



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 5
Wednesday 30th March, 2022

Dear Families,

We have been fortunate to begin the year with a full term of onsite learning for the first time in almost two years. I am grateful to you the families for the diligence you have demonstrated to keep our school community safe and well. Very appreciative. To the students, we thank you for the energy, excitement and enthusiasm you bring to school life. To all educators, we thank you always, for your continued commitment to the students in your care and their families, For our administration staff, we thank you for your continued work behind the scenes, ensuring our school community continues to thrive. The faith formation, learning and teaching, student wellbeing and community events led by each of you, in the learning spaces, in your homes, in the school yard, at the athletics track, or be it at Camp are testament to the Bethany spirit and 4H culture of heart, healing, hospitality and most of all hope alive in our community.

Last week the Leadership Centre, some 147 students and 17 educators, from across the school embarked on our inaugural school camp to CYC Adanac. To say this opportunity was a success is an understatement. This experience for all our students, has allowed us all to encounter each other in a very different learning environment. It has solidified friendships, as well as establishing new friendships, it has taught the students independence, tolerance, co-operation as well as continuing to develop trusting relationships with their peers and educators. Mostly it has given them a lifelong memory of their time at Bethany at camp. Something I know they will cherish always. The success of this camp, is attributed to many- leaders, teachers, admin staff and to our families. A big thank you to all, for all you have given.



A reminder to all families, the last day of term is Friday 8th April. Students will be dismissed at 12:30pm. Students may wear casual clothes on this day as a reward for their great learning and living at Bethany this term!

The school will reopen on Thursday 28th April, 2022 for Term 2. School Closures will be on Tuesday 26th April and Wednesday 27th April. These days will be Professional Learning Days for staff in preparation for School Review. No staff will be onsite for these days.

My blessing for each of you as we enter the last week and half of school term, school holidays and Easter, is that the peace and hope that comes with the risen Lord, is bestowed upon each of you and your families.

Take care. God bless

Joanne Webster

Principal

Prayer

Gracious and Compassionate God,
As we journey through our time of Lent
Our time in deserts and low places
Our time on the mountains and high places
We continue to seek you.

We need you more than ever
in our busyness
our loneliness
our sadness
our depression
our anger
our happiness
our joy
our excitement

We need
your presence
your compassion
your grace
your comfort
your renewal
your healing
your peace
your joy
your love
your salvation

Lord we are
reminded that
all this is embodied
in your son Jesus
in his life
his death
and his resurrection

and that all
this was freely given
that we may have
abundant life
eternal life
fullness of life
freed lives
loved lives
loving lives
grace giving lives

Come Lord
pour your mercy and grace and love and salvation over us
And for these gifts from you we are grateful. Amen.

Bethany Resource Centre

Our Bethany Resource Centre (Library) will be open for Term 2. Students will begin to borrow books in Week 2 of Term 2. They will require a library bag, this will ensure all books are protected as well as making it easier to transport them to and from school. Library bags can be anything from a large pencil case to a cloth bag. Please label this bag with your child's name and hub. Library bags need to be sent to school with your child in Week 1. There will be no borrowing without a library bag. Library books may be borrowed for a duration of 2 weeks. We will open the library before and after school, once our process at school for the students have been finalised so stay tuned.

The Stations of the Cross Mini Pilgrimage

The Stations of the Cross is a form of prayer most commonly prayed as a mini pilgrimage during Lent. In our Catholic tradition we have 14 Stations of the Cross; a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on earth as a man. Each of the 14 Stations focuses on a specific event that occurred on Jesus' last day, from his trial before Pilate to his crucifixion, death and burial in the tomb.

On Friday 8th April, between 9.00am and 11.00am, each hub will participate in a Stations of the Cross mini pilgrimage, where they will prayerfully move through a select number of Stations placed around the school. At each Station, through drama, words and images, students will reflect on the events of Good Friday and what this means for them in their own lives. This pilgrimage is a way for us, as a school, to reflect on the events of Christ's Passion (his suffering and death) on Good Friday, as we prepare to celebrate the risen Lord at Easter.



Camp Adanac Student Reflections

Camp Adanac was an exciting experience for me and the activities were super fun and many of them were new to me like canoeing. There was a lot of exploring on the lake especially with Amanda and the instructor was very helpful. We also played a fun game called shark tiggy in our canoes. For three days I had a lot of excitement and enjoyed camp.

Charlize Napiza Year 6
Chisholm Hub

At Camp Adanac we had lots of amazing activities and experiences. The food was delicious and breakfast was so good. The aroma of food made me more excited about what they were serving. After 7 o'clock we had dark activities, like a torchlight walk to the campfire at the back of the camp and a crazy disco. I'm so glad I went to this camp and I hope that we have more interesting things as the year goes on.

Payton Webster Year 6
Chisholm Hub

First Holy Eucharist Reflections

On Sunday 20th March, the Year 5 students made their First Holy Communion.

I felt happy and excited because my family was there to celebrate this special day with me. When I received Jesus for the first time, I felt that Jesus is even more present in my life.

from Sophia Frisina



National Day Against Bullying Student Reflection

On the day of the School's NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING my hub (Tiber) began by watching a Webinar about being nice and not bullying. We completed an activity about being nice to people and helping them out when you can and I had heaps of fun.

Later, we went and made flags and we wrote kind words about being upstanders and not bullying. At the end of the day, we went to the oval and waved the flags in the dusty air. There were what felt like TRILLIONS of flags waving in the air. The preps had heart shaped flags unlike everyone else and there were kind words written on them like the rest of the people.

We all waved and chanted 'Bullying no way' and other nice things about how to be kind and help others. We all repeated what the leaders said, screaming "BULLYING NO WAY" while waving our flags in the air, so many hard to control flags, in the rough breeze of wind.

Xavier McDowell (Tiber Hub)



Bethany Athletics Carnival

Last Monday was an amazing day with all Bethany students and staff participating in the school athletics day at the Victorian University Athletics Track. It was wonderful to see all students trying their best in all their events, demonstrating persistence and determination at each event. We had an amazing amount of parent participation in running the events as well as lots of spectators who cheered all day.

The results of the day are:

Prep - Year 2 results are

1st **Conifer Green** 152 points, 2nd **Waratah Red** 139 points, 3rd **Wattle Yellow** 119 points and 4th

Jacaranda Blue 112 points .

Year 3 - 6 results are:

1st **Waratah Red** 544 points, 2nd **Jacaranda Blue** 542 points, 3rd **Conifer Green** 506 points and 4th **Wattle Yellow** 473 points.

The results of the Year 4 - 6 students will be collated and used to select the Bethany Team for the Truganina District Athletics Team in August. To do this we will use the students' ages rather than grade levels.



Some student reflections

I liked doing the sack race. I was jumping in the blue sack.
Ollie King
(Sky Hub)

I liked the 100 metre sprint because I won the race. It was really fun.
Scarlett Rose
(Earth Hub)



I liked moving the parachute up and down.
Zane Maillard
(Earth Hub)

On Monday, March 20th, it was the Athletics Day for our school. I, Lucas Ilustrisimo was very excited and nervous for this momentous, yearly event. All students rode on different buses according to their groups. Their groups were made according to their coloured house (Wattle, Waratah, Jacaranda, and Conifer).

The ride was about 10 minutes long. When we got to the oval and track, we all sat down in the middle of the oval to put our bags down with the group. On to the exciting bit, 4x 100m relay was up first. Year 6s were allowed to join, but only 4 for each house colour was allowed to join. They went on to the tracks, and got ready for the first event of the day. The parent/helper that was in charge of starting the races told them these words (that are mostly just used to start races of course) "Ready, set, GO!" Once he said "go", they all started bolting up the tracks, so fast they could run across the WHOLE oval in just a few SECONDS if they really wanted to! Once that was done, they announced who won. I forget the exact order, but I remember that Conifer (Green) won the Junior Cup.

So with that done, we completed the rest of our events. The second event for us, the Year 4's, was hurdles. This was the first time for me, ever doing hurdles or an optional event! I decided to go, as my friends, Xavier and Evan went too. We really enjoyed all of the events and we are already looking forward to next year.

Lucas Ilustrisimo (Tiber Hub)

Italian Language Learning Over the last week in Italian we have been revising our words, this week's words are:

Venite - come

Qua - here

Andate - go

La - There

Ripetete - repeat

Insieme - together

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

Sacrament Dates for 2022

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

Staff News

This week Vicki Benson from Sepik enjoys some Long Service Leave. She will return mid next week. We wish her all the best as she spends time resting and recuperating.

We also farewell Hayley Fenech and Marijana Jerkovic. We thank them both for their extraordinary service to the Bethany School Community and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours

Parent News

Winter Uniform

A transition time from Summer to Winter uniform will begin in Term 2. From Monday 2nd May, all students will be required to wear full winter uniform. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this. The Second Hand Uniform sale will be on Thursday 29th April during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

URGENT SAFETY ALERT FOR LAST DAY OF TERM, APRIL 8th

On Friday 8th April Bethany staff will be supervising all school crossings when students are dismissed at 12.30pm for the school holidays.

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). All raffle tickets need to be returned by **Monday 4th April, 2022.**

Positive Behaviours for Learning

As part of our journey with Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) all staff and students have been introduced to our Bethany PBL Matrix - *Be Safe Be Respectful Be Responsible*

All staff speak this language to students and lessons on each of the expected behaviours will slowly be rolled out.

So far students have been taught how to 'use *kind words and actions*' and 'use *whole body listening*'.

You might like to chat to your children about what they know about our new PBL matrix.



**Positive Behaviour for Learning
School Wide Expectations**

	Be Safe	Be Respectful	Be Responsible
Learning Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself Move safely by walking calmly and quietly Use all materials appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Whole Body Listening Use an appropriate voice Use kind words and actions Follow directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look after self, others and equipment Stay on task Begin work promptly Be ready to learn
Outside Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself Move safely by walking on paths and to play areas Know and follow play space rules Use playground equipment correctly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use kind words and actions Use the toilet area appropriately Be a good sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look after self, others and equipment Be sunsmart, wear your hat Walk promptly to line up At first bell, get a drink and visit toilet
Transitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself Move safely by walking calmly and quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow routines and instructions correctly Line up calmly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be prepared for the next lesson Clean up after yourself / Tidy the space/area you used
Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only communicate with people you know Keep personal information private Carry devices safely Hand and pass resources to others carefully 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak, act and respond kindly Take care of your resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look after your own device Keep personal information & password to self Follow ICT agreement Be cyber safe
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Whole Body Listening Follow directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Whole Body Listening Use kind words and actions Be a good sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash your hands correctly

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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

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

Thursday 28th April: Students return – Term 2

May

Wednesday 4th May: Sub Committee Meeting – 1:30pm

Thursday 26th May: School Photos

Thursday 26th May: Family Sacrament Evening – 6:30pm Eucharist

Monday 16th May: NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5 (Over 2 week period)

June

Wednesday 1st June: Sub Committee Meeting – 6.45pm

Thursday 16th June: Family Sacrament Evening – 6:30pm Confirmation

Friday 17th June: Year 4 Eucharist – 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Wednesday 22nd June: Last Day for Students – Term 2

Thursday 23rd June: Learning Conversations (School Closure Day)

Friday 24th June: Professional Learning: Positive Behaviours For Learning (School Closure Day)

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

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: _____