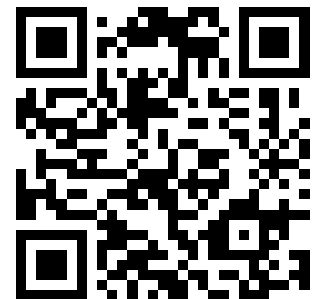


Dear Families,

Over the last four weeks as an SRC initiative we held our very first *Bethany's Got Talent!* To say it was a success would be an understatement. We have had the opportunity to have so many of our student's audition, showcasing their talents in the Arts. A big CONGRATULATIONS to all students who performed during the auditions, and a shout out and THANK YOU to the families and the teachers who encouraged them during their rehearsals. We concluded the 2024 *Bethany's Got Talent* with the finals. To the families who joined us, I hope you enjoyed these performances as much as I did. It was an absolute delight and joy to be entertained by the diversity in talent. The applause from the audience after each performance, confirmed the enjoyment had by all. As a school community, this continues to build connection, appreciation and gratitude for all and their contributions.

The end of term is fast approaching and as such we continue to remind all of what is yet to come:

- Whole School Mass- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am in the school Hall- all are welcome
- School Closure- Planning for 2025 is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- Orientation Day for all – including our Prep 2025 on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 9:15am
- Christmas Raffle- please consider donating Christmas items for the raffle, as well as purchasing tickets for this- all fundraising goes towards updating student furniture- Bridging Centre has been ordered and will be delivered in January of 2025
- Christmas Event- Carols 5<sup>th</sup> December 4:30-7:30. Please do not forget to place your orders for sausages in bread if required on the evening. This closes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.
- Graduation- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in the School Hall for our Year 6 students. Students are to wear full school uniform.



Enjoy the remainder of the week and the week ahead.  
Take care. God bless.

Joanne Webster  
Principal

## Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
Open our hearts to the silent presence of  
the Spirit of your Son.

Lead us into that mysterious silence,  
where your love is revealed to all who call

Come Lord Jesus  
Amen

## School News

### Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our Prep students have been consolidating what it means to '**Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible**' here at Bethany, and they recently had the chance to demonstrate these values during our exciting 'Fairytale Fiasco' incursion.



During the incursion, students showed their understanding of '**being respectful**' by showing their whole body listening to our school's visitor Monica who was running the incursion.

The students also practised '**being safe**' throughout the incursion, keeping their hands, feet, and costumes to themselves to ensure everyone's safety while navigating through the enchanted activities.

Finally, our Prep students showed how to '**be responsible**' by using all the adventure props and costumes carefully, showing their dedication to taking care of the materials provided.



Their commitment to the PBL values made this 'Fairytale Fiasco' experience a great success for everyone. Well done, Preps!



# Positive Behaviour for Learning School Wide Expectations



*Let Learners Learn and Teachers Teach*

	Be Safe	Be Respectful	Be Responsible
Learning Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself</li> <li>Line up and walk calmly and quietly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use kind words and actions</li> <li>Use whole body listening</li> <li>Follow directions promptly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look after self, others and equipment</li> <li>Be a responsible learner</li> </ul>
Outside Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep hands and feet to yourself</li> <li>Use spaces and equipment correctly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use kind words and actions</li> <li>Be a good sport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look after self, others and equipment</li> <li>Wear correct uniform</li> <li>Be on time &amp; walk promptly to line up</li> </ul>

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## The Resilient Project - Why It's Good for Kids to Be Bored

In today's busy world, it can be tempting to fill every moment of our children's time with activities and entertainment. However, allowing kids to experience boredom can actually be very beneficial for their social and emotional wellbeing. When children have time without structured activities, they are given the space to use their imagination and creativity. It encourages them to think independently, problem-solve, and explore their own interests.



Boredom also helps kids learn to manage their emotions, as they find ways to cope with unstructured time. It fosters resilience and patience, teaching them that it's okay not to be constantly entertained. Socially, unplanned moments often lead to more spontaneous play, helping children build stronger relationships and practice communication skills.

So next time your child says they're bored, consider it a great opportunity for them to develop essential life skills!

## Happy Families

In 'Why Repeating Yourself Doesn't Work,' Dr. Justin Coulson explains why children often seem to ignore repeated requests and how parents can communicate more effectively. Instead of getting frustrated, parents can use strategies like making sure they have the child's attention, using simple language, and confirming understanding. The article emphasizes the importance of patience, validating children's feelings, and building a strong connection through respectful communication. For a deeper dive into these practical tips, parents are encouraged to read the full article on the Happy Families website.

You can access the website at <https://schools.happyfamilies.com.au/login/bethanycps> and the password is **happybcps**

## Child Safety Update



At Bethany Catholic Primary School, we follow Standard 11 to ensure that our policies and procedures make our school a safe place for children. Our comprehensive child safety policies cover all the Child Safe Standards (11.1) and are clearly documented to ensure they are easy for staff, students, and families to understand (11.2). We regularly review these policies, using best practice models and consulting with members of the school community to keep them up-to-date and effective (11.3). School leaders actively promote and demonstrate the importance of child safety by modeling compliance and upholding these policies (11.4). Additionally, all staff and volunteers receive thorough training to ensure they understand and implement these policies consistently, helping to maintain a safe and nurturing space for our students (11.5). Through our commitment to these principles, we aim to protect every child's right to feel safe, respected, and valued within our school community.

## 2024 Whole School and Level Masses

The final Whole School Mass for the year will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am. We welcome all.

## Family News

### Key Enrolment Dates for Year 5 2025 beginning Secondary School in 2027

**If you wish to enrol your child in a Catholic Secondary School beginning in 2027, please observe the following dates.**

- Tuesday 28 January 2025 – Applications will open for students commencing Year 7 in 2027.
- Friday 15 August 2025 – Applications will close.
- Friday 17 October 2025 – Offers will be posted to prospective 2027 Year 7 applicants.
- Friday 7 November 2025 – Final date for parents/carers to accept an offer made by a school.

If you require any further information, please see Sheree or Elaine.

## Assemblies:

Assemblies are held on Mondays, fortnightly at 2:25pm. Please see the Assembly Schedule. All families are invited to attend. These are generally held on the basketball court or in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Matters Financial

### All School Fees are now due

Please see Joanne Webster if you are having difficulty paying.

### Concessional Fee Policy:

The concessional fee policy was introduced to support families struggling to pay school fees. Concessional school fees are available to any family that meets the below eligibility criteria:

- Holding a valid HCC and eligible for CSEF
- Experiencing severe financial hardship
- Holding a DVA Gold Card
- Identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard
- Of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage

You will also be required to complete a form as a part of the process to determine eligibility. Should you wish further information re this funding or if you have questions as to whether you are eligible, please do not hesitate to contact the school and ask to speak to Joanne Webster.

## Important Dates –

### November

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Botanical Gardens excursion – Yr 5 representatives

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Assembly: Murray and Todd

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Whole School Mass 10:00am School Hall

### December

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – School Closure, 2025 Planning Day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Whole School Orientation Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Family Event 5:00pm – 8:00pm **Information to follow soon**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Graduation 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Final School Assembly

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Graduation Excursion and **last day for Year 6 students** Updated

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – **Last Day Prep to Year 5** – students finish at **12:30pm**

### School Closures for 2024

The following date is the last school closure day for 2024. **PLEASE MARK THIS IN YOUR DIARIES:**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 2025 Planning Day

### School Dates for 2025 **NEW**

#### January 2025

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Professional Learning Teachers

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Professional Learning Teachers

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Year 1-6 students return to school

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Prep 2025 students begin school

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DATE	HUBS
7 OCTOBER	
14 OCTOBER	Year 6 Teresa/Little (Art)
21 OCTOBER	
28 OCTOBER	Prep Sky/Ocean
4 NOVEMBER	
11 NOVEMBER	REMEMBRANCE DAY- Leadership Centre
18 NOVEMBER	
25 NOVEMBER	Year 3/4 Todd/Murray
2 DECEMBER	PP DAY
Thurs 12 DECEMBER	End of Year Assembly JOANNE

## LUNCH ORDER PRICELIST 2024

HOT FOOD	
Party Pies	\$2.00
Sausage Rolls	\$5.20
Hot Dog with Sauce	\$5.20
Hot Dog with Sauce & Cheese	\$6.00
Schnitzel Sandwich	\$6.50
Schnitzel Sandwich with Lettuce & Mayo	\$7.00
Extras:     Sauce	\$0.20
Mustard	\$0.20
Paper Bag	\$0.20

CAKES	
Iced Donuts	\$1.20
Cinnamon Donuts	\$1.00
Jam Donuts	\$3.00
Chocolate Jam Donuts	\$3.50
Croissant	\$3.00
Lamington	\$4.00
Apple Cake	\$4.50
Mini Mud Cake	\$4.50
Hedgehog	\$4.50
Muffin (Chocolate Chip & Blueberry)	\$4.50
Happy Face/Neenish Tart	\$3.50

DRINKS	
Prima (Orange or Apple)	\$2.50
Prima (Apple & Raspberry)	\$2.50
Kids Milk (Chocolate or Strawberry)	\$3.00

SANDWICHES	
Ham or Chicken	\$4.00
Ham or Chicken & Cheese	\$5.50
Ham or Chicken, Cheese & Salad	\$7.50
Cheese & Salad (Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber & Carrot)	\$7.50
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$2.00
Cheese Roll	\$1.80
Cheese & Vegemite Scroll	\$4.00