



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 6
Wednesday 24th April 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2! I hope you and your family enjoyed a happy and holy Easter celebrating the Risen Lord with family and friends. It was lovely to see the students return and to hear their cheerful voices as they entered the school!

Term 2 is an eleven-week term, slightly longer than most, filled with lots of new learning and family events for the school community including: sacrament celebration and family nights, excursions, incursions, math Olympiad, cross country, winter gala, level and school masses, Mother's Day breakfast and stall, reports and so on! I very much look forward to our partnership in the learning and the living of our students and your children.

The Athletics Carnival that took place last Thursday was a great success. We were blessed with excellent weather (not too hot, not too cool) and a well organised event, under the leadership of Connor Brien our Physical Education Co Ordinator, and with the contribution of all staff and the many families that volunteered. We thank all the families- parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and good friends who attended and cheered the students on. The students were remarkable in their efforts and athleticism on the day. A great team effort and a great event for all. THANK YOU!!



I would like to continue to remind all families of the importance of sticking to **the 5km per hour speed limit in the car park**. I continue to ask for your co-operation with this, especially as the weather gets cooler, and wetter and visibility may be poorer.

As always thank you to all those who always consider this ensuring our students are kept safe.

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A transition time from summer to winter uniform will begin in Term 2. From **Monday 6th May**, **all students will be required to wear full winter uniform**. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

	Winter Uniform	Sports Uniform
	Long / Short Sleeve Gold Polo Shirt with Navy Trousers OR Winter School Tunic with Navy Tights Black School Shoes (not runners) / Black School Boots	Long / Short Sleeve Gold Polo Shirt Navy Tracksuit Pants / Royal Blue Sports Shorts OR Royal Blue Netball Skirt
All students require:	Royal Blue Windcheater / Zip Jacket Black School Shoes (not runners) / Black School Boots	Navy Windcheater White Socks Runners

A reminder to all families of the following:

1. Prep Enrolment Interviews for 2025 begin this week. If you have a sibling at the school and have not yet submitted an enrolment application, could you please do so as soon as possible. The office is currently in the process of calling existing families to make an interview time.
2. **On Saturday, 27th April**, we invite all families and students to celebrate a special **Bethany Community Mass at 6:00pm at St Andrew's Church**. We will gather together as a community and celebrate Mass for the 4th week of Easter. Student leaders and the Bethany School Choir will lead us in the celebration of this Mass at St Andrew's Church. St Andrew's is located at 105 Greaves St North, Werribee. All Bethany families are encouraged to attend, particularly families whose children are preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation this year.
3. Eucharist Family Night is on **Wednesday 1st May at 6:45pm** - all students and families making their First Eucharist must attend.
4. Hoop Time **for Year 3 & 4 on Thursday 2nd May**
5. Cross Country takes place on **Wednesday 8th May**.

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6. SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE is on **Friday 3rd May at 8:45am and 2:30pm.**
7. The level Mass for Year 1 (Green, Red and Orange HubS) and Year 6 (Kolbe, Little and Teresa Hubs) will take place on **May 9 at 10am in the Leadership Centre.** All families are welcome.
8. Our Mother's Day Breakfast will be held on **Thursday 9th May at 7:45am** in the school hall. We look forward to seeing mothers and/or significant women on this day with their children. Please respond to this invitation by today- **Wednesday 24th April.**
9. Mother's Day Stall is on **Friday 10th May.** Students may purchase gifts for their mother's or significant women in their lives. Gifts range from \$1.00 to \$5.00.
10. **Thursday 16th 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.

Over the holidays the following works took place: painting and new blinds in the Exploration Centre and Gallery, all playgrounds have been refilled with bark, the atrium window in the Discovery Centre replaced, and a deep clean of all areas.

The Easter Raffle raised \$3847.55. This money will go towards the funding of new furniture in the learning spaces. Thank you so much for your contribution to this.

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

Joanne Webster
Principal

Prayer:

We commemorate ANZAC day tomorrow, Thursday 25th April. This day is the National Day of Commemoration of Australia and New Zealand. It marks the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. On this day we remember all those who fought and died for us so that we may enjoy freedom today- very cherished across the world. Our prayer is dedicated to their memory.

Gracious and loving God,
The cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all.
Open our minds to your vision as we remember all
who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement
in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.
Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all,
the gift of your deep peace.
May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become
instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Our condolences to Fr. Albert and his family on the passing of his brother, Francis. I know you will all keep Fr. Albert and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

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.

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

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Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL

As students return to school, all staff are reminding them about our PBL expectations. Students are very good at knowing what is expected and then being acknowledged for correct behaviours. Have you noticed your child wearing a sticker home or speaking of being acknowledged? The matrix below can also be used at home – copies are available from school. Pop in and get one if you would like one for your fridge.

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">Keep hands, feet and objects to yourselfLine up and walk calmly and quietly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Use kind words and actionsUse whole body listeningFollow directions promptly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Look after self, others and equipmentBe a responsible learner
Outside Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Keep hands and feet to yourselfUse spaces and equipment correctly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Use kind words and actionsBe a good sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Look after self, others and equipmentWear correct uniformBe on time & walk promptly to line up

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The Resilience Project

Working on our emotional literacy gives us opportunities to develop our ability to understand and express different emotions. When we improve our emotional literacy, we can work towards recognising our own feelings and our ability to manage them. This allows us to cope with different life situations, such as managing conflict, making friends, coping in difficult situations, and being resilient when dealing with change.

Whole Family Activity: Feelings Charades

- Gather together as a family, this might be around the dinner table, lounge room, or around the fire outside.
- Take turns to act out a feeling or emotion. Use your face and body language to act this out, For example: Make an angry face and stamp your feet or
- Other family members need to guess the feeling/emotion.
- After someone has guessed the feeling/emotion, have family members discuss a time they have felt this way before and why. If it was a negative emotion, how did they overcome it?

Family Habit Builder:

Around the dinner table, ask everyone to share a feeling they felt during that day. Discuss how they dealt with that feeling and then discuss and share strategies you could use when faced with particular feelings.

Student reflections

We learnt about naming the emotions that we feel, like happy, sad, scared and excited. **Ollie S (Blue Hub)**

I learnt about how we can have different feelings at different times of the day. **Bella K (Blue Hub)**

You can do little things for other people to make them feel happy. **Cody D (Red Hub)**

Our actions can make people feel different emotions, so we want them to always feel happy.

Michelle A (Red Hub)

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

Family News

Caritas Donations



Thank you for your ongoing support with Project Compassion. The school raised \$358.40. We thank you for your contribution.

Happy Families

This week's read is titled: Diffusing Explosive Children. The belief is that "Kids do well if they can." If children are explosive, it may be because they are missing the skill set to behave in a more appropriate way. A gentle way of describing this is – Lagging skills. Lagging skills are the missing pieces in a child's skill set, hindering their ability to meet the demands of the moment. These lagging skills are flexibility and adaptability, frustration tolerance, problem-solving, and emotion regulation. The article breaks these skills down to help you teach and support your child to be more competent in managing themselves. 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 30th 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 19th April**.

MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Wednesday 1 May 2024

4.00pm – 6.30pm

Final Tour at 5.45pm

All welcome to attend and tour the College. For further information regarding the College please visit the College website: www.mackillop.vic.edu.au

Enrolments for Year 7 2026

Applications close on Friday 16 August 2024

Parent in Partnership and School Advisory Council

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

Wednesday 22nd May at 6:45pm in the Staffroom

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 15th May – 6:45pm – 8:15pm

Wednesday 14th August – 6:45pm – 8:15pm

Wednesday 6th November – 6:45pm – 8:15pm

Important Dates-

2024 Dates

April

Thursday 25 April – **ANZAC Day – PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Friday 26th April – Leadership Excursion – Shrine of Remembrance

Saturday 27th April – Community Mass 6:00pm St Andrew's **NEW**

May

Wednesday 1st May – Family Eucharist Night 6:45pm School Hall

Monday 6th May – Year 4 Werribee Zoo Excursion

Monday 6th May – Assembly 2:25pm (Gold & Violet Hubs)

Tuesday 7th May – Year 3 Werribee Zoo Excursion

Wednesday 8th May – Cross Country

Thursday 9th May – Year 1 & Year 6 level Mass 10:00am School Hall

Thursday 9th May – Exploration Excursion – Animal Land Farm

Thursday 9th May – 7:45AM Mother's Day breakfast.

Friday 10th May – Mother's Day stall

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Sunday 12th May – Mother's Day
Wednesday 15th May – School Advisory Council - 6:45pm
Thursday 16th May – Parent Webinar Inform and Empower- 7:30pm online
Monday 20th May – Assembly 2:25pm (Werribee & Yarra Hubs)
Wednesday 22nd May – Parents in Partnership 6:45pm
Friday 24th May – Whole School Mass – Our Lady Help of Christians 10:00am School Hall
Monday 27th May – Exploration – Henny Penny Egg Hatching
Tuesday 28th May – Division Cross Country

June

Monday 3rd June – Assembly 2:25pm (Yellow & Green Hubs)
Thursday 6th June – Reconciliation for First Eucharist students
Monday 10th June – King's Birthday Holiday
Thursday 13th June – First Eucharist 5pm & 7pm at St. Andrew's Church
Friday 14th June – Winter Gala Day
Monday 17th June – Assembly 2:25pm (PE & Art)
Tuesday 25th June – School Reports home via Parent Portal
Thursday 27th June – Learning Conversations – **School closure**
Friday 28th June – Last Day Term 2 – students finish at **12:30pm**

July

Monday 15th July – School Closure
Tuesday 16th July – School Closure
Wednesday 17th July Term 3 Begins – 8:50am start
Monday 22nd July – Assembly 2:25pm (Teresa & Little Hubs)
Wednesday 24th July – Confirmation Family Evening 6:445pm School Hall
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
Wednesday 31st July – Parents in Partnership 1:30pm

August

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

September

Monday 2nd September – Assembly 2:25pm (Earth & Star Hubs)
Tuesday 10th September – Division Athletics
Thursday 12th September – Year Prep Level Mass 10:00am School Hall
Monday 16th September – Assembly 2:25pm (Boite & Italian

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Thursday 19th September – Year 3 Camp; Sleep over at school

Friday 20th 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 27th June – Learning Conversations

Monday 15th July – Professional Learning Conference

Tuesday 16th July – Professional Learning Conference

Monday 4th November – Assessment & Report Writing

Monday 2nd December – 2025 Planning Day

Public Holidays for 2024

Thursday 25th April – ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Monday 10th June – King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 5th November – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Sacrament Dates 2024 PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARIES

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

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

Eucharist Family Night – Year 4 students and parents/carers – Wednesday 1st May 6:45pm School Hall **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

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 NEW

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 – 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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