



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 11
Wednesday 17th July 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope the holiday break has given you the opportunity to rest and rejuvenate in preparation for this new term. It was a pleasure to hear the sound of the students in the yard today, as they entered the school grounds, happy to be returning to school! Their cheerful conversations with each other and the staff, was a delight to see and hear. As I visited each of the classes in the morning, they had all settled very quickly into the routine of their school day.



As a staff we have spent the last two days, engaging in professional learning, exploring best practice in the learning and teaching of the genre writing. The two days were facilitated by Greg Clement, an expert in this area. We began our day with prayer and throughout the two days we were involved in theory based learning and practical implementation of this for our students. The staff worked collaboratively on all tasks showing their professionalism and collegiality. A few pictures from the days.



Returning home from my Principal Formation experience was a shock to my system with the temperature plummeting by 30 degrees celcius from 38 in Rome to 8 in Melbourne. The experience has given me inspiration as we begin to look to revisoning our school as a faith based community

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in the next year or so. Some of the questions we dwelled on and began to unlock were: *What does a Catholic education look like? What do we understand it to be? We are not where we have been before and this is an opportunity!!* We looked at the Pope's Encyclicals across the years and focused on *Laudato Si* and *Fratelli Tutti* and the messages they have for us. I look forward to sharing insights gained as the term progresses.



St Peter's Basilica outside and in. The Swiss soldiers, responsible for the safety of the Pope. Often called 'the world's smallest army', they serve as personal escorts to the pontiff, including on his apostolic travels, and as watchmen for Vatican City and the pontifical villa of Castel Gandolfo.

Our Year 6's have Family Confirmation Night next Wednesday 24th July at 6:45pm in the school Hall. This is a compulsory event for all students and families who are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A big thank you to all families who contributed the Shop for Schools Campaign. Bethany came third winning \$5000. This will go towards refurnishing the Centres.

Thank you again for your continued support. Take care. God bless.

Joanne Webster
Principal

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

As we gather at the start of this new term, we thank You for the blessings and rest of our holidays. We come before You with hearts full of hope and excitement for the journey ahead.

Guide our teachers with wisdom, patience, and love, as they nurture our minds and spirits. Bless our students with curiosity, courage, and a joy for learning. May each classroom be a place of kindness, respect and discovery.

Help us to work together as a school community, supporting and encouraging one another. Fill our days with Your light and peace, and remind us to always seek Your presence in all that we do.

We ask for Your protection over our school, our families, and our friends. May this term be filled with achievements, personal growth, and the deepening of our faith in You.

We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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School News

2024 Whole School and Level Masses

Celebrating Mass provides students with the opportunity to experience their faith as they encounter Christ at this momentous meeting point.

Mass is celebrated in the school hall and all families are welcome.

Please find Masses for Term 3 and 4.

Term 3	Term 4
<p>Friday 26th July at 10 am Whole School Mass: Sis Mary, Martha and Lazarus (Feast on Mon 29/7)</p>	<p>Saturday 19th October 6pm Community Mass St Andrew's</p>
<p>Thursday 22nd August at 10am Level Mass: Years 3 and Years 5</p>	<p>Thursday 14th November at 10am Level Mass: Years 2 and Years 4</p>
<p>Thursday 12th September at 10am Level Mass: Preps</p>	<p>Thursday 28th November at 10am Whole School Mass</p>

Family News

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. The next Assembly is on 22nd July. Please note the change in assembly for Year 2 Indigo and Blue which is now on Monday 12th August.

ASSEMBLIES - 2024								
WEEK	TERM 1		TERM 2		TERM 3		TERM 4	
	DATE	HUBS	DATE	HUBS	DATE	HUBS	DATE	HUBS
1			15 APRIL		15 JULY		7 OCTOBER	
2	5 FEBRUARY	Principal - JOANNE	22 APRIL	Year 5/6 Kolbe/Mandela	22 JULY	Year 5 Chisholm/Mac Killop	14 OCTOBER	Year 6 Teresa/Little (Art)
3	12 FEBRUARY		29 APRIL		29 JULY		21 OCTOBER	
4	19 FEBRUARY	PBL	6 MAY	Year 2 Gold / Violet	5 AUGUST		28 OCTOBER	Prep Sky/Ocean
5	26 FEBRUARY		14 MAY		12 AUGUST	Year 2 Indigo/Blue	4 NOVEMBER	
6	4 MARCH	Leadership Assembly	20 MAY	Year 3 Werribee/Yarra	19 AUGUST	Year 4 Jordan/Sepik	11 NOVEMBER	REMEMBRANCE DAY- Leadership Centre
7	11 MARCH	HOLIDAY	27 MAY		26 AUGUST		18 NOVEMBER	
8	18 MARCH	Year 1 Red/Orange	3 JUNE	Year 1 Yellow/Green	2 SEPTEMBER	Prep Earth/Star	25 NOVEMBER	Year 3/4 Todd/Murray
9	25 MARCH		10 JUNE	HOLIDAY	10 SEPTEMBER		2 DECEMBER	PP DAY
10			17 JUNE	PE / ART	16 SEPTEMBER	BOITE/Italian	Thurs 12 DECEMBER	End of Year Assembly JOANNE

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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.

Parent in Partnership and School Advisory Council

Parent in Partnership Meetings for the 2024 will be held on the following dates and times:

Wednesday 31st July at 1:30pm in the Bethany Resource Centre

Wednesday 21st August at 6:45pm in the Staffroom

Wednesday 16th October at 1:30pm in the Bethany Resource Centre

Wednesday 20th November at 6:45pm in the Staffroom

School Advisory Council Meetings will be held on:

Wednesday 14th August – 6:45pm in the Staffroom

Wednesday 6th November – 6:45pm in the Staffroom

Important Dates-

2024 Dates

July

Monday 22nd July – Assembly 2:25pm (Teresa & Little Hubs)

Wednesday 24th July – Confirmation Spirituality Day Group A

Wednesday 24th July – Confirmation Family Evening 6:45pm School Hall

Thursday 25th July – Confirmation Spirituality Day Group B

Friday 26th July – Whole School Mass: Mary, Martha & Lazarus 10:00am School Hall

Monday 29th July – Bethany Feast Day

Wednesday 31st July – VIS Leadership Excursion (Mandela and Kolbe Hubs)

Wednesday 31st July – Parents in Partnership 1:30pm

August

Thursday 1st August – Truganina District Athletics

Thursday 1st August – Bishop Visit – Confirmation candidates

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Friday 2nd August – VIS Leadership Excursion (MacKillop and Chisholm Hubs) **Changed**
Friday 2nd August – Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates **New**
Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th August – Year 4 Camp – Lady Northcote
Wednesday 7th August – VIS Leadership Excursion (Teresa and Little Hubs) **Changed**
Thursday 8th August – Year 6 Confirmation 5:00pm & 7:00pm School Hall
Monday 12th August- Bridging Centre- History Box Incursion
Monday 12th August – Assembly 2:25pm (Indigo & Blue Hubs) **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**
Wednesday 14th August – School Advisory Council – 6:45pm
Monday 19th August – Assembly 2:25pm (Jordan & Sepik Hubs)
Monday 19th August – Book Week
Monday 19th August – Discovery Centre, Year 1 Body Investigations Incursion
Tuesday 20th August – Discovery Centre, Year 2 Body Investigations Incursion
Wednesday 21st August – Parents in Partnership 6:45pm
Thursday 22nd August – Prep Camp and 100 Days of Prep Celebrations
Thursday 22nd August – Year 3 & Year 5 Level Mass 10:00am School Hall
Friday 23rd August – Book Week Parade – **New**
Monday 26th August – Book Fair **New**
Monday 26th August – Discovery Centre Imax and Melbourne Museum Excursion
Thursday 29th August – 7:45am Father's Day Breakfast
Friday 30th August – Father's Day Stall

September

Sunday 1st September – Father's Day
Monday 2nd September – Assembly 2:25pm (Earth & Star Hubs)
Thursday 5th September – Sports Day and Hot Dog Day - **New**
Tuesday 10th September – Division Athletics
Thursday 12th September – Year Prep Level Mass 10:00am School Hall
Monday 16th September – Assembly 2:25pm (Boite & Italian)
Thursday 19th September – Year 3 Camp: Sleep over at school
Friday 20th September – Last Day Term 3 – students finish at **12:30pm**

October **New**

Monday 7th October – Term 4 begins 8:45am start
Monday 14th October– Assembly 2:25pm (Chisholm & MacKillop)
Wednesday 16th October - Parents in Partnership 1:30pm
Saturday 19th October – Community Mass 6:00pm Saint Andrews
Monday 21st October – Year 1 & 2 Camp
Monday 21st – Friday 25th October – Bethany's Got Talent auditions
Thursday 24th October – Pre Prep Transition Day 1
Monday 28th October -Friday 1st November - Bethany's Got Talent in Centres
Monday 28th October - Assembly 2:25pm (Sky & Ocean)
Monday 28th October – Discovery Centre Year 1 Excursion – Werribee Mansion
Tuesday 29th October – Discovery Centre Year 2 Excursion – Werribee Mansion
Wednesday 30th October- First Reconciliation 5:00pm and 7:00pm in St Andrew's Church
Thursday 31st October – Pre Prep Transition Day 2

November **New**

Monday 4th November – School Closure: Assessment & Report Writing
Tuesday 5th November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day Assembly 2:25pm (Leadership Centre)
Thursday 14th November – Years 2 & 4 Level Mass 10:00am School Hall
Thursday 14th November – Leadership Centre Maps and Mayhem Incursion

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Thursday 14th November – Year 3-6 Bethany's Got Talent Finals 11:00am
Friday 15th November – Leadership Centre Maps and Mayhem Incursion
Monday 18th November - Year 3-6 Bethany's Got Talent Finals 11:00am
Thursday 21st November - Year P-2 Bethany's Got Talent Finals 11:00am
Monday 25th November - Year P-2 Bethany's Got Talent Finals 11:00am
Thursday 28th November – Whole School Mass 10:00am School Hal

December New

Dates to be added shortly.

School Closures for 2024

The following dates are school closure days for 2024. **PLEASE MARK THESE IN YOUR DIARIES:**

Monday 4th November – Assessment & Report Writing
Monday 2nd December – 2025 Planning Day

Public Holidays for 2024

Tuesday 5th November – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Sacrament Dates 2024 PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARIES

Confirmation – Year 6 Thursday 8th August 5:00pm and 7:00pm in the Bethany School Hall

First Reconciliation – Year 3 Wednesday 30th October 5:00pm and 7:00pm in St Andrew's Church

Family Nights for Sacraments 2024

Confirmation Family Night – Year 6 students and parents/carers – Wednesday 24th July 6:45pm
School Hall

Reconciliation Family Night – Year 3 students and parents/carers – Wednesday 16th October
6:45pm School Hall

All students and families celebrating these sacraments are required to attend.

Camp Dates

Year 4 – Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th August – Lady Northcote Camp, Bacchus Marsh

Year 3 – Thursday 19th September – School Sleep Over

Year 1 & 2 – Term 4 – Monday 21st October – Afternoon Tea & Kaboom, Year 2 – Afternoon Tea, Kaboom, Disco & Dinner

Year Prep – Thursday 22nd August – Breakfast in Pyjamas

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

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