

Dear Families

Next week on Thursday 8th August, our Year 6 students celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament is the third sacrament of initiation, and asks our students to renew the promises made at Baptism, and has both the rituals of the laying on of hands and anointing of the oil of Chrism. The anointing of the candidate is a sign of confirming the gift of the Spirit, as well as calling the candidates to use these gifts to become involved in the life and mission of the community. In the Laying on of the Hands, the bishop places his hands on the head of the candidates and prays for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This ritualises the connection to Baptism and the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in our vocation to follow the way of Jesus. The anointing of the candidate at Confirmation recognises that they are sealed with the Holy Spirit. At the end of the rite, the bishop says "Peace be with you" and the candidate responds with "And with your spirit", symbolising the candidates place in the Church community. Over the next few weeks, I ask you and your families to keep our Year 6 Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

The official dates for Book Week are from 17th August until 23rd August. Our annual Book Parade will be held on Friday 23rd August at 9:00am in our School Hall. The theme for this year is "Reading is Magic". We invite all students, pre-schoolers and parents (if you would like) to dress up as their favourite character on the day. More information regarding the events for the week and day will be made available shortly.

Our annual Father's Day Breaky will be held on Thursday 29th August. We invite all fathers and father like figures to attend and enjoy breakfast with their children. Please confirm your attendance and numbers for the morning so we may begin catering for this. An Operoo will be sent home shortly for these numbers.

We thank all families who have sold and returned money and chocolates as well as those who made a donation. If you have not returned chocolates or money or given a donation as indicated we ask that this be finalised by **this Friday 2nd August**. We have a significant number of boxes of chocolates from our fundraising for 2024 remaining. Any family wishing to sell another box, is very welcome to ask at the office.

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

Joanne Webster
Principal

A Prayer for our Confirmation Candidates

God our Father,

We thank you for our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

You call each one of them by name and promise that whatever happens in their lives, you will be with them always.

We pray that this journey to Confirmation will be an opportunity for them to deepen their faith and renew their hope in you so that your love may shine through them to the world.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the spirit of right judgement and courage,
 the spirit of knowledge and reverence.
 Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

School News

SRC Events for Terms 3 and 4

Term	Event	Date
Term 3	Sports Day and Hot Dog Day-students and staff wear the colours of their favourite sports day and enjoy a hot dog lunch.	Thursday 5 th September
Term 4	Bethany's Got Talent- students showcase their talents.	Auditions in Centres in Weeks 3 and 4 Week 5 students rehearse at home Week 6 Thursday 14 th November Finals Years 3-6 Week 7 Monday 18 th November- Finals Years 3-6 Thursday 21 st November – Finals Years Prep -2 Week 8 Monday 25 th November Finals Years P-2

Positive Behaviour for Learning



We start the new term with reminders on school routines which students are very familiar with. All classes have links to the PBL Matrix with video clips and PowerPoint displays showing students what is expected. These are great for front loading and reminding students what is expected.



Parents, you can support your child by only walking on all asphalt areas around the school buildings. This is especially important at 3:00pm pickup time when everyone is in these spaces. This keeps everybody safe. Students are also reminded to keep balls still in these spaces before and after school also. Thank you.



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

All students attending Bethany Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.

The Resilient Project

The Children's Wellbeing Continuum

Mental health and mental health conditions are different and exist on a continuum.

At one end, **Flourishing/Good** represents optimal functioning in which a child or young person feels good, functions well, relates well with others, and approaches their learning with purpose, curiosity and optimism.

Next are children and young people who are **Going OK/Coping**. They experience good mental health and an absence of frequent or significant feelings of distress.

In the **Struggling** range, are children and young people who may come to the attention of educators due to more noticeable but generally time-limited periods of distress which have a mild impact on their behaviour, learning and relationships. These experiences may either be:

- an expected part of development and growing up,
- an expected emotional reaction to challenging life circumstances, or
- the early signs of an emerging mental health condition.

Finally, children and young people at the far right-hand-side of the continuum have thoughts, feelings and behaviours that are **Distressing/Overwhelmed** and have a **severe impact on everyday activities**.

Children and young people shift back and forth along the continuum. Mental health changes over time in response to different stresses and experiences. There are many factors, both internal and external, that affect where someone generally sits on the continuum, and also where they sit at any given point in time. Most children and young people sit at the positive mental health end of the continuum, most of the time.

To learn more about the Children's Wellbeing Continuum and ways you can support your child at each stage of the continuum, please watch [Raising Children: The Children's Wellbeing Continuum](#).

Source: Be You (2024). *Mental Health Continuum*. <https://beyou.edu.au/resources/mental-health-continuum>

Happy Families

As parents we try and provide so many activities for our children. Whether that be extra-curricular activities such as dance, swimming lessons or sport. As a result, we often are tired from the extra running around and being organised with uniforms, meals and travel. This week's Happy Family article is about *Managing Fatigue as a Parent*. It gives detail on the three solutions: sleep, diet and attention management. Hopefully after the read you will feel more empowered with at least one of these, and you will feel more energised and less tired.

Child Safety Update

The Child Safe Standard 4 is about families and the school (Bethany) working together to ensure all children are safe. Families participate in making decisions affecting their child. Bethany

communicates to families their Child Safety and Wellbeing policies that are accessible on their website. Parents in Partnership contribute on behalf of families when policies and practices are reviewed. Families are informed about Bethany's operations and governance through the website, newsletters and information evenings.



Standard 4

Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing

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: Sts 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 12th August for Indigo and Blue Hubs.

TERM 3		TERM 4	
DATE	HUBS	DATE	HUBS
15 JULY		7 OCTOBER	
22 JULY	Year 5 Chisholm/Mac Killop	14 OCTOBER	Year 6 Teresa/Little (Art)
29 JULY		21 OCTOBER	
5 AUGUST		28 OCTOBER	Prep Sky/Ocean
12 AUGUST	Year 2 Indigo/Blue	4 NOVEMBER	
19 AUGUST	Year 4 Jordan/Sepik	11 NOVEMBER	REMEMBRANCE DAY- Leadership Centre
26 AUGUST		18 NOVEMBER	
2 SEPTEMBER	Prep Earth/Star	25 NOVEMBER	Year 3/4 Todd/Murray
10 SEPTEMBER		2 DECEMBER	PP DAY
16 SEPTEMBER	BOITE/Italian	Thurs 12 DECEMBER	End of Year Assembly JOANNE

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 –

July

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

Friday 2nd August – VIS Leadership Excursion (MacKillop and Chisholm Hubs)

Friday 2nd August – Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates

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)

Wednesday 14th August – School Advisory Council – 6:45pm

Friday 16th August – Exploration Centre – Minibeasts Incursion

Monday 19th August – Assembly 2:25pm (Jordan & Sepik Hubs)

Monday 19th August – Book Week

Monday 19th August – Year 3 Camp Meeting 3:15pm

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

Monday 26th August – Book Fair

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

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 (Teresa & Little)
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)
Monday 11th November – Wednesday 13th November – Dental Van
Thursday 14th November – Years 2 & 4 Level Mass 10:00am School Hall
Thursday 14th November – Leadership Centre Maps and Mayhem Incursion
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 Hall

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

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