



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 4
Wednesday 16th March, 2022

Dear Families,

Over the next two weeks we have much to celebrate as a community.

On Friday 18th March, as a school we take a stance against bullying-this year the theme is "Kindness Culture- It starts with you!". Our students, on Friday, will take part in learning tasks to help them to understand how we can work together to create safe and supportive school communities. This aligns with our Positive Behaviours for Learning Approach, being developed with students and staff this year, whereby we communicate our Bethany school expectations to:- Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. Part of our to Be Safe and Be Respectful is to use kind words and actions.

On Sunday 20th March, our Year 5 students celebrate their First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) First Eucharist is the sharing in the body and blood of the Lord at Mass (Eucharist) for the first time. It is a sacrament of initiation. The eating and drinking of the body and blood of Christ, with the rest of the community at the Table of the Lord is a sign of belonging fully to our Catholic community. We ask you to take time this week to reflect on these young people celebrating their First Holy Communion. God has given these children many gifts. We pray He will continue to bless them as they encounter God's love and joy through the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

On Monday 21st March, we hold our Bethany Athletics Carnival at the VU Track, Hoppers Lane, Hoppers Crossing. All students from Prep to Year 6 will be transported by bus to the track and then take part in a number of track and field events, showcasing the athletic talents of many. Students wear their House Colour t-shirt on the day and bring their lunch, snack and water bottle in a backpack – not their school bag. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

On Wednesday 23rd to 25th our Leadership Centre, Year 5 & 6 students, take part in our inaugural camp to CYC Adanac at the Yarra Junction. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and families for supporting their children to attend. A big thank you to the seventeen teachers also attending. Without their support we would not be able to provide this extremely valuable experience to our students. We look forward to sharing some photos with you in the next newsletter.

A reminder to families to park in the School Car Park, and in the bays permitted for parking. Please do not park across the road in "NO STANDING" areas as Parking inspectors are out and about, and this also makes it challenging for our neighbours to get in and out of their driveways.

This week is also Catholic Education Week and St Patrick's Day. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2022 is The Way of the Gospel, which is based on Archbishop Peter Comensoli's Pastoral Letter for Pentecost 2021 Take the Way of the Gospel. The Way of the Gospel challenges us to

find the living Christ in our midst, and to respond and adapt to the questions that are asked in each generation: - How might our local communities of faith continue to address the missionary call of the gospel into the future? - How might we invite people into the fullness of the gospel of life, and do so with a sense of vibrancy and vitality?

And so this week we pray the prayer of St Patrick

Prayer:

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us
Against the snares of the evil ones,
Against temptations of the world.
May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us,
Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord,
Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore.

Amen.

Take care. God bless

Joanne Webster
Principal

Student News

Leadership Assembly Thursday 3rd March

We celebrated our Leadership Assembly on Thursday 3rd March. We thank all students who nominated for these positions. We congratulate the following students for being elected as our School Leadership Team for 2022.

School Captains

Kye Mandat
Sienna Desmier

Vice Captains

Lucas Projkoski
Charlize Napiza

	Conifer Green	Jacaranda Blue	Waratah Red	Wattle Yellow
Captains Yr 6	Brayden Jewell & Aker Deng	Madison Pisano & Emerys Jones	Olivia Moreira & Liam Walker	Kai Black & Violet Youle
Vice Captains Yr 5	Sophia Frisina & Cayd Stuttard	Mila Mustafa & Levi Amore	Alyssa Gallardo & Ethan Hunter	Harvey Wheelahan & Tiara Tangri



Bethany Day Friday 4th March

On Friday 4th March 2022, all Bethany students celebrated Bethany Day. Some reflections of the day from Sepik Hub follow.

On Bethany day we learnt about our Bethany saints. Our saints are Mary, Martha, Jesus and Lazarus. We know that when Jesus had come Mary was listening to him but Martha was cleaning and cooking dinner. Kaboom is a fun company. They came to Bethany to set up some fun games, we did mini golf and we had to wear our house colours. There are four colours, they are named after four beautiful Australian plants. They are called Jacaranda (blue) Conifer (green) Wattle (yellow) and Waratah (red) By Noah.K

On 4/3/2022 it was Bethay day at Bethany Catholic Primary School North. In the morning, I had a lesson on the Bethany saints with Wattle and Conifer. Mary, Matha and Lazurus were the Bethany saints. I learnt that Bethany is called Bethany because of the Bethany story. My favourite part of the morning was when some friends and I decorated a piece of a jigsaw puzzle.

After my first playtime, Wattle and Conifer went to do kaboom sports. Kaboom sports are a company that specialise in kids' sports. There were around 10 stations for groups of kids to take turns to play at. There were some new stations that were not there last year and I thought that those stations were the most fun to play in.

My favourite part of the day was when I had an icy pole at the end of the day. I would like to thank Joanne for allowing all the students to have an icy pole. I would like to also thank all the other teachers for organising such an amazing and fun day for all of the kids at Bethany.

By Clara Wang

Here is a video of the day for you to view. <https://youtu.be/QXzH2Xio-XY>

Italian Language Learning We are at Week 3 of our Italian Language Learning. The words covered this week and last week were and are:

Come stai? *How are you?*

Sto bene grazie, e tu? *Well thank you, and you?*

Sto male *I am unwell*

Così così *so-so*

Stai *You are*

Sto *I am*

Uno, due, tre *One, Two, Three*

Occhi a me *Eyes on me*

Quattro, cinque, sei *Four, Five, Six*

Occhi a te *Eyes on you*

You may like to try this with your children at home!!

School Athletics Carnival: Monday 21st March.

The Bethany Athletics Carnival will take place on Monday 21st March. The learning and teaching in Physical Education has a focus on this. A note went home last week requesting permission for students to attend and requesting help from families. Families assisting will need to be double vaccinated. A meeting for this will be held this Friday 18th March at 9:00am. This will be a great day. We look forward to seeing you all.

Ashton Scholastic Bookclub

Thank you for your response to bookclub. Orders will be distributed later next week.

National Day Against Bullying

On Friday March 18 we will gather as a school for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The NDA is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative, connecting schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying. This year we will celebrate 12 years of action for Australia's key bullying prevention initiative, with the theme, Kindness Culture- It starts with You. Kindness culture promotes inclusiveness, respect and community belonging. This year's theme offers an opportunity for students to learn about kindness and demonstrate kind behaviour. Kindness plays an important role in bullying prevention. The students will gather together to learn strategies to prevent bullying. This year the students in each centre will participate in the following activities. Exploration Centre- students will learn about Allen the Alien- exploring resources to foster emotional literacy and respectful relationships.

Discovery Centre- students will explore the story Swoosh and Glide and unpack the 4 keys online safety messages- Be safe, Be kind, Ask for help and Make good choices.

Bridging Centre- students will enter a live webinar which looks at how our actions and words can make the online world a better place for everyone and how to deal with cyberbullying.

Leadership Centre- students will focus on Cyberbullying and their eSmart digital licence and the module Friends and Strangers- dealing with cyberbullying.

As a whole school students will demonstrate Kindness Culture by gathering together to make their pledges promoting inclusiveness, respect and community belonging to all at Bethany.

Students will decorate an orange heart with words, pictures or symbols and wave these on the oval. Students will chant- **We will be respectful and promise to always use kind words and actions. Bullying No Way.**

Sacrament Dates for 2022

Year 5 First Eucharist - Sun 20th March 1pm and 3pm

Year 4 First Eucharist – Friday 17th June at 5:30pm and 7:30pm

Year 6 Confirmation - Thurs 11th August and Fri 12th August 6.20pm

Year 3 First Reconciliation - Thurs 27th October 6pm and 7.30pm

Dates for family sacrament evenings facilitated by Viv Adamko.

Thurs 26th May 6.45pm - Eucharist focus

Thurs 16th June 6.45pm - Confirmation focus

Thurs 13th October 6.45pm - Reconciliation focus

Parent News

Easter Raffle and donation

The Sub-Committee Fundraising Group are running an Easter Raffle which is to be drawn on Friday 8th April 2022. The raffle prizes will be Easter Hampers. As a community this will be our first fundraiser for 2022. To include the students in this fundraiser they will be permitted to wear casual clothes on Friday 1st April and bring an Easter themed donation to support this fundraiser.

Friday, 1st April 2022 is our Casual Dress & Donation Day

Students and staff may 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. There will be 5 tickets at \$2 a ticket (\$10 for all 5 tickets). Tickets and flyer will be distributed next week.

COVID 19 Vaccination Update

As of Friday 25th March, all visitors or volunteers (parents) performing work on school site, for example parent helpers for reading, incursions or excursions must be triple vaccinated.

All visitors (parents) not performing work must continue to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccination or have a valid medical exemption.

Sub Committee

The next Sub Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th March at 6:45pm. The Sub Committee are looking to organise dates for Second Hand Uniform purchasing and other events to related to service, hospitality and fundraising.

Dates for the remainder of the year are:

Wednesday 4th May 1:30pm

Wednesday 1st June 6:45pm

Wednesday 20th July 1:30pm

Wednesday 17th August 6:45pm

Wednesday 12th October 1:30pm

Wednesday 9th November 6:45pm

We continue to thank our families who contribute to this committee.

Important Dates

March

Wednesday 16th – School Open Night

Sunday 20th – Year 5 Eucharist

Monday 21st – School Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 23rd - 25th March – Year 5 and 6 Camp – CYC Adanac

Thursday 31st March – Leadership Centre – Summer Gala Day

April

Friday 1st April: Casual Dress Day for Easter Donation- students and staff

Friday 8th April: Easter Raffle Drawn

Friday 8th April – End of Term 1 - 12:30pm Finish: Casual Clothes Day for students

School Closures for 2022

The following dates are school closure days for 2022. **PLEASE MARK THESE IN YOUR DIARIES:**

Tuesday 26th April – Professional Learning Conference: School Review

Wednesday 27th April – Professional Learning Conference

Thursday 23rd June – Learning Conversations

Friday 24th June – Professional Learning: Positive Behaviours For Learning

Monday 31st October – Assessment & Report Writing

Monday 5th December – 2023 Planning Day

Public Holidays for 2022

Monday 25th April – ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Monday 13th June – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 1st November – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

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Prep Enrolment 2023

I would like to enrol my child into Bethany for Prep 2023. Please send home an enrolment application pack.

Prep 2023 Child's Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Eldest Child's Hub: _____