



Bethany Catholic Primary School *Werribee North*

Principal Message

Dear Families,

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Wednesday 16th June 2021

Welcome back! Returning to school after the two-week lockdown, was met with great excitement and joy from all - the students, the families and the staff. We are grateful to have you back onsite and would like to once more extend our gratitude for your continued partnership throughout this time. We would also like to thank all families for returning the devices- School owned Chromebooks in Years 3-6 and iPads in Years P-2. If you have not returned these as yet, please do so immediately.

This week marks Week 9 of Term 2, and as the term draws to an end, I would like to again express my appreciation and gratitude for the work of all - the students, their families and the staff, for making this term a success in our learning and teaching and in our living. To celebrate the success of Semester 1 (terms 1 and 2), the Student Reports, will be distributed to all families on Thursday 17th June, 2021. When reading your child's report, please acknowledge and celebrate your child's progress with them, be encouraging and positive about their efforts and ensure your expectations are realistic. In the report folio and attached to this newsletter I have included "How to Read Your Child's Report", flyer. Please take the time to read this, as it supports your child's success as a learner.

By now you will have booked your Learning Conversation, through 'School Interviews'. **The Learning Conversations will be held online this year. The teachers will send a Google Meet code to you, at 8:00am on Tuesday 22nd June, to enter the conversation online.** Please ensure your child is with you for the Google Meet. If you do not receive this on Tuesday 22nd June, please call Admin on 97429800.

The last day for Term 2 will be Friday 25th June. Students will be dismissed at 12:30pm. To celebrate the learning and teaching achieved this term, this day will be a casual dress day for all students.

Term 3 will begin for students on Wednesday 14th July. Professional Learning for teachers, will occur on both Monday 12th July and Tuesday 13th July. The professional learning to be undertaken by all teaching staff, will be reviewing data collected from all stakeholders-students, families and staff, to set direction for the 2022 school year and in an endeavour to have a P-6 Camp Program for 2022, First Aid Certificate 2, will be undertaken by all staff. **The school will be closed on these two days.**

As the term draws to an end, we give thanks and pray

We thank you Lord, for this term.

For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.
Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays,
to appreciate what others, do for us,
to give time and effort to help others.
To be peacemakers in our family.
Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.
Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.
We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and families
And a community that cares for us.
May we always be conscious of you in our lives.
Amen



Student News

As most of the last two weeks was spent offsite, we have gathered some reflections from the student onsite as to their feelings and learning during remote and online learning.

Ethan Hunter - I like to be at school because we get to do drumming, dancing, acting and tongue twisters with Michaela.

Alana Said - It is fun playing outside with the people at school.

Shelby Kaio - It is kind of fun here at school because we get to do fun activities as well as learning on the computer.

Scarlett Scott - At school it is super fun but it is sometimes hard doing the Google Meets on our Chrome Book.

Eva Griffins - It is fun doing the Goggle Meets and sometimes it's weird as we don't usually do them at school.

Ali Hachouch - It is fun here because sometimes we get to have free time on our Chrome Book, that's if we finish our work.

Seanna Goulding

During home learning we have thankfully been able to still connect with other kids in the Leadership Centre. We are also thankful that we have had the opportunity to have Maths and an English meet with other teachers in the Leadership Centre. Some of us had to learn at home every day but for someone like me I only came when my parents were working. Being at home can sometimes be overwhelming and stressful, but we have had a lot more support and help by meeting two times a day for about half an hour. For most I think the timetable has helped a lot with organisation.

Some other kids had to be onsite everyday due to their parents working every day. While we were at school, we got to meet some new people from the Preps to Year 4. Last Wednesday we got to hang out with the Juniors and play with bubbles and chalk and on the playgrounds. Just before we played with the Juniors, we (Seanna and Leilani) organised a bit of a P.E lesson, we started off running the oval. It was a great way to start our hearts pumping. After running we did some stretching and some partner work and played on the playground and we also played basketball.

We had the opportunity to work with our wonderful performing arts teacher Michaela. With Michaela we have been learning about acting with emotion, expression and characteristics, drumming and dancing. Acting was super fun since we could show a different personality and side, so normally you might be an angry person but in acting with Michaela she taught us how to

be happy. We also got to talk to Aya in Year 2 and Georgia and Prep, they said they like the new iPads and that they like the Seesaw app.

In conclusion we think school in lockdown is great and fun as well as being at home and having Google meets.



School News

Learning Conversations – Tuesday June 22nd - School Closure Day

Learning Conversations are a three-way conversation, between the student, the family and the teacher to celebrate the achievements made on the student's report and to converse about future learning. This means students attend the meeting with their families. The conversation gives the student greater voice and agency in and with their learning. The conversations will begin at 11:00am and conclude at 8:00pm. **They will all be held in online due to Covid-19 restrictions. A Google Meet invitation will be sent to all families on Tuesday 22nd June at 8:00am.**

Prep Enrolments 2022

Prep Enrolments for 2022 are now in the process of being finalised. It was both an honour and privilege to meet both prospective families and students and current families and their pre-preps. The process has enabled the school to begin to establish or continue relationships with new and current families and has given us an opportunity to meet our very newest members of the Bethany school community. Over the next couple of weeks, families will receive letter of offer or confirmation for enrolment in 2022.

Illness/Injury Parent Notification

New templates for illness/injury parent notification will now be used by the school to notify families of any illness or injury at school. These will be given to students after attending Sick Bay. Please check school bags and student pockets for these.

Staff News

We farewell Yvonne Mizzi this term, who has taken a classroom teaching position at St Christopher's in Airport West. We would like to thank her for her service to Bethany and wish her all the very best as she embarks on a new adventure in her teaching career.

We also farewell Karen Sproal, an Administration member. We thank her for her service to Bethany and wish her all the very best as she transitions to retirement.

We welcome Mary Semaan and Joanne McNabb as new Administration Officers to Bethany.

We would also like to welcome Lynda Ferrara and Karen Aston to Bethany for Semester 2 (terms 3 and 4) as Tutor Teachers to the school. Both come with enormous experience. More information will be communicated about the Tutor Teacher Program, next term.

Parent News

School Fees

All Student Fees and all School Fees should now be finalised unless you have a direct deposit plan in place.

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.

If you are yet to finalise your school fee payments we trust that you will do so by the end of next week. Due to current restrictions please phone the Admin Centre Office on 9742 9800 to make payment over the phone.

Working with Children Check – Department of Justice Letter

All families who support the school, with volunteer work are required to have a Working with Children Check (WWCC). All parents or adults supporting the school, **must have Bethany listed** as an organisation they volunteer at, as a part of the application process. If you have a WWCC, please logon to the website <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> and ensure you have listed Bethany as a school you volunteer at. This generates a letter from the Department of Justice to the school permitting you to volunteer on the premises or to attend excursions etc. Unfortunately, without this letter, you will not be able to volunteer at the school. If you unsure as to whether the school has a copy of the letter from the Department of Justice, please feel free to call the Admin Centre to check.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Our sale of second-hand summer and winter uniform items has been postponed, until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions being reintroduced.

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. **Fundraising will go towards the upgrade of the Basketball Asphalt area, replacing it with artificial turf.**

Chocolates will be sent home by the end of this week or early next week to be sold over the school holiday period. If you indicated that you wish to donate \$21.00 to support our fundraiser, please send the cash to school in a clearly marked envelope in your child's bag by Wednesday July 21st.

All monies and unsold chocolates are due back at school by Friday July 16th.

WE HOPE YOU CAN SUPPORT US!

Important Dates

June

Thursday, 17th – Student Reports to go home

Tuesday 22nd – Learning Conversations – **NO SCHOOL – CLOSURE DAY**

Thursday 24th – Kolbe & Blue Hubs Assembly- **postponed**

Friday 25th – Last Day of Term. Casual Dress day. All students finish at 12.30pm

July

Monday 12th - Staff Professional Development Conference - **NO SCHOOL – CLOSURE DAY**

Tuesday 13th - Staff Professional Development Conference - **NO SCHOOL – CLOSURE DAY**

Thursday 15th – Year 6 Confirmation Spirituality Day Excursion **TBC**

Friday 16th – Bridging Centre excursion to Scienceworks

Friday 16th – All chocolate sales money and unsold chocolates due back at school

Monday 19th - Year 6 Confirmation Spirituality Day Excursion **TBC**

Wednesday 21st – Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration 6.20pm in the school hall

Thursday 22nd - Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration 6.20pm in the school hall

Thursday 29th – Jordan & Teresa Hubs Assembly

School Closures for 2021

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

- **Tuesday 22nd June:** Learning Conversations: Student, Parent, Staff
- **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

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