



# Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 7  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Families,

As we enter Week 4 of Term 2, we have so much to look forward to and celebrate. Tomorrow morning, we begin the day with our Mother's Day Breakfast. A celebration of all mothers and/or significant women in our children's lives. The breakfast provides the opportunity for our children to spend quality time with their mothers, in amongst the many other mothers and students within the setting of our school community. We have over 700 mothers and children attending the morning. At the conclusion of the morning, mothers are free to visit the learning spaces from 8:45-9:00am, with their children. We also have a Level Mass for Year 1s and Year 5s at 10:00am in the Leadership Centre. I look forward to seeing you all there!! All families are welcome.

A reminder that we also have our Mother's Day stall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Gifts range from \$2 to \$5.

This year the school major fundraiser will be the Cadbury Chocolate Drive. All funds raised will go towards updating the student furniture across the school. The school makes \$20 from each box sold. An Operoo notification will go home this Friday, asking families to commit to the selling of one box of chocolates or making a donation of \$20 to this fundraiser. We continue to thank you for your support of our school and the resourcing of it.

Our students in Year 4 continue to form their faith as they lead up to the celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist. Last Wednesday we had our Family Eucharist Evening. I would like to thank all the families who participated in this evening for their continued formation in faith of their children. It was led by Maria Forde and was a successful evening for all. The Sacrament of Eucharist is celebrated on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at St Andrew's Church. I ask you to keep these students in your prayers over the coming weeks.



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In the social media space, we now also have Instagram up & running. We may be found at [bethanypswerribee](#). Look out for all our latest learning and living at Bethany!

A reminder to all families of the following:

1. **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm** the school has engaged **"Inform and Empower"** to facilitate an online Family Information Night regarding "Raising Kids in a Digital World". This will be online. The link will be sent via Operoo, before the event. You will be given access to evidenced based, practical tips and strategies that as parents you can implement immediately to ensure your children are safe online. The school will also engage with this organisation to continue to educate the students around their safety online.
2. We have a growing number of overdue library books. All books need to be returned before students may borrow a new book. If overdue books are lost, families will need to replace these.
3. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00am is our whole school Mass celebrating "Our Lady Help of Christians". This will be held in the school hall. All are welcome.

Congratulations go out to Logan Morris and his family. Logan is a past student of Bethany (Graduated in 2017). He debuted for the Brisbane Lions in a fantastic game on Sunday, scoring a goal. He was a last minute call-up to the Seniors and he made us all proud. Go Logan!

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

Joanne Webster  
Principal

#### **Prayer:**

To all mothers or significant mother like figures, in our school community may the Lord bless you and the work you do, the unconditional love you give and hope you always show. Enjoy your Mother's Day.

Dear Lord,

On this special day, we show our gratitude for all Mothers.

We thank them for their all-encompassing love, for their commitment, care and kindness.

We thank them for their wisdom, for helping us grow and flourish.

We thank them for their strength, for their sacrifices, and for being there in times of need.

And we thank them for their encouragement, for being our cheer leaders and celebrating our achievements.

Lord, help Mothers know how much they are loved and appreciated.

We ask that you bless all Mothers, including those who are no longer with us today.

Amen.

## **School News**

### **Lost Property**

We have accumulated a number of unclaimed and unnamed school zipper jackets, if your child has misplaced their jacket and it was without a name please enquire at the office. We ask you to ensure that you have named ALL items of school uniform so that we can return them to their owners as soon as they are handed into the office.

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## Bethany Catholic School- Inform and Empower - Digital Safety and Wellbeing online webinar-Thursday May 16- 7:30 pm

This week is e-Smart Week. Bethany is committed to empowering our students to be safe and responsible online.

We are delighted to continue our partnership with Inform and Empower-Promoting Health School Communities.

Throughout the course of the year students from P-6 will participate in a digital safety wellbeing program focussing on health and safe digital habits.



Marin McGauran is a Digital Safety educator with over 14 years of experience.

His passion for online safety and digital citizenship comes from his extensive leadership roles within primary schools. He is equally passionate about engaging with students, teachers, parents/carers. Carley McGauran has over 20 years' experience as a psychologist. She works with children,

adolescents and parents. She believes in supporting parents/carers/schools in the early intervention for children.

Martin and Carley will present to the Bethany community on **Thursday May 16-** via an online portal. The presentation will run for 90 minutes beginning at 7:30 pm.

The webinar was a great success last year and the feedback from parents was amazing.

The presentation titled Raising Kids in the Digital World will cover topics such as:

Cyberbullying

Online Gaming

Social Media

Managing devices at home

Child and Tween online trends

Strengthening Family communication

Impacts of Screen Time

Explicit and Adult content



Below is the link to the webinar. **You will need to register with your name and email address.** Once registered, you will receive a link to the webinar.

If you are unable to attend the live webinar on May 16, please register to ensure that you can access the replay. This replay will be available for 30 days.

The link to register for the online webinar: [bit.ly/may16parents](https://bit.ly/may16parents)

### Family Week

Catholic Care Victoria's Family Week is 13 – 17 May 2024.

Family Week is a time to reflect on the vital role our families play in our lived and in our communities. It is a time to celebrate and strengthen family relationships.

This year's theme is 'Building Compassionate Families and Communities'. Families are



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crucial to our wellbeing. When families are compassionate, healthy, safe, and nurturing, our overall wellbeing improves and that of our wider community. To celebrate Family Week this year, students will be given a homework activity that will be shared back within their classrooms.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL

A reminder that before school all students are to assemble outside their Hub ready for the bell. It is a time for:

- Students to be with their Hub only in their correct space
- Remain with their school bag
- Keep all sport equipment in their bags or on the ground

When the bell goes at 8:45am, students are to:

- Be in alphabetical order
- Be quiet
- Have their bags on their back ready to walk into class

At the end of the day, when students are dismissed by their teacher, all students need to walk from their class to parents/carers. This keeps all students, families and younger siblings safe. Parents we thank you for your support in ensuring your child walks to you.

### PBL Rewards Menu in the Bridging Centre

The PBL Rewards Shop's grand opening in the Bridging Centre was a tremendous success! Students were able to enjoy privileges earned from their stellar learning behaviours displayed during learning and play times. Rewards were co-constructed with the help of the students, including the ability to purchase individual and whole class rewards.

"I chose to sit outside and complete my work, because I like to do my work in the fresh air." - [Sargun K.](#)

"I bought the teacher chair and 15 minutes free time with my points, because her chair is super comfy." - [Aiden M.](#)

"I bought 15 minutes of free time, and I built a massive card tower!" - [Ryan S.](#)

"I bought a game for the whole class, because I wanted to play a game and I know some other people in my class will like to play too." - [Zoe D.](#)

"I bought a class game, so we can have fun together." - [Madison M.](#)



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## The Resilience Project

Students and teachers are beginning to notice the difference The Resilience Project (TRP) is having on their overall mental health and wellbeing. During Term 1, classes explored the four concepts underpinning TRP (Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy), discussing what each of these are and the benefits they play in our daily lives. Through the act of journaling, students have had opportunities to reflect upon class discussions earlier in the week and consider ways they may integrate each concept so that they occur seamlessly in everything we do.

This term, we continue to explore each of these concepts in more detail, developing practices that support students' social, emotional and psychological development. By recognising their own emotional state and those of others through their body language, it assists students to become greater risk-takers with their learning and work through social difficulties with their friends.

Parents are encouraged to discuss what their child/ren have learnt each Monday so that they are able to continue these discussions at home throughout the week with you. Demonstrating your own gratitude, empathy, mindfulness practices and emotional awareness with your child/ren is a model for ways to become more resilient when life's events may rock their boat.

## Whole School and Level Masses

### 2024 MASSES and LITURGIES

Celebrating Holy Mass provides the students 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 most welcome to attend.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<b>Wednesday 14th February 2pm</b> <b>Whole School Mass:</b> Ash Wednesday	<b>Saturday 27th April 6pm</b> <b>Community Mass</b> St Andrew's  <b>Thursday 9th May at 10 am</b> <b>Level Mass:</b> Years 1 and Years 6  <b>Friday 24th May at 10 am</b> <b>Whole School Mass:</b> Our Lady Help of Christians	<b>Friday 26th July at 10 am</b> <b>Whole School Mass:</b> Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus (Feast on Mon 29/7)  <b>Thursday 22nd August at 10am</b> <b>Level Mass:</b> Years 3 and Years 5  <b>Thursday 12th September at 10am</b> <b>Level Mass:</b> Preps	<b>Saturday 19th October 6pm</b> <b>Community Mass</b> St Andrew's  <b>Thursday 14th November at 10am</b> <b>Level Mass:</b> Years 2 and Years 4  <b>Thursday 28th November at 10am</b> <b>Whole School Mass</b>

## Family News

### Happy Families

Over the last two years Bethany has had a focus on what good teaching looks like for students to learn to read. There are many benefits for you to read with your child at home too.

This week's article – *'The Science Behind Raising Readers'* talks about the benefits of reading at home and provides strategies for you to implement or continue a reading culture at home. Enjoy the read!



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## 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.

ASSEMBLIES - 2024								
	TERM 1		TERM 2		TERM 3		TERM 4	
WEEK	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 6 Teresa/Little	14 OCTOBER	Year 5 Chisholm/MacKillop
3	12 FEBRUARY		29 APRIL		29 JULY		21 OCTOBER	
4	19 FEBRUARY	PBL	6 MAY	Year 2 Gold / Violet	5 AUGUST	Year 2 Indigo/Blue	28 OCTOBER	Prep Sky/Ocean
5	26 FEBRUARY		14 MAY		12 AUGUST		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
11			24 JUNE				16 Dec	

## Matters Financial

### Health Care Card Holders (CSEF)

Parents who hold a Health Care Card that is current on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 may be eligible for the CSEF. This grant offers \$125 per student. The payment is made directly to the school and as such would offset \$150.00 of the student fee.

Families with a Health Care Card are asked to make an application for the Sport / Excursion grant on either at the beginning of the school year. It is important that you have your Health Care Card with you when making an application. Successful applicants will then only need to pay \$245.00 per student fee.

**If you received this payment in 2023 you do not need to reapply. You will automatically receive this payment if your Health Care Card is still valid.**

### 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

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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.

### **Second Instalment School Fee**

If you opted to pay your school fees by three instalments, the second instalment of **\$590.00** was due by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**.

### **School Fee – Full Payment**

If you opted to pay your school fees in full, payment is due by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**.

### **Parent in Partnership and School Advisory Council**

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

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6:45pm in the Staffroom  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 1:30pm in the Bethany Resource Centre  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 6:45pm in the Staffroom  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 1:30pm in the Bethany Resource Centre  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 6:45pm in the Staffroom

**School Advisory Council Meetings** will be held on:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – 6:45pm – 8:15pm  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August – 6:45pm – 8:15pm  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 6:45pm – 8:15pm

### **Important Dates-**

#### **2024 Dates**

#### **May**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1 & Year 6 level Mass 10:00am School Hall  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Exploration Excursion – Animal Land Farm  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 7:45AM Mother's Day breakfast.  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's Day stall  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's Day  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – School Advisory Council – 6:45pm  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5/6 Online Incursion  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Parent Webinar Inform and Empower – 7:30pm online  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Assembly 2:25pm (Werribee & Yarra Hubs)  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Parents in Partnership 6:45pm  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Whole School Mass – Our Lady Help of Christians 10:00am School Hall  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Exploration – Henny Penny Egg Hatching  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Division Cross Country

#### **June**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Assembly 2:25pm (Yellow & Green Hubs)  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Social Justice Leaders – Kids view Conference  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Reconciliation for First Eucharist students  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – King's Birthday Holiday

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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – First Eucharist 5pm & 7pm at St. Andrew's Church  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Winter Gala Day  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Assembly 2:25pm (PE & Art)  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – School Reports home via Parent Portal  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Learning Conversations – **School closure**  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Last Day Term 2 – students finish at **12:30pm**

## July

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – School Closure  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – School Closure  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July Term 3 Begins – 8:50am start**  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Assembly 2:25pm (Teresa & Little Hubs)  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Confirmation Family Evening 6:445pm School Hall  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Whole School Mass: Mary, Martha & Lazarus 10:00am School Hall  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Bethany Feast Day  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July – VIS Leadership Excursion  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Parents in Partnership 1:30pm

## August

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Truganina District Athletics  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Bishop Visit – Confirmation candidates  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – VIS Leadership Excursion  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August – Assembly 2:25pm (Indigo & Blue Hubs)  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Year 4 Camp – Lady Northcote  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August – VIS Leadership Excursion  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Year 6 Confirmation 5:00pm & 7:00pm School Hall  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Assembly 2:25pm (Jordan & Sepik Hubs)  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August – School Advisory Council – 6:45pm  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August – Parents in Partnership 6:45pm  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Year 3 & Year 5 Level Mass 10:00am School Hall  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August – 7:45am Father's Day Breakfast.  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Father's Day Stall

## September

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

## School Closures for 2024

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

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Learning Conversations  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Professional Learning Conference  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Professional Learning Conference  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Assessment & Report Writing  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 2025 Planning Day

## Public Holidays for 2024

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – King's Birthday Public Holiday  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

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### **Sacrament Dates 2024 PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARIES**

**First Communion** – Year 4 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 5:00pm and 7:00pm at St Andrew's Church

**Confirmation** – Year 6 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 5:00pm and 7:00pm in the Bethany School Hall

**First Reconciliation** – Year 3 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> July 6:45pm  
School Hall

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

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

### **Camp Dates **NEW****

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

Year 3 – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – School Sleep Over

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

Year Prep – Term 4 – Date to be advised – 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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