



Bethany Catholic Primary School *Werribee North*

Principal Message- Joanne Webster

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Wednesday 21st July 2021

Dear Families,

As you will have all heard by now, the Covid 19 Snap Lockdown will continue until Tuesday 27th July, 11:59pm. We pray and hope for the return of students after this date. Once confirmed by the State Government, of course we will inform you immediately.

Again, I wish to commend and thank you all on the support you have given to your children and the school during remote learning. Student engagement and participation in GoogleMeets or Zooms and the learning students are completing is evidence of the successful partnership between families and the school.

As mentioned on Operoo, the Sacrament of Confirmation, for our Year 6 students, will be rescheduled once the lockdown officially ends. I will communicate the new dates and the process for this once known. Thank you for your understanding with this. In terms of excursions, Sub Committee meetings and School Assemblies, these will be rescheduled once a confirmed date for return is publicised.

During the school holidays, new carpet in the Leadership Centre was laid. Televisions, Apple tvs and Chromecast devices were also installed, replacing interactive whiteboards, in all Centres-the Exploration, Discovery, Bridging and Leadership. All internet infrastructure has also been updated and bandwidth increased to cater for the technology being used in all Centres to enhance learning and teaching for students. In the September school holidays, new carpet will be laid in the Bridging Centre and the asphalt basketball court will be replaced with synthetic turf.

As mentioned before, we are in the process of continuing to grow our resources (books) and library. Over the holidays, we purchased \$10,000 worth of books, and are now in the process of cataloguing. Once we return to school, and Covid restrictions permit, families or parents who are able to assist with the covering of these books, would be very welcome.



Prayer

O Lord, you who promise to guide us through the wilderness and to protect us through the storm, we ask that you would make us wise when we cannot clearly see the way forward, make us brave when we feel afraid, make us strong in the face of our weakness, and make possible what to us

seems impossible, so that we might joyfully entrust ourselves and our children into your tender care in these trying and troubling times. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Student News

Interschool Sport - Truganina District Winter Gala Day

In the last week of term 2, 96 students from the Leadership Centre had the opportunity to represent Bethany at the Truganina Winter Gala Day in either football, soccer, netball or volleyball. The students trained for the day and had a wonderful time competing against other local schools. The teams demonstrated a strong sense of teamwork and good sportsmanship. They were rewarded for hard work and determination with all teams qualifying for the finals in all sports. 6 out of the 7 teams won their finals and have progressed through to the Wyndham Interschool Championships. The soccer and football were held in week 1 of this term with great success, the netball will be rescheduled for a later date and volleyball will be on October 8th.



Girls Volleyball coached by Genevieve Murray



Boys Volleyball coached by Zac Latham



Mixed Football coached by Emma Bonanno and Jo Hennesy



Girls Soccer coached by Marijana Jerkovic



Boys Soccer coached by Vata Garcia

Victorian State Rugby Player

We are very proud to inform the Bethany community that one of our Gr 6 students, Jayah Watkins has been selected for the Victorian under 12 Rugby League team. He was selected after a number of trial days with a large number of rugby players from around the state. Jayah will travel

to Canberra in September to represent Victoria against all of the other Australian states. We wish Jayah a wonderful time as he plays the game that he loves.



Western Metropolitan Cross Country Championships

Ksenia Kureysheva, Jayah Watkins and Myles Gatt will compete in the next round of cross-country races when they are rescheduled. At these races the students will be competing against other fast paced runners who have also won their school, local and district races.

Hooptime Updates

As this newsletter goes to print, we are waiting on the new dates for Hooptime basketball for both Years 3 and 4 as well as Year 5 & 6 and will inform our students as soon as we know. In preparation, tryouts for Leadership Centre students will begin in week 4, details will be provided to the students about the days and times for tryouts. Year 3 & 4 Hooptime teams will resume training once we have their competition date.

School News

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 would like to congratulate Justin Jones, (Yellow Hub Teacher), and his wife Katie on the birth of a beautiful boy on Tuesday 20th July. Little brother to Margot. May God bless them all.

Parent News

Andrew Fuller Additional Free Webinars now available-*Support your child's learning and help get their spark back*

An additional 2 free webinars are now available on Monday 26 @ 1-2pm or Tuesday 27 July @ 5.30 - 6.30pm. Each Webinar is capped at 500 participants and will not be recorded. I know this sold out quickly.

Registration details below are:

Monday 26 July 26 @ 1 - 2pm

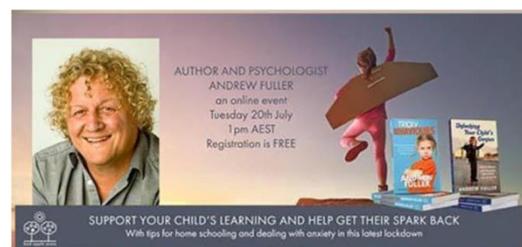
Register for tickets

here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/support-your-childs-learning-and-help-get-their-spark-back-3-tickets-163955391991>

OR

Tuesday 27 July 27 @ 5.30 - 6.30pm

Register for tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/support-your-childs-learning-and-help-get-their-spark-back-2-tickets-163954894503>



The preamble for the webinar states-

"Home schooling and the uncertainty of 2020/21 have left families feeling anxious and perhaps a little overwhelmed.

*Clinical psychologist and family therapist **Andrew Fuller** is holding a webinar which is applicable to every family and empowers parents to guide their children (and themselves) towards success.*

Andrew's webinar will help parents with practical tips on home schooling and show them how to get their kids' mojo back by finding their particular learning strengths and identifying 10 things highly successful students do to study. He will also help parents to deal with the after-effects of 20/21 with tips and information on how to overcome anxiety in children.

Andrew Fuller combines the latest research from brain science, positive education and resilience to create strength-based education.

There will be a presentation and then the opportunity for parents to ask questions directly."

E-Safety -Parent Webinar

A webinar is available using the link below for parents of both primary and secondary children on a range of topics focussed on e-safety. This webinar will guide parents in understanding the risks when using apps like Tik Tok, Snap Chat, Youtube and Instagram. This webinar also covers strategies for staying safe on social media and how to report if something goes wrong. This is extremely worthwhile in this day and age, educating students or children, in the safe use of apps and the internet. The school is in the process of organising Cybersafety incursions for the students and families. Unfortunately, the continuous lockdowns, have not supported the establishment of a confirmed date. These webinars may provide support in the interim.

[eSafety's parent guide to popular apps](#)

Visit esafety.gov.au for [more information](#) and [to register](#).

School Fees

All Student Fees and all School Fees should now be in the process of being finalised unless you have a direct deposit plan in place or you have a plan in place with the Principal.

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.

CSEF Applications

Families holding a valid Health Care Card are eligible to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund. This is a \$125 payment to the school and comes off student levies. You may have already applied for this. If recent circumstances have changed and you now have become eligible for this payment, applications are open until the 13th August. Please call Admin on 9429800 if you have any further questions.

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** that is sent directly 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 are 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.

Term 2 Fundraiser - Chocolate Drive – All money now due

Our term 2 fundraising will go towards the upgrade of the Basketball Asphalt area, replacing it with artificial turf.

Chocolates were sent home at the end of term 2. 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.

All monies and unsold chocolates are due back to school upon our return.

Important Dates

July

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

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

Thursday 29th – Jordan & Teresa Hubs Assembly to be confirmed.

August

Tuesday August 3rd Kolbe and Blue Assembly- to be confirmed

Thursday August 5th Yr 4 Boite Choir - to be confirmed

Friday August 6th Exploration Centre excursion to Werribee Zoo - to be confirmed

Thursday August 12th Mandela and Green Assembly

Thursday August 29th Todd and Red Assembly

Sunday August 29th Eucharist for Yr 4 1.00 p.m and 3.00 p.m.

School Closures for 2021

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

- **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 to be rescheduled

Thursday 22nd July 6.20pm to be rescheduled

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