



# Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Dear Families,

Newsletter No. 2 2021

This week we enter the second full week of school. I would like to congratulate the students on the positivity they have shown towards each other, the welcome they have shown to me and the enthusiasm they have demonstrated towards their learning. A big thank you to the families, for ensuring the children are here, at school, on time, and for your support in ensuring your children have all they need to learn and feel good at school. I would like to also thank and commend the staff of Bethany for their continued support and commitment to both the wellbeing and learning and teaching of all students.

I have enjoyed meeting many of you in the school yard. Please feel free to approach me and say "hi".

### Prayer:

Dear Lord,  
Help us to live slowly:  
To move simply:  
To look softly:  
To allow emptiness:  
To let the heart, create for us.  
Amen

Take care.  
God bless.

Joanne Webster.



**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.*

**Our School  
Motto:  
Journey  
Together**

### SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS

#### Important Dates for Term 1

##### February

Wednesday 10th - Sub Committee Meeting  
Wednesday 17th - Ash Wednesday  
Wednesday 25th - Leadership Assembly

##### March

Friday 5th - Athletics Carnival  
Monday 8th - Labour Day **Public Holiday No School**  
Wednesday 10th - Sub Committee Meeting  
Monday 15th - Catholic Education Week  
Friday 26th - Bethany Festival

##### April

Thursday 1st - Holy Thursday and End of Term 1. 12.30pm finish for all students.

## School Closures for 2021

The following dates are school closure days for 2021. PLEASE MARK THESE IN YOUR DIARIES

- **Monday July 12th & Tuesday 13th:** Professional Development Conference
- **Monday November 1st** (Monday before Cup Day) Assessment and Report writing
- **Thursday 16th and Friday 17th December-** End of Year Professional Development days

## Book Covering

Books **WILL NOT** come home this year to be covered. This is in an endeavour to be more sustainable, as well as appreciating the work this involves for you as families. If you have pre-purchased contact for this, please see your child's teacher, and arrange a date for books to come home. Next year, no books will go home for covering.

## Sacrament Dates

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Year 6 students

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 6.20pm
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 6.20pm

**Sacrament of Eucharist:** Yet to be determined

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Yet to be determined

Once dates have been confirmed with Fr. Albert we will of course let you know.

## Drop off Zone

Drop off Zones exist on Thames Avenue and Retford Close. A reminder to all families and new families, that these are to be used as "kiss and go" drop offs. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK OR DOUBLE PARK IN THESE AREAS.** The school car park is available to all families if you would like to walk your child in. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

## Supervision of Students

Please ensure students are not dropped off at school prior to 8:30am, as there is no teacher supervision at this time.

## COVID 19 Update

As you will be well aware we are now asked to wear masks indoors, unless in the act of teaching. If arriving at 2:30pm, to align with the guidelines and Covid Safe measures, please remain in your car as you are only permitted to be onsite, in the school yard or office area, for 15 minutes. If you are onsite longer than this we require you to register at the office using the QR code.

## Prep Enrolment 2022 - Existing Bethany Families Only

Families wishing to enrol a child at Bethany in 2022 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 2022 Prep placement. Please enrol now.

## Prep Enrolment 2022 - Families NOT already at Bethany

Families wishing to enrol a child at Bethany for the first time are welcome to complete an application form as from **Monday, 1st March.**

## STUDENT NEWS

### Leadership Assembly 25<sup>th</sup> February 9am.

Our first assembly for this year will be the Leadership Assembly. The assembly is a call to service as well as a "Welcome to All People" for our Year 5 & 6 students as leaders of our Bethany School community. It celebrates their call and commitment to leadership. All students and staff will support the Leadership Centre with their presence. Due to the density limits in place families will not be permitted to attend. This will be available to families online. Stay tuned for details.



## Assemblies 2021

Due to Covid 19 and the restrictions placed on indoor density limits, assemblies will be made available online to families.

### Term 1

Feb 25 Leadership Assembly Yr 6

March 18 Yellow & Yarra

### Term 2

April 29 Murray & Chisholm

May 20 Teresa & Orange

June 10 Sepik & McKillop

June 24 Kolbe Blue

### Term 3

July 29 Jordan & indigo

Aug 12 Mandela & Green

Aug 26 Todd & Red

Sept 16 Sky & Little

### Term 4

Oct 21 Ocean & Werribee

Nov 11 Earth & Maths Olympiad

## Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday falls on **Tuesday 16th February** this year. Traditionally on this day, we clear out the pantry and prepare for the season of Lent. On this day, the students at Bethany will be provided with the learning and teaching experience of making pikelets. The focus will be on procedural text, language experience, and reading strategies around following instructions. You will receive a note on **Operoo**, requesting permission for your child to participate in this.

## STAFF NEWS

### Introducing Bethany Staff for 2021

**Principal:** Joanne Webster

#### Deputy Principals:

Gemma Gowland - School Community Leader/School Leader - Leadership Centre.

Michael Gowland - Learning and Teaching Leader/School Leader - Exploration & Discovery Centres

Kate Flanders - ICT Leader/School Leader - Bridging Centre

Loretta Freeman - Religious Education Leader/School Leader - Bridging Centre.

Helen (H). Kelly - Student Wellbeing Leader

### Exploration Centre: Foundation (Prep)

Kathryn Camilleri - Centre Leader

Mariela Aparo - Centre Leader

Lisa Dolin	Alex Williams	Tanya Flores
Simon Beraldo	Emily Orr	Alessia Abraham

### Discovery Centre: Year 1/2

Vanessa Machado - Centre Leader

Kim Kennedy - Team Leader

Sarah Walsh	Natalie Little	Kristy Varenica	Amanda Defina	Emily Navarro	Tegan Beech
Veronica Spencer	Susan Gurrie	Maree Day	Justin Jones	Yvonne Mizzi	

**Bridging Centre: Year 3/4**

Amy Freeman - Team Leader

Julius Prack	Marilyn Gerace	Vicki Benson	Elaine Dunne	Maria Crawley	Claire Neville
Genevieve Murray	Trish Hollenbach	Erica Aclan	Melanie Foulkes	Kym Young	Cassie Hockley

**Leadership Centre: Year 5/6**

Kirrily Wallis - Centre Leader  
Sheree Hegarty - Centre Leader

Kate Hockley	Emma Bonanno	Claudia Concannon	Zac Latham	Helena O'Connor	Hang Cao
Jo Allison	Ash Hudson	Marijana Jerkovic	Lisa Gloster	Elaine Scanlon	Jenny Verigos

Helen Murray: Diversity Leader

**Admin Centre**

Kylie Scott - Finance  
Karen Sproal - Human Relations  
Nicole Marinaro - Reception/Compliance  
Lea Arida - First Aid Officer and Library Technician

**Facility Maintenance**

Brendan Byrne - Facility Manager  
Emmanuel Vasquez  
Michael Byrne - Gardener

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**Prep Enrolment 2021**

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

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

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