

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of Term 3, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for your continued support. The Father's Day Breakfast and Father's Day Stall were wonderful celebrations, and we are grateful to the many parents and staff who assisted in making these events so special for our community.

Thank you also for the work you do each day in partnership with the school. Together, we are able to nurture and support our students so they can thrive in both their learning and wellbeing.

Another exciting highlight has been the installation of new furniture in the Exploration Centre. This furniture has been purpose-built to support the needs of our students and creates an environment that is flexible, engaging, and comfortable. It continues to encourage collaboration, creativity, and independence, as well as student wellbeing by ensuring learning spaces are welcoming, supportive, and designed with children in mind.

It has truly been a great term of living and learning at our school. I wish you all a safe and restful holiday break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 4

A few reminders for the beginning of Term 4

- **Sunhats** to be worn from the beginning of term 4, **Monday 6th October**, in line with our Sunsmart Policy
- **School and learning begins at 8:45am each day.** It is important that your child arrives on time, as this supports them to enter the learning space calmly, ready to engage with their classmates and teachers. Being on time also ensures they don't miss valuable learning at the start of the day, which sets the tone for successful learning.
- Full summer uniforms are required to be worn by **Monday 29th October**. Between the beginning of Term 4, Monday 6th October and then (29th Oct), students may transition to summer uniform. Please check all your summer uniforms and have your children try them on to ensure they are ready for a return to school. It is also very helpful when items are clearly named so if lost can be returned.

Hub Groupings 2026

At the beginning of term 4, the school will begin to consider hub groups for 2026. In placing a student in a hub group, we will be considering; teacher recommendations, friendships and the need to mix learning abilities and having gender balance. Should any parent feel that they wish to share insights or information with us that may assist in this decision-making process, please phone the school (9742 9800) and I (Joanne) will be happy to chat with you. A conversation about this is the preferred option. Please do not email. The opportunity to share information will only be provided until **Friday 17th October, 2025**.

Last day of Term 3 is Friday 19th September at 12:30pm. NO LUNCH ORDERS.

In consultation with the SRC, this day will be a FOOTY FEVER dress up day, where students may dress up in their favourite footy team gear or colours.

First day back for term 4 is Monday 6th October at 8:45am. Lunch orders available on this day.

May the school holidays be a time of rest and recuperation for all.

Enjoy the remainder of the week

Take care. God bless.

Joanne Webster
Principal

Prayer for the School Holidays

Loving God,
We thank You for the gift of this school term –
for the learning, the friendships, and the many moments of joy.
As we enter these school holidays,
we ask You to bless our students, families, and staff with rest and renewal.

Keep us safe in our travels,
watch over us in our play,
and fill our hearts with peace and gratitude.
May we return refreshed and ready
for the opportunities of the new term ahead.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

30th Anniversary- Thursday 13th November and Friday 14th November- SAVE THE DATE

This year, we are delighted to celebrate 30 years of Bethany. To mark this special occasion, we warmly invite all parents, past and present, to join us for a 30th Anniversary Mass on **Thursday 13th November at 10.00am.**

Following Mass, special guests and families are welcome to take part in a school tour and enjoy a display of photos from the past three decades, capturing the many memories and milestones of our Bethany community. After the tour, light refreshments will be served.

On **Friday 14th November**, our students will continue the celebrations with a fun-filled Celebration Day. Activities will include an arts session, disco, and the chance to dress up in 90's gear or casual dress. The day will finish with a colour run – students are encouraged to wear older clothes or a white t-shirt for this event.

As part of our anniversary celebrations, we are currently collating recipes into a Bethany Cookbook. Students have the exciting opportunity to design the front cover as well as chapter covers for sections such as Cultural Food, Mains, Desserts, Soups, Cakes, Biscuits, Celebrations, Snacks and Allergy-Friendly Foods. We can't wait to see their creative designs to bring our cookbook to life!

We look forward to celebrating this important occasion together and hope you can join us in honouring our school's history and future. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

Colour Run Fundraiser- Friday 14th November at 2pm

We also have our Colour Run Fundraiser for the year on Friday 14th November. Funds raised will go towards updating the furniture in Discovery Centre. A flyer with all information will be Operooed to all families on Friday 19th September.

PE Discovery Centre- Term 4

As we start a new term your child will also start new specialist rotations. This will mean that if your child is from Yellow Hub or Orange Hub, they will need to wear their sports uniform on two different days. Your child's PE days change with the new Specialist Cycle. **This begins on Monday 6th October.** Your child will be required to wear their sports uniform on the following day/s for their PE lessons:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Discovery Centre		Yellow Orange		Gold Blue Red Yellow	Indigo Violet Green Orange

PE Leadership Centre- Term 4 Weeks 1 and 2 ONLY

We are letting you know in advance the days your child has **PE in Term 4 Week 1 and 2 ONLY** due to interschool sport. Their PE lesson will then return to Thursday for the remainder of the term. Your child will be required to wear their sports uniform **ONLY** on the following day/s for their PE lessons:

	Monday 6 th October	Tuesday 7 th October	Wednesday 8 th October	Thursday 9 th October	Friday 10 th October
Leadership Centre		Chisholm Mandela MacKillop			

Important Dates – School Dates for 2025 **NEW**

September 2025

Thursday 18th September – Year 3 camp sleepover

Friday 19th September – Last day of Term 3 – 12:30pm finish – Footy Fever dress up day **NEW**

October 2025

Monday 6th October – First day of Term 4 – 8:45am start

Wednesday 8th October – Wyndham Division Softball Finals **NEW**

Thursday 9th October – Wyndham Division Basketball Finals **NEW**

Monday 13th October – Chisholm/MacKillop assembly 2:25pm

Wednesday 15th October – PIP Meeting – 1:30pm Resource Centre

Thursday 16th October – Wyndham Division Tennis Finals **NEW**

Monday 20th October – Discovery Centre Camp **NEW**

Wednesday 22nd October – Reconciliation Family Night – Online 6:45pm **Updated**

Thursday 23rd October – Pre Prep Visits

Friday 24th October – Year 5 Excursion – Scienceworks

Monday 27th October – Sky/Star assembly 2:25pm
Tuesday 28th October – Exploration Centre Incursion – Fairytale Fiasco **NEW**
Wednesday 29th October – Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Andrew's Church 5pm
Thursday 30th October – Pre Prep Visits
Thursday 30th October – Year 6 Incursion – Market Manouvers **NEW**

November 2025

Monday 3rd November – Report Writing Day – SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Monday 10th November – Leadership Centre Remembrance Day assembly **NEW**
Monday 10th November – MacKillop College Transition Visit **NEW**
Wednesday 12th November – PIP Meeting 6:45pm
Thursday 13th November – 30th Anniversary Whole School Mass **NEW**
Friday 14th November – 30th Anniversary Celebration **NEW**
Friday November 14th – Colour Run **NEW**
Saturday 22nd November – St. Andrew's Parish Mini Fair **NEW**
Monday 24th November – Sepik/Murray assembly 2:25pm
Wednesday 26th November – SAC Meeting 6:45pm

December 2025

Monday 1st December – 2026 Planning Day SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Wednesday 3rd December – Bethany Christmas Family Event **UPDATED AND NEW**
Friday 5th December – Orientation Day
Wednesday 10th December – Yr 6 Graduation 6pm **NEW**
Thursday 11th December – End of Year assembly 2:25pm
Friday 12th December – Year 6 End of Year Excursion **NEW**

Last day of school for 2025 is Monday 15th December at 3:00pm. **NEW**

Parent in Partnership Dates for 2025

Term 4

Wednesday 15th October – 1:30pm
Wednesday 12th November – 6:45pm

School Advisory Council Dates 2025

Wednesday 26th November – 6:45pm

School Closures for 2025

The following dates are school closure days for 2025. **PLEASE MARK THESE IN YOUR DIARIES:**

Monday 3rd November – Report Writing Day
Monday 1st December – 2026 Planning Day

Public Holidays for 2025

Tuesday 4th November – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Sacrament Dates 2025 PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARIES

First Reconciliation – Year 3 Wednesday 29th October at 5:00pm in St Andrew's Church

Family Nights for Sacraments 2025

Reconciliation Family Night – Year 3 students and parents/carers – Wednesday 22nd October 6:45pm **UPDATED ONLINE**

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