



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 4
Tuesday 9th March 2021

Dear Families,

Open night was certainly a great opportunity for your children to share their learning spaces and environment with you, as well as meeting and getting to know the educators in each of the centres. It also provided me with the opportunity to meet with so many of you as I begin my leadership and service to the community of Bethany.

Coming up this week on Friday 12th March, we have an incursion across the school called "Backflips Against Bullying". The incursion for students from Prep to Year 6, engages students through an acrobatic performance, looking at the following elements- empowering the bystander, exit strategies for the victim, the impact of deliberate social exclusion, the consequences of retaliation and whole school action. The school will follow this up on Friday 19th March, National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, with a whole school action. This may also be a conversation you could continue with your child/ren later this week.

Last week our Bridging Centre held it's beginning of the year liturgy. The students contributed and participated in the liturgy with reverence and joy. Thank you to all.



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*

During Lent, we pray, fast and give alms. I came across this prayer about fasting and feasting and the significance of this for each of us this Lent.

PRAYER: The Fast Life

Dear Lord,
Help us to...

Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism;
Feast on hope.
Fast from negatives;
Feast on encouragement.
Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.
Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.
Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from anxiety;
Feast on faith.

Amen

Take care.
God bless.

Joanne Webster.

SCHOOL NEWS

ECSI: Enhancing Catholic School Identity Surveys

Thank you to the families who have participated in the ECSI surveys. Your completion of these will significantly support the school to review its faith formation for the last four years, and more importantly set direction for the next four years.

Sacrament Dates

Sacrament of Confirmation: Year 6 students

- Wednesday 21st July 6.20pm
- Thursday 22nd July 6.20pm

Sacrament of Eucharist Year 4 Sunday 29th August 1:00 and 3:00pm in the Bethany School Hall

Sacrament of Eucharist Year 5 Sunday 16th May 1:00pm and 3:00pm in the Bethany School Hall

Sacrament of Reconciliation Year 3 Thursday 28th October 6:00pm and 7:30pm in the Bethany School Hall

Prep Enrolment 2022 - Don't Miss Out!!!

We are currently asking families already in the school to let us know if you have a child ready to start school next year. With the population growth in the area, places are filling very quickly.

It is most important that no child from an existing family miss out. **HOWEVER YOU NEED TO APPLY NOW!**

If you require an enrolment form please phone the school on 9742 9800, call into the school office or complete the form at the end of this newsletter.

Sub Committee Meeting and Thank you

Our thanks to Erin Hollingsworth, Zdenka Brnada, Shirley Humphries, Megan Aidone, Kanchana Silva, Lisa Saunders, Christine Bilston and Veronica Rapa for their support of our cuppa and chat sessions. Much appreciated ladies.

Our sincere thanks also to each of our Sub Committee members who supported our bumper Second Hand Uniform sales last week: Trudy Chitty, Singrid Darcy, Veronica Rapa, Christine Bilston, Jessica Janakievski, Kim Wheelahan, Megan Aidone, Fatima Elmaoula & Juliet Tennyson.

Our next second hand uniform sale will be in Term 2. As we have a large amount of stock left over from this sale we will store it at school until the next sale. If you would like your uniforms returned to you please call the office to arrange a time to come in and collect them.

Proceeds from the sale will be sent home this week.

Our next Sub Committee meeting will be held tomorrow **Wednesday, 10th March** at 1.40pm in the staff room.

Parent Helpers Needed - Year One Reading

If you have time on a Wednesday and Friday morning from 8.50 until 9.20am, we would like to invite you to join our Year One Reading program. **You don't even need to have a Year One child.** You will not need any qualifications other than a willingness to form a close bond with a child and work together over a number of weeks to practise beginning reading skills.

We will provide you with all you need! If you are able to help Wednesday and Friday mornings that would be most appreciated, however if only one of those days works for you, we would still love to have you onboard. Given that you are working in the learning spaces with students, **you will need to supply the school with a valid Working with Children Check. Please reply via the slip at the end of this newsletter or call the Office on 9742 9800.**

School Fees

By the end of this term we are hopeful that all Student Fees and First Instalment School Fees will have been finalised.

As every family signed their intention to pay school fees, it is expected that such payments be honoured. Should any family experience financial difficulty, please make a time to meet with Joanne Webster and rest assured that your trusting communication will always be met with confidentiality and compassion.

STUDENT NEWS

Athletics Carnival – Tuesday 16th March

All our students are working hard to perform at their best on the carnival day. Your child will need a coloured t-shirt in their team colour. These t-shirts are available from Rushfords (Noone Imagewear) 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. 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 2.10 p.m.
6. **All students** will return to Bethany for dismissal. There will be **NO** early dismissal from the track.
7. A timetable of events will be sent home on Thursday 11th March via Operoo.
8. Please be aware that parking at the Athletics Track is pay to park.

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 2021 Athletics Carnival Captains.

| House | Senior Leaders | Junior Leaders |
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| Conifer (Green) | Ksenia Kurenysheva Marcus Machado | Ella Boyanton Antonio Guandique |
| Jacaranda (Blue) | Seanna Goulding Luke Van Ross | Ebony Van Ross Harry Pisano |
| Waratah (Red) | Isabella Tassone Nate Brunato | Sarah Tavendale Kristian Weiss |
| Wattle (Yellow) | Aimee Humphries Kamith Bok | Gracelynn Joseph Aleksander Dereczenik |

Assembly

Next week's assembly will be led by students from Yarra and Yellow Hubs. The video link of this assembly will be emailed home.

Sports Update

Swimming

This Thursday 11th March twenty students will represent Bethany at the Wyndham Regional Swimming Championships: - Gaston Callegari, Sion Chae, Jude Payne, Alyssa Gallardo, Audrey Arthur, Amber Chadima, Olivia Humphries, Mila Mustafa, Violet Youle, Mikaela Reyes, Matilda Muccio, Remy Simmons, Mateusz Kwiatkowski, Bryson Magro, Nate Brunato, Luke Van Ross, Willow Talbot, Aimee Humphries, Reischel Amber Sestoso and Ksenia Kureuysheva.

Cross Country

On Friday 26th March at 11.30 - 12.30 students from Years 4 - 6 have the opportunity to run in the school cross country. This is an optional event. Students from Year 4 who wish to participate will need to wear their full sports uniform on Friday as well as Wednesday. The races will run in age groups and will begin with the 10 year boys and finish with the 12 year girls. This will start and finish on the oval and the students will run around the internal perimeter of the school. A decision regarding parent spectators onsite will be made this week. Stay tuned.

New Prep Timetable

Prep students are now expected to attend school on a full-time basis. **We will see them all tomorrow.** We congratulate our Prep students and their families – the students have settled into school life at Bethany confidently.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

March

- Wednesday 10th - Sub Committee Meeting at 1.40pm
- Monday 15th - Catholic Education Week
- Monday 15th – AFL Clinic for Exploration Centre
- Tuesday 16th - Athletics Carnival
- Wednesday 17th – Feast of St. Patrick
- Thursday 18th – Yarra & Yellow Hubs Assembly
- Monday 22nd – AFL Clinic for Exploration Centre
- Tuesday 23rd – AFL Clinic for Discovery Centre
- Thursday 25th – Leadership Centre Virtual Excursion to War Memorial
- Friday 26th – Cross Country trials (4- 6) onsite at Bethany

Friday 26th - Bethany Festival - *postponed due to Covid 19*

Sunday 28th – Palm Sunday

April

Thursday 1st - Holy Thursday, 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
- **Tuesday 22nd June:** Learning Conversations
- **Monday November 1st** (Monday before Cup Day) Assessment and Report writing
- **Thursday 16th and Friday 17th December-** End of Year Professional Development days

PARISH NEWS



2021 LENTEN RETREAT

Parish Youth and Young Adult Retreat 13th March 2021

Parish Retreat – 20th March 2021

Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee

Speaker: Fr. Phuong Vu, SVD

For further information call the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or Email to werribee@cam.org.au

*** BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING PURPOSES ***

| Retreat for the Youth 13 th March 2021 St Andrews Parish Werribee 10 am – 6 pm | | Retreat for the Parish 20 th March 2021 St Andrews Parish Werribee 10 am – 6 pm | |
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| 10-11 am | Does God Exist? | 10am – 11am | How Do I Experience God? |
| 11-11.30 am | Break | 11-11.30am | Break |
| 11.30-12.30pm | Do I trust my prayer? | 11.30 – 12.30pm | Am I free to Love? |
| 12.30 -1.30 pm | Lunch | 12.30 -1.30 pm | Lunch |
| 1.30 – 2.30 pm | How do I experience God? | 1.30 – 2.30 pm | God and Me |
| 2.30 – 3.00 pm | Break | 2.30 – 3.00 pm | Break |
| 3.00 – 4.30 pm | Open Forum | 3.00 – 4.30 pm | Open Forum |
| 4.30 – 5.30 pm | Cleansing Liturgy (with Adoration) | 4.30 – 5.30 pm | Cleansing Liturgy (with Adoration) |
| 6 .00pm | Vigil Mass (in St. Andrews Church) | 6 .00pm | Vigil Mass (in St. Andrews Church) |

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Prep Enrolment 2022

I would like to enrol my child into Bethany for Prep 2022. Please send home an enrolment application pack.

Prep 2022 Child’s Name: _____ **Parent Name:** _____

Eldest Child’s Name: _____ **Eldest Child’s Hub:** _____

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Year One Reading Tutors

Name: _____

Eldest Child's name _____ Eldest Child's Hub _____

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

Wednesdays Fridays Both Wednesdays and Fridays

I have a current Working With Children Check

Card Number _____ Expiry Date _____