



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 5
Monday 22nd March

Dear Families,

This will be the last newsletter for this term, and what a term of learning we have all had! I would like to begin by thanking you all for your kind welcome and for the support of your children, our students and their learning throughout this time. An awesome term of living and learning!

We have had a couple of big weeks at Bethany, since I last wrote. Firstly, with our Athletics Carnival, on Tuesday, Open Night for prospective parents on Wednesday evening, Yellow and Yarra hub Assembly on Thursday and to top it all off, on Friday, our "Bullying No Way" stand on the oval to mark National Day Against Bullying. All events demonstrated learning, and community, in action.

The Athletics Carnival showcased the physical learning of all students, as well as highlighting the outstanding athletics ability within the school community.



The Assembly on Thursday communicated the learning and teaching through song and role play in both Yellow and Yarra. We also learnt a few words in Gaelic! Thank you to the hub students and teachers of both Yellow and Yarra.

On Friday, the Bethany school community took a stand against bullying. The students composed pledges, and these have been displayed along the fencing by the pathways and along the car park. You may like to share with your child the pledge they made.

All learning tasks were met with engagement and enthusiasm in the learning. Video links to these three events will be sent shortly.

This week and into next week, the Adventure Playgrounds for Year 1 to Year 6 will be upgraded. Some adjustments to the play areas have been made to accommodate

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

this. This will give all students greater opportunities to play on the playgrounds daily. During the school holidays the following work will be performed:-

1. Upgrading of carpet in Exploration and Discovery Learning Centres.
2. Installation of air conditioning to the Hall

The asphalt area needs upgrading also. Currently a couple of possibilities are being explored. We will keep you abreast of these developments as they occur.

Please remember, when driving in the Car Park, to keep to 5kms per hour, to be patient with each other to ensure the safety of all of our children. The council has also been notified by neighbouring residents about illegal parking on nature strips. Please adhere to parking restrictions so you are not fined. Please drive carefully at all times when in the carpark or on surrounding roads.

A reminder to all families, the last day of term is Thursday 1st April. Students will be dismissed at 12:30pm.

Our students will gather as a faith community on Wednesday 31st at 9am to participate in a liturgy to mark the significance of Holy Week. The story from Palm Sunday, the passion, through to the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday will be retold using scripture and song. We will film this and email to you the families to discuss with your children.

This week we lead into Holy Week, with Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1–9), when palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

PRAYER:

On this day of great rejoicing
Lord Jesus Christ, when we welcome
You as our King and Saviour,
we also walk in the shadow of Your cross.
Hosanna! We cry.
Blessed are You who come
in god's name to save us.
Hosanna!
Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday
so that when the time comes
to carry the cross we might still
call out to You with heartfelt praise.
Give us the grace and the courage
to follow You this Holy Week
from death to resurrection.
from darkness to the fullness of light.
We need You,
Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Hosanna.

As Easter draws near and we rejoice in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are grateful for each other, for all we have; our families, our friends and our school community... God's love and joy at work here amongst us. I wish you all a peaceful, safe and Holy Easter with your family and friends and look forward to seeing you refreshed and renewed for Term 2.

God bless.
Joanne Webster.

STUDENT NEWS

Students return to school on Monday 19th April for the resumption of Term 2.

UNIFORM

A transition time from Summer to Winter uniform will begin in Term 2. From **Monday 3rd May**, all students will be required to wear **full winter uniform**. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

EASTER RAFFLE

The Sub-Committee Fundraising Group are running an Easter Raffle which is to be drawn on **Wednesday, 31st March**.

The raffle prizes will be Easter Hampers. As a community this will be our first fundraiser for 2021.

To include the students in this fundraiser they will be permitted to **wear casual clothes on Friday 26th March 2021** and bring an **Easter themed donation** to support this fundraiser.

Friday, 26th March 2021 is our Casual Dress & Donation Day

Please do not send donations to school before Friday 26th March.

Students come to school in casual clothes and bring along an Easter themed donation for our Easter Raffle. This can be in the form of a chocolate bunny/egg, box of chocolates or any other Easter item you wish to donate. (Please ensure that any food items are not beyond their Use By date).

We will be making up a number of hampers to be won. Each family is invited to support our raffle by selling the attached tickets.

\$2 a ticket (\$10 for all 5 tickets)

All tickets (sold and/or unsold) and money (cash only) MUST be returned to school no later than Monday 29th March to be in the draw on Wednesday, 31st March.

If you are in a position to sell additional tickets please contact the school office on 9742 9800.

Thank you very much for your support and GOOD LUCK!

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.

URGENT SAFETY ALERT FOR LAST DAY OF TERM, APRIL 1ST

On Thursday April 1st there will be NO supervisors on ANY school crossings when students are dismissed at 12.30pm for the school holidays.

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

When a child is absent from school, it is a Government requirement that parents communicate with the school regarding absenteeism.

We would appreciate this information in advance or if the absence is unexpected please phone the school absentee line by **8.30am** on the day your child is absent.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

March

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 - Casual Clothes & Easter Donation Day

Friday 26th – Cross Country trials (4 - 6) onsite at Bethany

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

Sunday 28th – Palm Sunday

Monday 29th – Last day to return raffle tickets

Wednesday 31st - Easter Raffle Drawn

April

Thursday 1st - Holy Thursday, End of Term 1, **12.30pm finish for all students**

Monday 19th – First day of term 2

Sunday 25th April – ANZAC Day

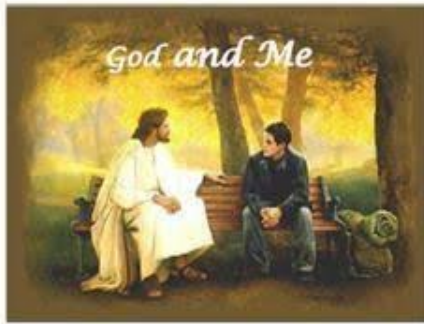
Thursday 29th – Murray & Chisholm hubs assembly

May

Monday 3rd – All students in full winter uniform from today

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

Thursday 20th – Teresa & Orange hubs assembly



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	
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:** _____

End of Term Attendance

The school term ends at 12.30pm on Thursday 1st April

All students are expected to attend school on the morning of Thursday 1st April

Non attendance

If parents are aware that their child **will not** be at school on the morning of April 1st it is **most important** that we receive advance notification. Please complete and return the absence form below to your eldest child's hub teacher.

Unexpected absence form school

If your child wakes up unwell on April 1st and is unable to attend school, please phone the school **before 8.30am** and leave a message on the absentee line.

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Last Day of Term Absent From School

Family Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Hub: _____

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My child/ren will be absent from school on: April 1st 2021 due to: (please select)

- Illness
- Medical appointment
- Personal or Family reasons
- Other

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

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