

BethaniaNews

The Weekly Newsletter of **Bethania Lutheran School**

"Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hands." (Isaiah 64:8)

Devotion

Keys come in all different shapes and sizes. I have a lot of keys on my key ring. There is a key to my house and to the lock on the gate to my back yard. I have a key to my car, to my office at work, and another to unlock the file cabinet where I keep my important papers. There is a key to my post office box, and a key to my safe deposit box at the bank.

Most of us use keys every day, but today we are going to talk about a key that we may never even think about. It is a key called FAITH. Now faith isn't a key that is made of metal, but it may be the most important key, because it is the key that unlocks the power of God.

One day Jesus was in a town called Capernaum. There was a centurion, a Roman army officer, who had a servant who was very sick and about to die. The centurion heard about Jesus and sent some men to ask Jesus to come and heal his servant. The men came to Jesus and pleaded with him to heal the centurion's servant, so Jesus went with them.

Before Jesus even arrived at the house, the officer sent some men to say to him, "Don't even go to the trouble to

come to my house, because I am not worthy of such an honour. Just say the word and my servant will be healed."

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. He turned to the crowd of people that was following him and said, "I haven't seen faith like this in all of Israel!" The officer's friends turned and went back to the centurion's house. When they arrived, they found the servant completely healed.

Just like the faith of the centurion in this story, our faith can unlock the power of God in our lives.

Heavenly Father, help us to remember that no matter what obstacles we may face, our faith in you is the key that unlocks your mighty power. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



From the Principal

It feels like the school has been taken over, in a good way, by Word Mania! Word Mania is the ultimate word building competition. Students are given three minutes to build as many words as possible from the board of 15 letter tiles. By dragging and rearranging letter tiles into the word panel players build, extend and rebuild words in a race against the clock.

After plenty of practice we have finally arrived at week 1 competition time and so far our Year 1 and Year 4 groups are coming 1st; Year 3 are 3rd and Year 2 are 4th in skill level. Our school competes in the South East Queensland zone so these are outstanding results. Well done everyone!

National Education Awards

I am so very proud that our school been named as a finalist in two categories of the National Education Awards. Regardless of the outcome just to have made the finals alongside some of the biggest schools in Australia is an honour. Once again it demonstrates that you don't have to be the biggest or richest school to achieve incredible things for students.

This Friday Mrs Schnetker, Miss Lee, Mrs Terrill, Mrs Layet and myself will be representing our school at the award ceremony and dinner in Sydney.

Every blessing

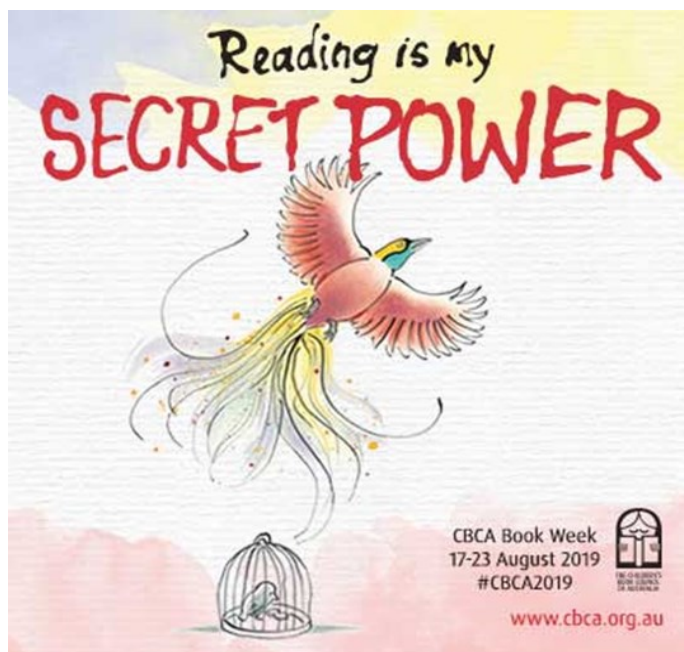
Catherine Eyers



**Bethania
Lutheran School**

strong in **values**
strength in **character** *hope*
living

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Bookmark Competition

Thursday 15th is the closing date so you have one day left to get your entry in. Late entries will not be accepted as voting will start Friday 16th.

The winner in each category will be announced on Monday 26th August and will receive a \$20 voucher to spend at the Book Fair.

I look forward to seeing your designs!

School News

Before School

May we remind parents and students that all must wait in the courts for the first bell of the day. The Meadow is out-of-bounds in the mornings. If parents wait there with their children this encourages others to be there as well unsupervised.

Team Football Socks

With the Library now overseeing the distribution of the Team uniforms and socks it has come to our attention that there is a lot of school football socks still outstanding. These need to be returned to the library washed for stocktaking. Then if your child is a member of a School representative team they need to sign out their uniform from the library and when washed and returned have it signed back in.

P&F News!

MEETING

Thanks to those who were able to make the meeting. It is great we have a committed core group of volunteers, but we would love to see some new faces! Events coming up this term for P&F are:

- Book Fair volunteer support: Wed 28/8/19 – Mon 2/9/19
- Father's Day Stall: Tues 27/8/19
- Walk My Way morning tea: Fri 30/8/19
- Next meeting: Thurs 12/9/19 at 6pm
- Coffee & Chat @ Celebration of Learning: Wed 18/9/19
- Junior Sports Carnival Lunch: Thurs 19/9/19

Some of these are P&F events, others are P&F supporting school events. More information to come closer to the events.

BOOK FAIR HELPERS

Library staff have again asked this year if P&F can support Book Fair. Just one volunteer for each session is all that is needed. Half the sessions have been filled. If you can help, please sign up using the following link: <https://signup.com/go/sZKXAyK>

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Stall will be held on Tuesday 27 August in Waiburra. Students will visit with their classes. All gifts are \$5 and if each student could please bring their own named carry bag (library bags are perfect!). Volunteers will be needed on the day. Volunteer post will be on Facebook soon.

WALK MY WAY MORNING TEA

P&F are pleased to support this fundraising event. Morning tea packs are available to order for \$2. All funds raised are donated back to the Walk My Way cause. Order forms will be sent home shortly.

We know again this time we have a couple of very busy weeks. Unfortunately this is how the school calendar has worked out again! We appreciate your support & understanding.

Don't forget to update your Valuing Safe Communities training and the volunteer hours log book for levy refund.

We provide a lot of updates and communication through our Facebook group -make sure you join to stay up to date! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BethaniaPandF>

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From Deputy Principal

The Benefits of a Book-Filled Home

Research shows that children have much to gain, even beyond literacy, from having lots and lots of books at home. Building your family's library collection is important in encouraging your child to read a wide range of books. Use the link or QR code below to access a great article from Scholastic that not only shares the research supporting the benefits of a book-filled home but also gives some useful tips to help you choose books that your child will love.

<https://bit.ly/2Rho7d3>



Come along to our Book Fair from Wednesday 28th August until Monday 2nd September in the library to add to your collection!

Mrs Sarah Schnetker
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WALK FOR CAMBODIA
FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST, 2019
WE ARE WALKING TO BUILD
a Preschool

On Friday 30th of August, (Week 7), Bethania Lutheran School will host the ALWS Walk for Cambodia. All students will have the chance to seek out sponsors and raise money for this year's cause. Year 5 students have been busy organising this year's event.

This year, we are raising money to build a preschool in a village called Krang Kantoul, Cambodia. Krang Kantoul is located in the Peam commune. There are 1215 people living in the village and of that, 115 children will directly benefit from the preschool. For many years, these children have been attending a kindergarten located underneath the house of a community member.

MONEY
All money raised is due back by Friday 6th of September, 2019. Please return to your class teacher to put in the tray. Sponsorship forms will be delivered to your classrooms by the end of the week.

FOOD ORDER
P&F are kindly organising refreshment packs for students – Order forms will be out soon.

DRESS UP
Students are invited to dress up in the colours of the Cambodian flag (red, blue and white) for the day.

PIZZA LUNCH
The class with the most money raised will win a pizza lunch!
This will not be taken out of the money raised.

Uniform Shop

Opening times Monday to Friday 8am to 9.20am

Email uniform@bethania.qld.edu.au

I am still noticing students wearing the incorrect jumper with their school uniform. All students are required to wear the correct school uniform at all times. A note of explanation to the class teacher is required every time your child is out of uniform. If your child feels the cold, wearing a white singlet with a white t-shirt under their uniform will give them extra warmth. Wearing of none uniform jumpers is not permitted.

Just Arrived: Hats all sizes.

Music accessories

The uniform stocks a range of music books along with drumsticks, resin, bow holders, chin rest, guitar picks. If we have not got the book in stock, we are happy to order it in.

Lost items: The lost property box has a few unnamed small containers. If your child has lost theirs please take the time to look in the lost property box. Thank you to all who have clearly named all their child's belongings. It makes it so much easier for your child to identify their own items.

Uniform reminder

Hair accessories are to be royal blue Jo Jo Bows are not to be worn with the school uniform.

Jewellery

- A simple cross on a fine chain is the only item of jewellery permitted with the school uniform.
- Students may wear a simple small watch.
- Girls only may wear one pair of silver or gold studs (sleepers are not permitted due to safety reasons). No other piercings are permitted.
- Boys are not permitted to wear earrings or piercings.
- Bracelets/bangles of any type are not permitted.

Have a nice week
Lee-anne Brooks | Uniform Convenor

CALENDAR

August 15	Year 4 Excursion to Dreamworld
August 22	Year 1 Refugee Day
August 23	NGCAS—Mother Teresa PS
August 27	P & F Fathers' Day Stall
August 29	Open Morning—School Tour
September 3	ICAS Digital Technologies
September 4	Year 2 SeaWorld Excursion
September 5	ICAS Science Competition
September 6	NGCAS—LORDS
September 8-13	SydCanSki Senior Camp
September 10	ICAS Writing Competition
September 12	ICAS Spelling
September 17	ICAS English
September 19	Junior Sports Carnival
September 19	ICAS Maths Competition
September 20	Term 3 End
October 7	Queen's Birthday Holiday
October 8	Term 4 Commences




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