

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)

From our Pastor:

Last week in chapel we heard the following passage from the Bible;

(2 Corinthians 1:3-4) Praise to the God of All Comfort! Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

I have just returned from my 4-week annual holiday from Finland. I met with some of my old friends. They've been my friends for over 40 years. They've been there on good days and bad days for a long time. That's why the friendships we form in the primary school are so important. God is the God of all comfort, but for some reason He uses other people to

support us, comfort us and encourage us. He knows that we need the human touch, to hear the uplifting words from another person. Let's be that special person to someone today!

Pastor Peter



From the Principal

Word Mania Excitement!

We are now at the half way point in the second round of the competition which runs until this Friday and it is getting so exciting.

As of yesterday at 8.30am Years 1, 3 and 4 are coming first; Year 6 and 2 are in third place and Year 5 in seventh place for skill level nationally. With Word Mania placings can change over the course of a day but we still have a very good chance to get through to the finals which is incredible! Mrs Douglas is updating us daily of the BLS positions. I'm very proud of all our Word Maniacs and keep going!

Opti-Minds

I love Opti-Minds because it really stretches and challenges our students to get right out of their comfort zones. The Opti-MINDS Creative Sustainability Challenge is an inclusive team challenge which empowers participants to think, create & communicate.

Our students have two challenges. The first is a long term challenge that they prepare over six weeks without adult help and the second is a spontaneous challenge they receive on the day. The challenges are presented in a 3m square performance area and are judged by a professional panel.

This year we have 2 teams entering the event and I know they have been working very hard, under the expert guidance of Mrs Douglas, in preparing for both challenges.

Our students are presenting their challenges this Saturday and I wish them the very best of luck. Go Bethania!

Team 1

Year 6 - Shannel, Tilly; Year 5 - Riley, Jared; Year 4 - Reuben

Team 2

Year 6 - Ranudi, Anna J; Year 5 - Lucy; Year 4 - Angelina, Penina, Meg

Every blessing



**Bethania
Lutheran School**

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

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Sport News Week 5 Term 3

NGCAS

We have a friendly (practice) game this week against Mother Teresa CPS. The boys Touch and Basketball will play here at Bethania. The girls Touch and Basketball will travel to MTCPS. T-ball and Softball will travel to Kings CC as MTPS does not have teams and the cricket matches will be played at Pincally Cres, Ormeau (all their games will be here). Good luck to our teams!!

P-2 Gymnastics

All students in Prep to Year 2 began a 5-week gymnastics unit in HPE yesterday. They are leaving valuable skills in tumbling, rolling, flexibility, core strength, balance, upper and lower-body strength, power, mental focus and discipline.

Lutheran Athletics

The Lutheran team notices went home last week and will be held next Wednesday, 28th August. We wish our teams the best of luck. Students had some extra shot put training yesterday, and there will be Long Jump training on Monday and Relay training on Tuesday at lunchtime for all students in those events. Just a note for parents, at Lutherans the 11 and 12 year age groups are combined into one age group and as such there is a limited number of places for selection from the individual age levels.

Socks

I put a plea out at Assembly asking all students who have borrowed school football (soccer) socks and/or athletics singlets to return them as soon as possible. I know these items get lost in the wash and end up deep in wardrobes accidentally, but we are missing quite a few. At this rate parents will be required to buy socks for their children next season unless we can get all the supplies back.

Mr Kennedy

Card and Games Night

You are invited to attend a games and card night this Saturday night at the Bethania Lutheran Worship Centre.

Plan to come along, socialise and have some fun. There will be a variety of card and other games available for you to play.

Start time 6:30 pm.

No cost. Please bring a plate of nibbles to share on your table/s during the night. Tea/ coffee/ hot chocolate available. BYO other drinks.



Student Awards



1JM	S Robinson
1GL	M Pop
2HR	A Al Alam
2RW	H Buitendag
3DW	B Bruce
3EJ	H Comino
4TM	4TM Class
5JM	W Frizzell
5MS	C Havis
6JR	6JR Class
6SB	6SB Class

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.

Extra Curricular Group Photo Day

Next Monday 26th August Advancedlife photographer will be here to take the group photos of our music choirs and ensembles along with Mrs Douglas' Optimind group. School captains and Student Council will also have their photos taken. Formal uniform will be worn for all these photos.

Sports Team Photos

On Thursday September 5 all athletic squads, swimming, cross country, NGCAS teams, House captains will have their group photos taken. Sports uniform needs to be worn on this day.



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From Deputy Principal



It's Book Week!

It is once again that fantastic time of year where children across Australia come together to celebrate their love of books and reading! This year's theme is "Reading is My Secret Power" and we are recognising Book Week with our annual Scholastic Book Fair and bookmark competition. The competition is well underway, with all student entries currently on display in the library. Students have been voting for their favourite bookmark in each of the junior, middle and senior student categories at lunchtime and during class borrowing time.

The Book Fair begins next Wednesday 28th August until Monday 2nd September from 8am-3:30pm in the library. Students must be accompanied by their parent or guardian if visiting the Book Fair before or after school. All students will visit the fair during their scheduled class borrowing time and will have the opportunity write a wish list or make a purchase during this time.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Sarah Schnetker
sschnetker@bethania.qld.edu.au

An information board for the "Walk for Cambodia" event. It features five octagonal callouts with green borders and leaf icons. The top-left callout contains the event title and date. The top-right callout describes the ALWS Walk and the purpose of the fundraising. The bottom-left callout details the money deadline and sponsorship form delivery. The bottom-middle callout provides information about food orders and a dress-up competition. The bottom-right callout describes a pizza lunch competition.

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

There are still several team sport uniforms that have not been returned to school, especially the foot ball socks and the running shorts. If you have these at home they need to be returned to school. These are only on loan to students.

Bus Pass all students require a current bus pass to use the school bus service. Passes can be bought directly from the uniform shop, our online shop or via phone order. When the uniform shop is closed the school office can except payment for bus passes.

Uniform Reminder

Parents are reminded female students must wear the correct culottes to school. The Kmart and Best and Less brand culottes are not the same style as our school culottes and cannot be worn as part of the school uniform.

Shoes: Sports shoes should be all white lace up sports shoes (not velcro). White shoes with conservative minor markings in either soft grey or navy are permitted. Volley style, Van's style, skate, high tops, basketball, fluoro colours or similar fashion shoes are not permitted. Formal Shoes are plain, black leather lace up. Joggers, Van's high heels, Velcro or buckle shoes are not permitted. Shoes are to be in kept in good order and polished

Have a nice week
Lee-anne Brooks | Uniform Convenor

CALENDAR

August 22	Year 1 Refugee Day
August 23	NGCAS—Mother Teresa PS
August 26	Extra Curricular Group Photos
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 5	Sports Teams Photo Day
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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