to explicitly proclaim and live out the Gospel values. Catholic schools, in partnership with families, aim to form young people in ways that take into account the whole person.

I spent some time this week with groups of children and asked them what they thought was *special about our Catholic school Bethany?*

*"I love playing and being a friend like Jesus was to his friends" ~ Jaiden Kindergarten*

*"I love learning about Jesus and how he loves us" ~ Emilia Kindergarten*

*"We welcome everyone at Bethany, lot's of different people, to come here and learn" ~ Jayden Year 2*

*"Differences are celebrated and equality is promoted" ~ Honor Year 6*

*"Everyone displays gratitude" ~ Joshua Year 6*

I think these responses clearly indicate that the students of Bethany are proclaiming and living out the Gospel values. The students at Bethany imitate Jesus in their daily words and actions.

I am so grateful to work in a Catholic school.

Go gently,

Rebecca Lloyd

Assistant Principal

**Mrs Lloyd**

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week - a special time when we give thanks for Catholic Schools, especially our own school, Bethany.

Our students have had some time to reflect throughout the week on what they love about being a part of the Bethany community. Below are reflections from some of our Kindergarten and Year 6 students.



I love how kind and friendly all members of staff are.

I love the positive relationships I have with many different students.

I love the sporting opportunities I have.

I love how so many popular books are available in the library.

I love how much fun learning is.

I love how Mr Rosato cares for our school and everyone in it.

**Mia**

I love the countless amount of opportunities to make new friends and meet new teachers each year. The teachers are always kind and funny and are always prepared to help us with our learning. The students at Bethany are beautiful people. I think that being at Bethany is the most fascinating and exciting experience that I have ever had.

**Joshua**

I love being treated with love, kindness and respect.

I love the various subjects we are learning about.

I love that we are privileged to attend Bethany.

I love colouring in and doing fun activities.

I love going out to recess and lunch with my friends.

I love having a fun and decorative classroom.

**Hollie**

**Mrs Baldacchino**

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONT'D

**Can your child help with Stations of the Cross at St Padre Pio  
Good Friday 15th April?**



It is tradition at St Padre Pio Parish that the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday are led by students from Bethany. We are calling for volunteers from students in Years 4 - 6 to participate in the Stations of the Cross at St Padre Pio on Good Friday. If your child is available to participate, please email Mrs Baldacchino. Students will rehearse for this at school.

*Please note: Easter falls on the middle weekend of the school holidays. Students will need to be available for final rehearsals during the first week of the school holidays.*

**Mrs Baldacchino**



## YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP MASS AND BADGE CEREMONY 2022

On Wednesday we gathered as a school community, led by Father Chinonye, with parents and staff to celebrate a special Mass to bless our Year 6 school leaders for 2022.

After the Mass a badge-pinning ceremony took place where parents were asked to pin their own child with their leadership badge.

Each of our 2022 Year 6 students are charged by the Holy Spirit with the responsibility of serving through their words and actions - working each day in order to make our community at Bethany a better place.

We thank God for the unique gifts that each of them brings to this school community and acknowledge their families and teachers for their service in helping to form them and teach them to this point.

***May God bless our Year 6 leaders this year in ways He knows best.***



# SPORT



## SWIMMING NEWS

### Nepean Zone

On Thursday, 24th February, Bethany had 28 swimmers compete at the Nepean Zone carnival. I was lucky enough to witness great sportsmanship and the support for each other was to be commended.

I would personally like to thank Mrs Gibson for supporting me in the lead up to the carnival.



3rd place Junior Girls 50 metre

### Diocesan Swimming:

A special mention to the 16 swimmers that have qualified for the next level. They will be competing this Friday. Good luck and swim like a fish!

Ben Kyle	Zane Duncan	Ivy Szczepanski	Addison Finnimore
Marco Cavina	Mateo Tangata Toa	Anjelika Nikolovski	Harlow Pollock
Alex Holy	Charlie Jare	Zara Swadling	Nikola Marakovic
Jude Dunn	Brody Willmott	Jayda Finn	Heidi Lloyd

# SPORT CONT'D

## AFL AUSKICK PROGRAM

The first week got underway in sweltering conditions!

Hopefully we can get the program up and running again once the rain and grounds clear up.

We will have catch up sessions over the next few weeks.

Here are some photos taken from the first week.

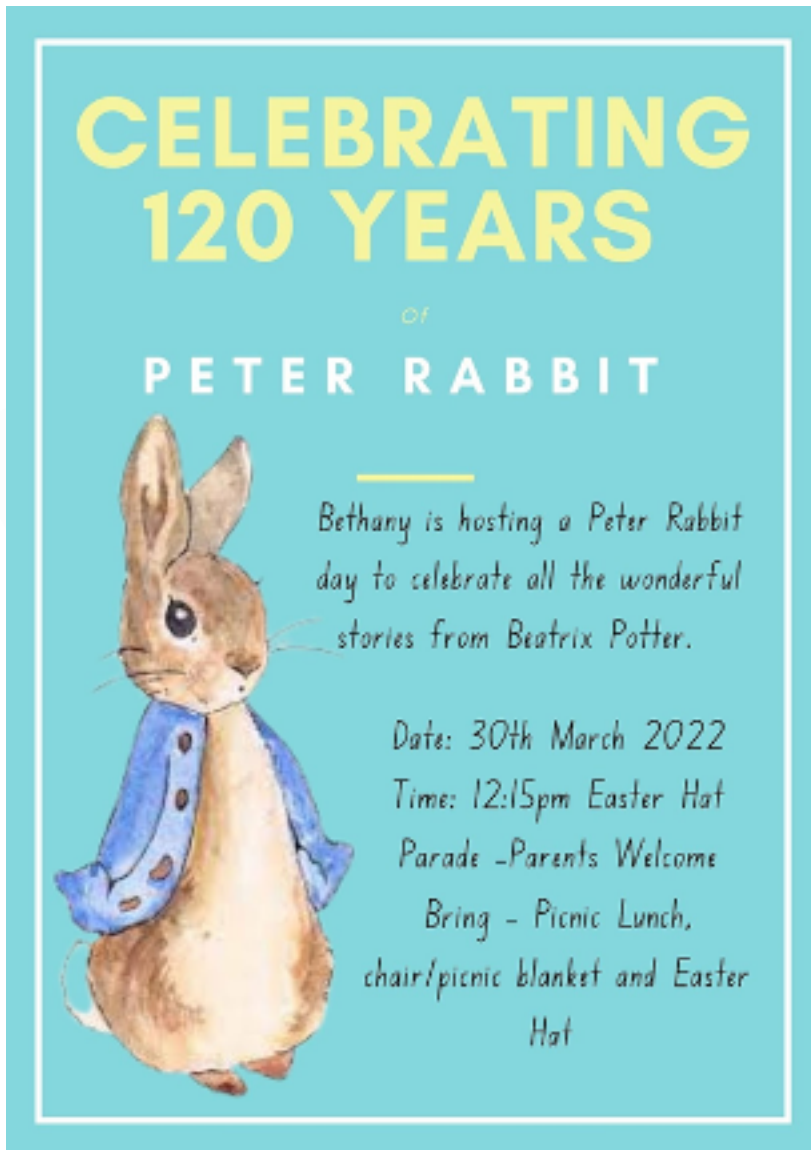


**Mrs Neilly**



# LIBRARY

## Peter Rabbit Day



Rarely is a character in a children's picture book still so recognisable 120 years after it was first created as the mischievous and adventurous Peter Rabbit. "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" was written by Beatrix Potter and read by thousands of children over the past 120 years with a resurgence in popularity as the Peter Rabbit movies were released in recent years.

To celebrate the 120th Anniversary of this much loved children's book, we are holding a Peter Rabbit Day in conjunction with an Easter Hat Parade.



## Scholastic Book Club



**Scholastic Book Club** catalogues are sent home twice a term. Issue 2 for 2022 was sent home this week.

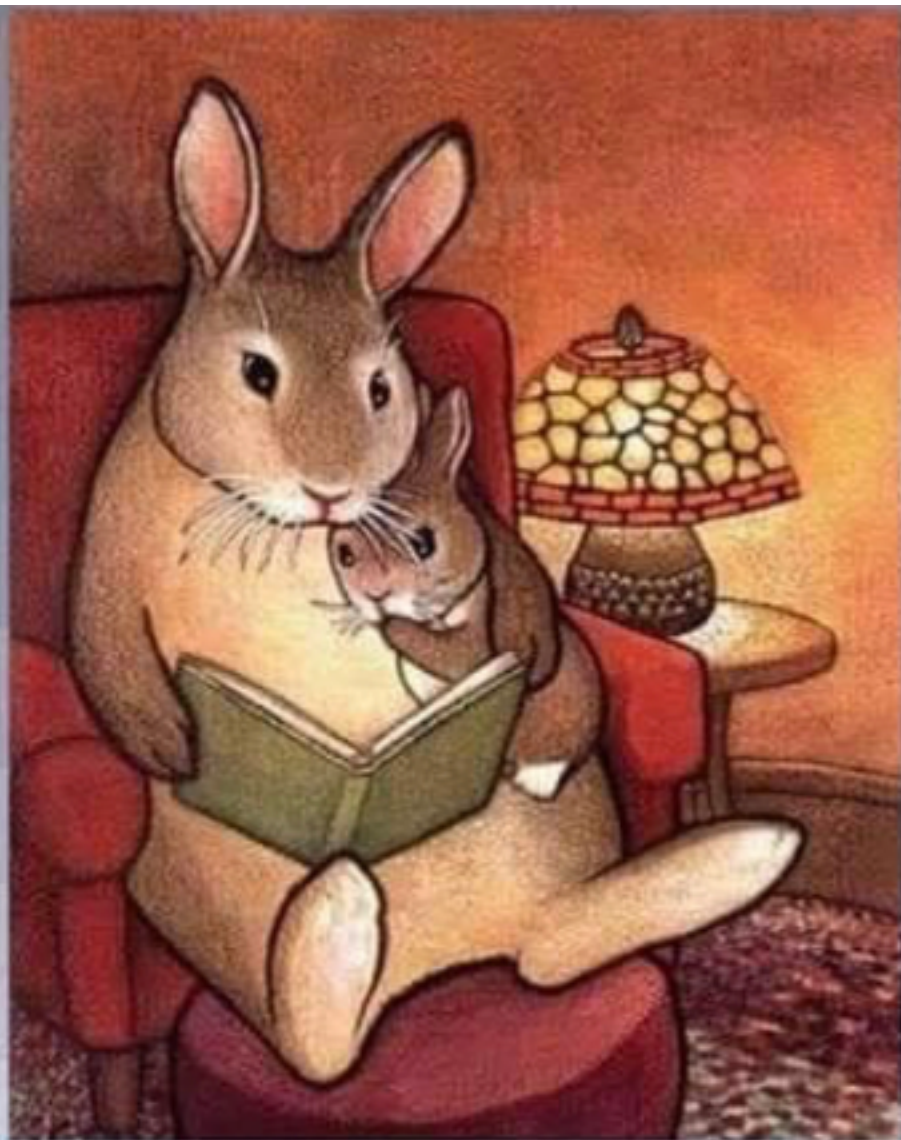
A reminder that cash payments cannot be received at our school but Scholastic's online LOOP payment system enables families to make payments by credit card. [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) On the closing date, book orders are submitted by the school to Scholastic, books are delivered to school and then

sent home with students. This can take up to two weeks after the closing date.

**The closing date for LOOP orders for Issue 2 will be Wednesday 16th March.**

**Mrs Emmett**





There is no app to  
replace your lap

READ TO YOUR CHILDREN

# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2022

	BLUE	WHITE	RED
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Mila Friggieri	Michaela Finn	Quinn
<b>Year 1</b>	Sienna Pantelas	Hope Maguire	Elsie Bailey
<b>Year 2</b>	Owen McDonagh	Pippa Briggs	Roman Richards
<b>Year 3</b>	Olivia Langmack	Niamh Carroll	Mylee Watene-Zelezniak
<b>Year 4</b>	Alex Micallef	Willow Briggs	Audrey McDonagh
<b>Year 5</b>	Charlotte Gobrael	Mia Attrill	Amelia Rubelj
<b>Year 6 Representative 1</b>	Mia Ferris	Anabelle Contractor	Emma Wallis
<b>Year 6 Representative 2</b>	Angelmary Joseph	Laura Whitton	Callum Daggar

## EFFORT IN LEARNING

Class	Student	Reason
KW	Ivy Belcastro	For settling into Kindergarten as a safe, respectful learner.
	Elina Obeido	For giving challenging activities a go.
	Ethan Lincoln	For being a respectful member of Kindergarten White.
	Ronan Connolly	For making positive choices when working in the classroom.
KR	Matilda	For being a helpful member of Kindergarten Red.
	Bronx Tamou	For contributing positively to class discussions.
	Marcel Veas	For insightful contributions during Religion.
	Jaxson Shehata	For being a respectful member of Kindergarten Red.
KB	Allira Ward	For her consideration of others during learning and play times.
	Aubree Kuilart	For her meticulous approach to all learning tasks.
	Jaiden Burton	For being an active participant in all discussions and tasks.
	April Christie	For being a helpful member of Kindergarten Blue.

# EFFORT IN LEARNING

Class	Student	Reason
1W	Ava Rizzo	For settling into Year 1 as a safe, respectful learner.
	Giuliana Coratza	For settling into Year 1 as a safe, respectful learner.
	Jordan Lawler	For settling into Year 1 as a safe, respectful learner.
	Jaeah Shin	For settling into Year 1 as a safe, respectful learner.
1R	Michael Busuttil	For consistently contributing to class discussions with respect and enthusiasm, offering great discussion points.
	Axel Hadler	For contributing positively to class discussions.
	Blair Relph	For adjusting and settling into Bethany for 2022.
	Evelyn Benet	For adjusting and settling into Bethany for 2022.
1B	Jessie Jeffery	For settling into Year 1 as a safe, respectful learner.
	Sienna Pantelas	For settling into Year 1 as a safe, respectful learner.
	Henley Sharma	For being a respectful learner by using his manners.
	Blake Ward	For demonstrating perseverance when faced with a challenge.
2W	Antonio Cuttonaro	For settling into Year 2 as a safe, respectful learner.
	Aria Fahey	For a consistently positive attitude towards all learning tasks.
	Fabian Bernard	For making positive choices when working in the classroom.
	Phoenix Power	For his conscientious attitude and approach to all Key Learning Areas.
2R	Thomas King	For his enthusiasm for learning towards all reading and writing tasks.
	Aliza Syeda	For contributing to class discussions and offering some insightful answers to our inquiry question in religion.
	Lochlan La	For being a respectful, motivated and independent learner.
	Chelsea Gibson	For showing great confidence in speaking in front of the class.

# EFFORT IN LEARNING

Class	Student	Reason
2B	Mia Brown	For her positive attitude towards all learning tasks.
	Beau Ciampi	For being an enthusiastic and engaged learner in Year 2.
	Chelsea Easterbrook	For her positive attitude towards learning at her new school.
	Jacob Jare	For being a motivated and independent student with a love of learning.
3W	Ruby Bampton	For a consistent positive attitude towards all learning tasks.
	Carina Agostino	For completing all of her tasks to a high standard.
	Eden Choi	For effectively communicating his ideas and enthusiastically engaging in all learning activities.
	Xavier Riskalla	For having an excellent attitude towards his learning.
3R	Braxton Lawler	For his conscientious attitude and approach to all Key Learning Areas.
	Callie Salvador	For being a motivated and independent student with a love of learning.
	Addison Stevenson	For consistently contributing to class discussions with respect and enthusiasm, offering great discussion points.
	Kaellum Fazio	For a consistently positive attitude towards all learning tasks.
3B	Jaxon Dempsey	For effectively communicating his ideas and enthusiastically engaging in all learning activities.
	Olivia Langmack	For a consistent positive attitude towards all learning tasks.
	Mia De Haan	For her conscientious attitude and approach to all Key Learning Areas.
	Braith Gosling	For his consistent effort to stay on task and complete his work independently.



# EFFORT IN LEARNING

Class	Student	Reason
4W	Elidie Gal	For effectively communicating her ideas and enthusiastically engaging in all learning activities.
	Bethany Kay	For effectively communicating her ideas and enthusiastically engaging in all learning activities.
	Jackson Hosking	For contributing positively to class discussions.
	Owen Wallis	For consistently contributing to class discussions with respect and enthusiasm, offering great discussion points.
4R	Celeste Devaise	For being enthusiastic and positive in all areas of the curriculum.
	Nikola Marakovic	For settling into Year 4 as a safe, respectful learner.
	Audrey McDonagh	For having an excellent attitude towards her learning.
	Ryan Sapsed	For his insightful contributions to class discussions, especially during Geography and Science.
4B	Nicholas Bisset	For settling into Bethany and for having a consistent positive attitude to his learning.
	Cruz Dewhurst	For his consistent effort and positive attitude towards his learning.
	Angelina Polimeni	For contributing to class discussions and enthusiastically engaging in all Key Learning Areas.
	Achik Dau	For her conscientious attitude and approach to her learning across all Key Learning Areas.
5W	Mia Attrill	For consistently contributing to class discussions with respect and enthusiasm.
	Alana Tagudin	For a consistent positive attitude towards all learning tasks.
	Alex Sekulovski	For making mature learning choices in the classroom and engaging in all learning activities.
	Rosa Polimeni	For showing resilience when presented with a challenging task and using feedforward to improve the quality of her work.

# EFFORT IN LEARNING

Class	Student	Reason
5R	Jasmine Galea	For taking herself out of her comfort zone and contributing to class discussions.
	Ethan Cook	For his positive attitude in trying to stay focussed and completing work.
	Anna Coburn	For her positive attitude towards her learning.
	Caleb Commerford	For being a conscientious and self motivated learner.
5B	Bonnie Hams	For a consistent positive attitude towards all learning tasks.
	Mason Ranieri	For showing resilience when presented with a challenging task and using feedforward to improve the quality of her work.
	Jaleah Harris	For making positive contributions during all class discussions.
	Bodhi Tinker	For demonstrating perseverance when faced with a challenging Mathematical task.
6W	Seth Ranieri	For consistantly contributing to class discussions with respect and enthusiam.
	Laura Whitton	For effectively communicating her ideas and enthusiastically engaging in all Key Learning Areas.
	Zachary Debrincat	For his enthusiastic contributions to class discussions.
	Natasha King	For having an excellent attitude towards her learning.
6R	Emma Wallis	For displaying an enthusiastic effort in all KLA's.
	Brooklyn Blattman	For always giving 100% in every KLA and for being a responsible leader of the school.
	Amity Thomas	For making a wonderful and responsible start to her senior year.
	Mandy Trikoulis	Showing a mature approach to her studies and making wonderful learning choices.

# EFFORT IN LEARNING

Class	Student	Reason
6B	Tristan Balita	For making positive contributions during all class discussions.
	Eden Allardice	For effectively communicating her ideas and enthusiastically engaging in all learning activities.
	Angelmary Joseph	For demonstrating a caring and compassionate nature when working with other students.
	Hollie Burston	For providing supporting examples and evidence when writing persuasive texts.

## MUSIC

Stage	Student	Reason
Early Stage 1	Nicholas Jare - KB	For providing well thought out answers in Music.
Stage 1	Liliana Burnett - 1R	For providing positive input into sound effects in Music.
	Charli Coyle - 2W	For her knowledge of rhythmic patterns.
Stage 2	Chloe Relph - 3W	For her positive attitude in learning the violin.
	Nate Culbert - 4R	For displaying determination in learning the cello.
Stage 3	Lachlan Cook - 5W	For brilliant class participation and knowledge of song structure.
	Callum Daggar - 6R	For excellent participation in Music.

# EFFORT IN LEARNING

## ITALIAN

Stage	Student	Reason
Early Stage 1	Josephine Ivanic - KW	For displaying enthusiasm and positive learning in Italian.
Stage 1	Hannah Kilpatrick - 1R	For creating an amazing poster on Carnevale and always giving 100% in Italian.
	Sophie Sapsed - 2B	For displaying an enthusiastic effort in Italian.
Stage 2	Brock Sunderland - 3B	For displaying a great improvement in Italian.
	Sofia Siracusa - 4B	For displaying an enthusiastic effort in Italian.
Stage 3	Sarah Baker - 5W	For creating an amazing poster on St Valentine's Day in English and Italian.
	Ava, 6W	For creating an amazing poster on St Valentine's Day in English and Italian.

## SPORT

Stage	Student	Reason
Early Stage 1	William Ciraldo - KB	For following instructions and displaying enthusiasm in Sport.
Stage 1	Aliyah Bakhteari - 2B	For following the PE rules and expectations and displaying sportsmanship.
Stage 2	Owen Wallis - 4W	For displaying a high level in softball skills.
Stage 3	Zachary Debrincat - 6W	Performing a high level in batting skills and displaying sportsmanship.



# DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>14/03/2022</b>	<b>Parra Hockey trials, Kingswood - 4pm - postponed</b>
<b>15/03/2022</b>	<b>Parra Football trials, Bernie Mullane Sports Complex, Kellyville; Boys- 8:30am; Girls- 1:30pm</b>
<b>15/03/2022</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation Group 1 - 6:45pm; Group 2 - 7:30pm</b>
<b>17/03/2022</b>	<b>Leadership Day SRC and Inductions</b>
<b>18/03/2022</b>	<b>MACKILLOP Touch trials</b>
<b>21/03/2022</b>	<b>Parra Netball trials - Windsor - 12pm</b>
<b>21/03/2022</b>	<b>Parra Hockey trials Kingswood - 4pm</b>
<b>22/03/2022</b>	<b>NSWCPS Swimming- SOPAC</b>
<b>25/03/2022</b>	<b>MACKILLOP AFL trials - Wagga</b>
<b>04/04/2022</b>	<b>NSWPSSA Swimming - Diving SOPAC</b>
<b>05/04/2022</b>	<b>NSWPSSA Swimming- SOPAC</b>
<b>27/04/2022</b>	<b>Parra Rugby trials - Carlingford</b>
<b>29/04/2022</b>	<b>Parra Cricket trials - Penrith</b>

# COMMUNICATION

**The following information has been advised via the SkoolBag App:**



- 10/03/2022 Celebrating 120 Years of Peter Rabbit
- 10/03/2022 Adjusted Afternoon Dismissal Arrangements to Continue
- 10/03/2022 COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 9th March - Year 6
- 10/03/2022 Reconciliation Workshop- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
- 10/03/2022 COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 8th and 9th March - Year 5
- 10/03/2022 COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 8th and 9th March - Year 1
- 10/03/2022 BUSWAY - Urgent School - Bus Update
- 10/03/2022 Lowes - 20% Off Schoolwear
- 10/03/2022 COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 7th and 8th March - Kindy
- 10/03/2022 AFL Auskick cancelled today, Thursday 10th March
- 09/03/2022 Wet Weather Dimissal & Collection Procedures - Wednesday 9th March
- 09/03/2022 No school services will run on Wednesday 9th March from Windsor Depot
- 08/03/2022 Western Sydney Zoo Excursion - Postponed
- 08/03/2022 Wet Weather Dismissal and Collection Procedures Tuesday 8th March 2022
- 08/03/2022 Parking on Neighbouring Streets
- 07/03/2022 Wet Weather Dismissal and Collection Procedures Monday 7th March 2022
- 07/03/2022 COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 3rd and 4th March - Year 3
- 07/03/2022 Year 2-6 Diocesan Swimmers
- 04/03/2022 Notification of Absence
- 03/03/2022 Parking Regulations Update
- 03/03/2022 Early Sign out Procedures
- 03/03/2022 Year 6 Leadership Day
- 03/03/2022 Reconciliation Workshops
- 03/03/2022 AFL Auskick cancelled Thursday 3rd March
- 03/03/2022 Emergency Service Advice Thursday 3rd March 2022

# COMMUNICATION

- 02/03/2022 Parents and Carers of Year 2B
- 02/03/2022 Early Sign Out Procedures
- 02/03/2022 Changes to Ash Wednesday Mass Arrangements
- 02/03/2022 COVID-19 Positive case Notification - 28th February - Year 2
- 02/03/2022 COVID-19 Positive case Notification - 28th February - Year 1
- 02/03/2022 Bathurst Excursion - Postponed
- 01/03/2022 Parking Regulations
- 01/03/2022 Delivery of Book Club Orders
- 01/03/2022 Full School Uniform Wednesday 2nd March 2022
- 01/03/2022 Ash Wednesday Mass 28/02/2022 COVID-19 Positive case Notification - 24th and 25th February - Year 2
- 25/02/2022 COVID-19 Restriction Updates
- 25/02/2022 Afternoon Dismissal Reminders
- 25/02/2022 COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 22nd February - Year 6

## ATTENDANCE



# OTHER MATTERS

## LABELLING ALL ITEMS

Please ensure that all personal items (clothing, lunchboxes, bags, etc) are clearly labelled with your child(ren)'s name. Each year there are numerous items of clothing, especially hats and jackets that have no names or identification in lost property.

## REMINDER

To minimise interruption to important learning time, please check that your child/children have packed recess, a drink bottle, lunch and the books that are required for their school day before they leave home.

## 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](mailto:bethany@parra.catholic.edu.au)), phone (4723 3700), or sending a note with your child to school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS ...

We love celebrating all our students' birthdays! Unfortunately due to COVID requirements we need to change our policy. If you would like to celebrate please supply your child with individually wrapped lollies, chocolates, and ice blocks to share with their classmates. These include - freddo frogs, small boxes of smarties, small packets of m&m's, etc.

We do not accept doughnuts and cupcakes.

Food items that are not individually store/supplier wrapped can not be accepted.

Thank you for your understanding.





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# COMMUNITY



A photograph of three children playing Australian Rules Football. A girl in a pink cap and glasses holds a football, a boy in a blue shirt reaches for one, and another girl in a white cap runs. The background is a blurred outdoor field.



The logo for nab AFL Auskick, featuring a star and the text 'nab AFL Auskick'.

## FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP PROGRAM!

### Emu Plains AFL Holiday Camp

Dukes Oval, Emu plains

Monday 11th of April: 10am-2pm

To register, use the QR code or search our  
list holiday camps at the link below

Visit [aflnswact.com.au/afischoolholidayclinics](https://aflnswact.com.au/afischoolholidayclinics)



A QR code for registration, with the text 'SCAN ME' below it.