



# Bethany Catholic Primary School *Werribee North*

## Principal Message

Newsletter No. 8  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Dear Families,

This Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May, our Year 5 students celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist. The celebration was both prayerful and reverent. The students and their families are to be commended and thanked for their participation and contribution to this very special liturgy. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank Fr. Albert, Fr. Anton and Fr. Frank for presiding over the celebration, Loretta, Marijana and Hang for their organisation and leadership of the sacrament, the Leadership Centre for the learning and teaching experiences and opportunities provided to the students, the musicians and choir for their prayerful music and song, and of course staff who attended for their prayer and presence. The celebration was a testament to the faith filled community we continue to build together here at Bethany.



In an endeavour to give student's greater voice, the Student News in the coming newsletters, will be written by the students. They will share the learning and teaching they have experienced in the last two weeks. Please take the time to read. It may be your child who is published!

The Term 2 fundraiser will again be the Chocolate Drive. You will find more information regarding this under Parent News.

Last week, I began Prep Enrolment interviews with new families. It has been an honour and a privilege to converse with these families, having them share their parent knowledge of their child or children and listening to the significance of wanting a Catholic education for their children. These interviews will continue for at least three more weeks. I look forward to meeting current families with Preschool children to share their knowledge of their children.

Learning Conversations will occur on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2021 from 11am to 8pm. This is a school closure day. A learning conversation is a three-way conversation between the parent, child and teacher, sharing the achievements made as well as considering the future learning. This gives the students greater voice in their own learning. Learning Conversations will be held in the School Hall. This year we will use the 'School Interviews' platform for families to book their conversation time. A more detailed note will come home in the next couple of weeks outlining the process for booking. So stay tuned!

Next week is Pentecost Sunday and so we pray-

Lord Jesus, as God's Spirit came down and rested upon you,  
May the same Spirit rest on us,  
Bestowing his sevenfold gifts.  
First, grant us the gift of understanding,  
By which your precepts may enlighten our minds.  
Second, grant us counsel, by which we may follow  
in your footsteps on the path of righteousness.  
Third, grant us courage,  
by which we may ward off the enemy's attacks.  
Fourth, grant us knowledge,  
by which we can distinguish good from evil.  
Fifth, grant us piety,  
by which we may acquire compassionate hearts.  
Sixth, grant us fear,  
by which we may draw back from evil  
and submit to what is good.  
Seventh, grant us wisdom,  
that we may taste fully the life-giving sweetness of your love.

(Prayer of St. Bonaventure to the Holy Spirit)



## Student News

### Discovery Centre Incursion: Mad About Science

#### Harry Pisano - Yellow Hub

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May we had an incursion. The incursion was about science! My favourite part was when we got to wear science glasses and they made your eyes see weirdly. They made your eyes see rainbows everywhere! I have learnt that light can reflect and refract. We learnt that atoms are things that you can touch. It was my favourite incursion.

#### Loza Abebe - Orange Hub

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May we went to the Skills Room and we had an incursion. We had lots of fun! My favourite part was the ping pong ball experiment and the sun glasses. We had to make the ping pong ball move using vibrations! The scientist's name was Kartini. This was the best day of my life.

### Levi Wheelahan - Green Hub

Upstairs in the Skills Room I learnt about light and sound. It was cool and filled me with happiness and joy! I got to do an experiment. It was great fun!

### Ethan Lindus - Blue Hub

I had a good time and learnt about science, light and sound. I learnt that sound can go through everything but light cannot.

### Mikayla Di Scipio - Red Hub

We had a lot of fun! We learnt a lot and my favourite thing was when we used the tuning fork. When we banged the tuning fork on the table and put it next to the ping pong ball it starts to move. When we put it in the water it made water spray everywhere! It sprayed on me and my friend! I want to do it again!

### **Bridging Centre: Murray Hub Assembly**

Two weeks ago, Murray Hub had an assembly featuring two dances *Shake Your Tail Feather* and *Footloose*. It took us a very long time to learn both of these dances. We practiced for weeks and weeks! It took so long to do those dances because we had to memorize the steps and the words. But our effort definitely paid off in Term 2 week 2 when our assembly was on.

Everyone was pretty nervous when we went on stage because it's been a long time since anyone had attended an assembly. None of the hubs had an assembly last year because of the COVID-19 lockdown. What we were really excited about were the costumes! *Shake Your Tail Feather* boys wore sparkly blue overalls with a white t-shirt and a cap, while the girls wore coloured skirts and a rose around their necks. *Footloose* boys wore black jeans, a black cap and a white t-shirt while the *Footloose* girls wore fancy hats with silver skirts.

When we went on stage there were more people than we imagined so everyone was pretty freaked out. But then after a while everyone got used to it. After our assembly everyone was relieved but I kind of miss going to dance. **By Marcus Santos**

### **Year 5 Reconciliation**



As we prepared to celebrate our First Eucharist we all got the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday the 6th of May.

To start our celebration we all joined Fr Albert to say a prayer, then one by one each candidate went to the reflection space. This space was decorated with a cross and paintings representing the stories of the Lost Sheep and the Forgiving Father.

There we got to think about what we could talk to the priest about and



we could even write them down on a heart sticky note and put them in the prayer basket. When we were ready we went to talk to one of the priests and pray with them. We were lucky to have our 3 priests from St Andrew's parish, Fr Albert, Fr Dong and Fr Anton. After talking to one of the priests we went to the penance space where we could take a candle and pray the penance that father gave us. After our turn we had the opportunity to colour the Mandalas while listening to reflective music. Our reconciliation was very calming and serene and a chance to strengthen our relationship with God.

**Mikaela Reyes and Margaux Abania**

## Ashton Scholastic Bookclub

In an endeavour to continue to build the student's love of reading the school will use Ashton Scholastic Bookclub. Ashton Scholastic sells a wide variety of books for children, selecting them according to age appropriateness. Catalogues will be sent home with each child once a term and there is no obligation to purchase. Parents may purchase online. Books will be delivered to the school. The first catalogue is due on or around this week or early next week.

## School News

### School Photos

Photo day is **Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**.

School photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on **Thursday 27th May**.

### Hub and portrait photos

**All** children will have their photo taken. Full winter uniform is required on the day. Our thanks in anticipation to each family ensuring that extra care be taken when getting ready for school on photo day.

### Family photos

Family photos of students currently attending school will also be available on the day. **ALL** families will be photographed so parents **will not** need to register for a photo. Family photos will be available online to view and order at the same time as the portrait and group photos

**There is no need to return any forms or money to school.**

### Unique image codes for your child/ren

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school. Please see **a sample of the flyer** attached.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do it again this year using your child's **2021** image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

If you have any queries regarding school photos please do not hesitate to chat to Gemma, Nicole or anyone on the Arthur Reed Team by phoning 52434390

### Boite, Combined School Choir

Once again our Year 4 students have been invited to join the Boite Schools Choir. Since 2004, the Boite Schools Choir has involved over 9000 students from across Victoria to perform songs and dances from a variety of countries. This year the choir are learning songs and dances from the West African nation of Ghana. We believe that the choir is a great opportunity for our students to continue to develop valuable performance and interpersonal skills. The first rehearsal for the Boite Schools Choir is this Sunday. We hope our students enjoy the experience of working with other students and we thank our parents for their support of this opportunity.

## Staff News

Lisa Gloster has rejoined us this term, after being on Maternity Leave. Welcome back Lisa. Kym Young is currently on Long Service Leave.

## Parent News

### School Fee – Payment In Full Now Due

If you chose to pay your School Fee in full (\$1600) payment is due by this **Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**.

### Prior Notice Instalment 3 (\$530) due by Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>

If you chose to pay your School Fee in instalments the final payment is due by **Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Payments are invited at the school office in person or by phone.

The office is open Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4pm

We accept payment by EFTPOS, cash, cheque at the office.

You may also pay by direct transfer into the school bank account.

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 rest assured that your trusting communication will always be met with confidentiality and compassion. We are always grateful when families trust us with their difficulties and also greatly appreciate the majority of families who pay fees on time.

### Sub Committee Group

Our Sub Committee group will meet next **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May at 6.45pm**

### Second Hand Summer and Winter Uniform Sale

A sale of second hand summer and winter uniform items is scheduled for **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at**

- **2.30 – 3pm**
- **And between 6pm & 7pm**

in the Bridging Centre 100's room (on the basketball court side of the school)

We welcome items that you wish to sell. All items are to be **clean** and **clearly priced** and **labelled with family name** and eldest **child's hub**.

Only Bethany school items can be offered for sale.

To support the Admin team, please DO NOT send items to school until Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### Term 2 Fundraiser - Chocolate Drive

This term we will be holding our annual Chocolate Drive. In the coming weeks we are asking families to join with us in promoting this fundraising event. We are proud to be in a position to continually maintain and improve our facilities and in particular to ensure our students have the best resources possible. We are always grateful when families are in a position to support our fundraising activities.

Each box of chocolates sells for \$60.00 from which the school receives \$21.00. We appreciate that some families may not wish to receive a box of chocolates. If this is the case for your family, we invite you to make a donation to the school of \$21.00 as your contribution to this fundraising event. Please indicate on the slip provided at the end of this newsletter if it is your intention to make a donation. All families will receive a box of chocolates on **Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>** to sell for fundraising. If you would prefer to make a donation please return the form at the end of this newsletter to the Admin Centre office by **Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

The chocolate drive is our major fundraising activity and we are dependent on **each family** working hard to ensure that it is a success.

**WE HOPE YOU CAN SUPPORT US!**

## Night works on Heaths Road:

Maintenance road works, requiring night time road closures, on Heaths Road, Werribee between Tuesday 11 May and Monday 31 May 2021. During this period, work will occur Sundays to Thursdays, between 8pm and 6am. Electronic message signs will be displayed along the road to communicate advance notice of the works, road closures and detours. Traffic will be reduced to one lane, while the line marking is completed. Buses and emergency services vehicles will be granted access through the site during the works by our traffic controllers. Attached is a notification letter that provides further details of the road works and the approved detour routes. While the attached notification states work started on Sunday 9 May, they began on Tuesday 11 May. For further updates regarding the timing of works, please visit <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions/> and see the attached flyer.

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## Important Dates

### May

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Full Payment of School Fee due \$1600

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Sepik & Orange hubs assembly (please note change of date)**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Second Hand Uniform Sale 2.30pm – 3pm and 6pm – 7pm in the Bridging Centre 100's Room (on the basketball court side of the school)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sub Committee Meeting 6.45pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – School Photo Day

### June

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Last day to return fundraising donation form

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Indigo & MacKillop Hubs Assembly

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Final instalment of School Fee Due \$530.00

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – **NO SCHOOL PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Fundraising box of chocolates to go home

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Learning Conversations – **NO SCHOOL – CLOSURE DAY**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Teresa & Blue Hubs Assembly

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Term. All students finish at 12.30pm

### July

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Staff Professional Development Conference - **NO SCHOOL – CLOSURE DAY**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Staff Professional Development Conference - **NO SCHOOL – CLOSURE DAY**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Confirmation Spirituality Day Excursion

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration 6.20pm in the school hall

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration 6.20pm in the school hall

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – Jordan & Indigo Hubs Assembly

### School Closures for 2021

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

- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Learning Conversations: Student, Parent, Staff
- **Monday July 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>:** Professional Development Conference
- **Monday November 1<sup>st</sup>** (Monday before Cup Day) Assessment and Report writing
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December-** End of Year Professional Development days

### 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 Year 4** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1:00 and 3:00pm in the Bethany School Hall

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

## No Chocolates / Donation

All families will receive a box of chocolates on Wednesday June 16th to sell for fundraising unless this form is returned to the school office by Wednesday June 2nd

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Eldest Child's Hub: \_\_\_\_\_

Our family do not wish to have chocolates sent home, please find our donation of \$21 enclosed in lieu of the chocolates