



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee North

Principal Message

Dear Families,

Newsletter No. 9
Wednesday 2nd June 2021

I would like to begin by thanking each and every one of you -students, families and staff for the seamless transition to remote and flexible learning. The school closure last Friday enabled teachers to create, curate and construct learning and teaching for the students with the intention of continued learning throughout this short lockdown.

For students in Years 3-6 the learning was delivered through Google Classroom and the Chromebooks. For P-2, learning was emailed daily and/or printed packs were constructed for students. **We are currently in the process of preparing our iPads for students from P-2, with the purpose of issuing these to students and their families as soon as possible, hopefully Monday. Please continue to follow Operoo, over the next couple of days for further information about this.**

The State Government has just announced the Covid 19 restrictions for Melbourne Metro will continue for the next 7 days with a possible easing of these on Thursday 10th June 11:59pm.

Vulnerable Students and Authorised or Essential Workers

Vulnerable students and students of authorised or essential workers, need to contact me on the school number 97429800 or email principal@bswerribeenth.catholic.edu.au by **Thursday 3rd June 12 noon, to confirm their continued attendance and dates required.** Please remember to name the student/s and the days they require onsite attendance for.

These students are to continue to enter the school at the small gate or pedestrian gate on Thames Boulevard. We will use the drop off zone on Thames Boulevard for parents dropping students off at school. This will be the only access for families during this period. The gates will open at 8:30am. Students will be dismissed from this gate at 3:00pm. If you require Before or After School Care please register with Quantin Binnah Community Centre, admin@qbcc.org.au

Please understand if parents or a parent is working from home, the directive from the State Government is that the student must remain at home to complete remote learning. Essential/authorised workers are only those leaving the family home to work.

Again, we understand that families differ in what can or cannot be achieved with remote learning. **If all of this is too much for your family, please do what you can.** If you cannot do any of this, please know this is okay too. We acknowledge that many of you work or have infants at home and will find all of this extremely challenging and stressful. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the teachers, if you have any questions or concerns.

Remote Learning will continue from Friday 4th June up until Thursday 10th June.

Prep – 2

All learning for tomorrow Friday 4th June, will be posted through Parent Emails. No print packs will be made available for Friday 4th June.

- Zoom meetings for hubs will continue to be organised daily. You will receive a Zoom invitation at 8:30am daily with a time for that day's meeting.
- Help Desk will continue to be available

It is the school's intention to have all Prep to Year 2 students learning online, using the See Saw app and school iPads, beginning on Monday 7th June. We will in the next couple of days continue to inform parents/carers from P-2, of the readiness of the iPads to go home. Please continue to check Operoo for details pertaining to this. If in the event our efforts to get this across the line take longer than expected we will inform you, and arrangements in place over the last week for P-2 remote learning will be re-enacted. Again, information will be posted to keep you in the loop. I thank you in advance for your co-operation and patience with this.

Years 3-6

For Years 3-6, the learning will continue as it has this last week-

- Google Classroom will be used to post learning and teaching daily. Learning will be posted at 8:30am each morning.
- Google Meets will occur with students daily in English and Mathematics. English at 9:15am, Mathematics at 10:15am. The link for these will be on Google Classroom (not parent email).
- The Google Meets will be 15-20 minutes in duration, to instruct or guide students with regards to the learning task. The students will use the remaining time to complete the task.
- 4 tasks will be set daily.
 - English and Mathematics - Compulsory daily
 - 2 of either Art, Physical Education, Religious Education and Inquiry
- Teachers will provide feedback to students through Google Classroom or email daily.

Again, I would like to thank you for your continued partnership with the school. Together we can make remote learning and flexible learning work for the students, the families and the staff.

Go gently. God bless.

Our Prayer this week

Today, we reflect on the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Our God is one, yet also three. On Sunday, in the Gospel we read the famous verse, John 3:16. This verse tells of God's great love in sending us his only Son. Indeed, God's love for His Son is so profound as to become the third Person in the Trinity, with the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we tend to favour one of the Persons in the Trinity over the others in prayer. Our prayers tend to be directed towards God the Father, and only sometimes do we pray to Jesus or to the Spirit. Perhaps today would be a good time to pray to God in another Person of the Trinity, or to reflect upon the three-yet-one nature of our God. Let us pray,

Glory to the Father,

the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is,
who was,
and who is to come.
Amen

Student News

Assembly Orange and Sepik

Orange and Sepik Assembly occurred on Tuesday 25th May. Attached is the YouTube clip for you to watch together. It certainly was a celebration of the learning and teaching happening at Bethany. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have.

<https://youtu.be/BfuCzRhndLQ>

Mad About Science Inursion - Leadership Centre

As we walked out into the dome things looked very interesting because there were lots of things we hadn't seen before. There was a great deal of mystery and we were very puzzled by the photos of people on the whiteboard. Michael from Mad About Science explained that we were going to be forensic detectives and solve the crime of the missing diamond from the jewellery store. To do this we had to analyse powders from the crime scene, use UV lights on material from the store, match finger and shoe prints, do experiments on ink that was on a note and investigate the background story of each suspect.



After gathering all the clues, we looked to see who they pointed to as the suspect. Our forensic work pointed to suspect two with number one as the getaway driver. It was great to experience forensic science as we had never done anything like that before and we would love to do more of it in the future.

Charlotte Clark & Kristelle Turner

Cross Country

Cross Country was fun because we got to compete against other schools. Cross Country was at Presidents Park. All the races were from 10:00 to 12:00 o'clock. We ran 2km and everyone else ran 3km. We were there with 17 other people from our school. Only 3 people made it, sadly 14 people didn't make it. Approximately 150 students ran in all of the Wyndham races. The track had these black and red flags and arrows showing people to go a specific side. If you're a boy you go one side. If you're a girl you go the other side. It was very windy and wet. It was hard to run in the wind,

but it was very fun. Our parents cheered us on as well as Claire and Kirrily. Also every kid from Bethany who made Cross Country. It was really great seeing the finish line because it was tiring, so everyone was happy when they saw the finish line. Later we ate after all that hard work. We also had to wear the Bethany tops to represent our school.

By Harvey Wheelahan and Jackson Spiteri (Yarra Hub)

Once I arrived and got off the bus at Presidents Park I was amazed how I made it to the next round. The cross country was exciting and worth going. I raced at about 10:20 and finished at 10:35. I really loved how it was challenging, hard and lots of pain because that means I never gave up until the end. It was quite surprising seeing old school mates, tennis mates, Eynesbury Park Run and swimming mates. I am amazed that I came 27th out of 60 people. I would absolutely congratulate the people who made it to the top 10! It was nice to win 27th because that's my birth date number. I still didn't make it in the next round but that's okay. I really liked the teamwork during the race and some words they said were "good job, you're fast and keep going" then once I looked at them they were from a different school! I loved how it was competitive and difficult. Once I finished the race everyone was cheering me on. My race was the first race so I didn't really have time to do a lot of warm ups, by the way it was freezing cold at first and then it became so hot when I crossed the finish line. If I was last in the finals I wouldn't say I'm bad at running instead I would thank God for the strength God gave me.

By Alyssa Gallardo (Werribee Hub)



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. 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 the school Hall.

This year families will use the *School Interviews* platform to book their interview time for their children. A note detailing the process and code for this will come home next week. Each conversation will be 10 minutes in length.

Parent News

School Fee – Payment In Full Now Due

If you chose to pay your School Fee in full (\$1600) payment was due by **Friday, May 21st**.

Prior Notice Instalment 3 (\$530) due by Friday June 11th

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

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.

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 ensure you have listed Bethany as a school you volunteer at, on the website. 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 Summer and Winter 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.**

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 call the school by this Friday June 4th, if it is your intention to make a donation.** Otherwise all families will receive a box of chocolates on **Wednesday June 16th** to sell for fundraising. 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!

Important Dates

June

- Thursday 10th – Indigo & MacKillop Hubs Assembly postponed
- Friday 11th June – Final instalment of School Fee Due \$530.00
- Monday 14th – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – **NO SCHOOL PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- Wednesday 16th – Fundraising box of chocolates to go home

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

Thursday 24th – Kolbe & Blue Hubs Assembly

Friday 25th – Last Day of Term. 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

Monday 19th - Year 6 Confirmation Spirituality Day Excursion

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