



# Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee North

Newsletter No. 3 2020

**Dear Parents,**

## **Community Mass – This Sunday**

This year our first Community Mass will be held this **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March**. These masses are celebrated in the school hall at 10am. All Welcome!

Last year each of our Community Masses at Bethany had a large attendance of at least 300 people at each mass. Our Parish Priest, Father Albert is urging families to keep up this participation.

If possible, make our Community Mass your mass of choice for that weekend.

**Community Mass  
This Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March  
10am in the school hall**

## **Year 4 – First Eucharist**

In particular, children receiving a Sacrament this year need to demonstrate that they regularly attend Mass. The Community Masses are the ideal time for these children to come to Mass.

## **No School – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Public Holiday**

Please note that next Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March is the Labour Day public holiday. There is no school for any student on this day.

*Our School  
Vision:*

*“Creating  
authentic  
relationships for  
successful living  
within a  
Catholic  
tradition.”*

*Bethany Catholic  
Primary School is  
committed to the  
safety, wellbeing  
and protection of  
all children in our  
care.*

## Athletics Carnival – This Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

Bethany Athletics Carnival, Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March.  
Victoria University Sports Complex  
Hoppers Lane, Werribee

All our students are working hard to perform at their best on the carnival day. **Has your child a coloured t-shirt in their team colour? If not, t-shirts are available from Rushfords in Werribee.**

### *A Few Reminders*

1. **All** students will travel to the carnival on the school buses.
2. **Year 3 - 6 need to be at school no later than 8.40 a.m.**
3. On the carnival day **all** students require a Bethany hat and a water bottle **clearly marked with their name.**
4. All Prep to Year 2 students will return to school for the afternoon session.
5. Year 3 - 6 students will leave the athletics track at approximately 1.40 p.m.
6. Families wishing to take year 3 - 6 students home directly from the track need to have completed an early dismissal form on CareMonkey.
7. A timetable of events will be sent home tomorrow, **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**
8. Please **bring coins** for the parking meters or download the easypark app if using the Athletics Track parking.

### *Parent Helpers at the Carnival*

We have had a magnificent response for parent support on the day of the Athletics Carnival. Thank you. Amazing parent partnerships that help create great community pride.

### *Sports Captains*

Our congratulations to the following students who have been appointed the 2020 Athletics Carnival Captains.

House	Senior Leaders
Conifer (Green)	Tayla Cachia & Hayden Marino
Jacaranda (Blue)	Keira Dillon & Zane Toseland
Waratah (Red)	Charlie Gilham & Aleisha Wale
Wattle (Yellow)	Lucas Said & Mia Kitanovski

## Wearing Sports T-shirts to School

During this week we would like to invite all children to wear their coloured sports t-shirt during their P.E days and on the day of the carnival.

**Exploration Centre:** Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March – Athletics Carnival Day

**Discovery Centre:** Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March – Athletics Carnival Day

**Bridging Centre:** Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March – Athletics Carnival Day

**Leadership Centre:** Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March – Athletics Carnival Day

## Athletics Carnival – Looking For Muscles!

On the morning of the school athletics carnival, **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**, we are looking for strong people who could assist in the assembly of the shade tents for the children to use throughout the day.

The tent assembly will be between **8.15 – 9am** at the Victoria University Athletics track. If you are able to assist us, we would really appreciate the help. As the students won't be at the track at that time you will not need a Working with Children Check in order to help with this task. Please call the office on 9742 9800 or return the slip at the end of this newsletter.

## Prep Enrolment 2021 - Existing Bethany Families Only

Families wishing to enrol a child at Bethany in 2021 are asked to return the slip at the end of this newsletter requesting an enrolment form. This invitation to enrol is **only** for parents with children **already attending Bethany**. Do not miss out on a 2021 Prep placement. **Please enrol now.**

## Prep Enrolment 2021 - Families NOT already at Bethany

Families wishing to enrol a child at Bethany for the **first time** are welcome to come in to the Admin Centre office to complete an application form as from today **Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

## The Bethany Festival - 5.30 – 8.30 p.m.

The Bethany Festival will be held on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March** 5.30pm – 8.30pm

The Festival is a great night – a great way to both experience and help create the Bethany Spirit for which we are so well known.

The Festival is an opportunity for Foundation (Prep) to Year 6 students and their families to enjoy a great fun night. This year the festival will again be held on the school grounds. The evening consists of bush dancing, a BYO picnic dinner and a series of great acts:

- Welcome to our 2020 Preps
- A student act presented by students from the Bridging Centre
- A staff act
- And of course plenty of bush dancing

**In particular, we encourage all families  
with a Prep student to make every effort to attend the Festival**

The evening begins with our Leadership students presenting the new Preps to the community. The festival is a great way to connect- a great family night – a great opportunity to see your child connect with their friends.

Festival tickets (\$10 per family) will be on sale from **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March**. Please send an envelope with \$10 cash and your eldest child's name, hub and "Festival Ticket" to the Admin Centre office and we will send a family admission ticket home with your child.

## **Reading Helpers ~ Lots of Help Needed**

The Grade One Reading Tutor program involves parents coming into the school two mornings per week (Wednesday and Friday) for thirty minutes to assist grade one children with reading skills. **(You do not have to have a grade one child to participate).**

Parent volunteers will be trained in how to support the skills that are being covered in the classroom reading program.

The program gives:

- ⊙ parents an opportunity to be involved in the school program
- ⊙ strategies to help parents work with their own children at home
- ⊙ students the opportunity to receive positive feedback and build confidence.

Over time we have come to see that the single biggest benefit of this program is the close relationship that builds between the tutor and the student. The children experience the support and encouragement of an adult who is there 'just for them'. We would really appreciate your support with this.

Ideally, we would like parents to commit to both Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.50 - 9.20 a.m., but we can also offer you either a Wednesday or Friday if this suits your personal arrangements better. If you are able to assist, please return the slip at the end of this newsletter.

Parent Tutoring will begin on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March** at 9.00 a.m. There will also be an opportunity for potential new volunteers to see how the program works on this day.

A gentle reminder that volunteers will need to provide the school with a copy of their current Working With Children Check.

## **Thank you**

We are extremely grateful to the following ladies who have generously committed to the Year 1 Reading Tutor program *Charmaine La Rocca, Narelle Taylor, Victoria Bellis, Carol McDonald, Cassandra Hockley, Cathy Wade, Jessica Wade, Melissa Ventre and Jill Velinos.*

## **Assembly – Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Next week's assembly will be led by students from Todd and Indigo Hubs. The assembly will be held in the school hall at 9.00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. As always there will be a cuppa and chat opportunity at the end of the presentation.

## Sub Committee News

### Fundraising

The Parent Sub-Committee are currently holding our first fundraising activity for the year.

Thank you to every family who have so graciously accepted a book of raffle tickets for the school fee raffle. Good luck one and all and thank you to our Fundraising group for organising the raffle.

We are hopeful that families will work extremely hard to sell the entire book of tickets for us. As always the raffle will be drawn at our Bethany Festival on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March**.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$1,600 School Fee payment**

This can be used to pay your 2020 School Fee or if you have already paid your fee, you can use the prize to pay your 2021 School Fees in advance. If this is your last year at Bethany, you can claim the cash!

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Accommodation package at the Werribee Mansion**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Coles Myer Voucher valued at \$100**

#### ***Return of Raffle Tickets***

Thank you to the many families who have already sold their raffle tickets and returned the proceeds. **All tickets and proceeds need to be returned to the school by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March (8 days' time) at the latest. Be in it to win it. Good luck one and all!!!**

**All Tickets and money are due back at school by Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March**

## New Prep Timetable

As from next week, Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, Prep students are expected to attend school on a full-time basis.

**No more Wednesday rest days.**

We congratulate our Prep students and their families - these little folk have settled so confidently and happily into life at Bethany.

Our thanks also to the parents with a child in the Exploration Centre who have so strongly embraced our beginning of year invitations.

Thank you for attending all or any such activities:

- Morning cuppas
- Open Night
- School assemblies

We are confident that all our Prep families will be at the **Festival on March 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Children feel a great sense of security when they see families working in such strong partnership with the school. Without doubt the spirit of Bethany is thriving.

## **Wearing our School Uniform With Pride**

We are grateful to families who work so hard to ensure students are in full uniform every day.

**No Jewellery** - A gentle reminder that students are not free to wear earrings other than studs and no neck chains and no make up including nail polish.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support of this policy expectation.

## **Last Day of Term 1**

The last day of Term 1 is **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March**. **On this day all students will finish school at 12.30 p.m.** Please let your carers know of this early finish time.

**Term 2 begins at 8.40 a.m. on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April**. Please note that **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April is Easter Monday**.

## **End of Term Working Bee**

As is our tradition, we hold a working bee at the end of each term. This term's working bee is scheduled for **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 3.00 – 5.30 p.m.**

This working bee enables us to keep the school in “tip top” condition and also enables us to continue to build a strong sense of community.

The school supports the working bee by providing childcare in the hall for Bethany students. The childcare is offered from 3.00 - 4.00 p.m.

The tasks at the working bee include dusting, cleaning tables, vacuuming the areas, etc. Generally we ask families to donate 30 - 40 minutes of time.

If possible please keep the date and time free. We will call for volunteers shortly.

## **Secondary Schools**

### ***MacKillop Catholic Regional College Werribee***

MacKillop is a Secondary ‘feeder’ college for Bethany students. Specific information regarding MacKillop’s enrolment is available on their website <https://mackillopwerribee.com.au/>

### ***Werribee Secondary College***

Werribee Secondary College will be holding an Information Night for parents of prospective students on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2020** commencing at 7.00pm in the College Auditorium.

Information regarding the Select Entry Learning Program and what the College can offer your child will be available. Contact the College on 9741 1822 for further information or to book a tour of the College.

**Please return to school:**

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**Bethany Athletics Carnival**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Eldest Child’s Hub** \_\_\_\_\_

I can help at the following time:

- All day: 9.30 a.m. - 1.15 p.m.
- Prep time: 10.15 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

The school has a copy of my current Working With Children Card Yes  No

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**Year One Reading Tutors**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Eldest Child’s Hub** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to assist with Year One Reading. I can help on:

- Wednesday
- Friday
- Both Wednesday and Friday

The school has a copy of my current Working With Children Card Yes  No

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**Shade Tent Assembly - Athletics Carnival**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Eldest Child’s Hub** \_\_\_\_\_

I can help set up the shade tent for the Athletics Carnival. Set up is from 8.15am – 9am at the Victoria University Athletics Track, Hoppers Lane, Werribee on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Yes  No

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**Prep Enrolment 2021**

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Eldest Child’s Hub** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to enrol my child into Bethany for Prep 2021. Please send home an enrolment application pack.

**Prep 2021 Child’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

# QUANTIN BINNAH VACATION CARE PROGRAMS

**Quantin Binnah  
Corpus Christi**

**Vacation  
Care  
Program  
s**

**Quantin  
Binnah  
6:30am to  
6:00pm \$65**



## Vacation Care Program Term 1 2020

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
 <b>Professor Bunsen Science</b> <small>Excursion</small>	 <b>Werribee Village Cinema Trolls World Tour</b> <small>Excursion to the cinema at Pacific Werribee</small>	 <b>Green Thumb Fun</b> <small>Plant your own assorted Veggie!</small>	 <b>Toonworld Education</b> <small>Stop Motion Animation Workshop</small>	 <b>Melbourne Museum</b> <small>Discover Walk, Self Guiding, Foot People!</small>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April
 <b>Wyndham Chess Club Comes to Us</b> <small>Excursion</small>	 <b>Werribee Village Cinema Peter Rabbit 2</b> <small>Excursion to the cinema at Pacific Werribee</small>	 <b>Easter Bonnet Parade</b> <small>Make and decorate your own Easter Bonnet</small>	 <b>Werribee Park Mansion</b> <small>Easter Egg Hunt</small>	 <b>Good Friday</b> <small>Public Holiday All Centers Closed</small>

**Quantin Binnah and Corpus Christi**

**\*see terms and conditions online**

**Corpus  
Christi  
6:30am to  
6:00pm \$65  
6:30am to  
6:30pm \$69**

**Childcare  
Subsidy  
Applies  
Call DHS on 13  
61 50**

## Applications for Term 1 Vacation Care Available Online Now

Please go to the following address to apply online:

[https://www.smartcentral.net/v2/service\\_profile/show/267](https://www.smartcentral.net/v2/service_profile/show/267)

Please select the desired program (Quantin Binnah or Corpus Christi) from the list to begin your application.