



# Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 7  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

Dear Families,

We have begun the term with great enthusiasm and excitement! The students were able to visit the Resource Centre for the first time last week and borrow books from our library. As I wandered into the resource centre and observed and spoke to students, I noticed how engaged they were in selecting their book/s as well as demonstrating their excitement at the opportunity. Once we get into the routine of utilising the resource centre and we work through any hiccups, we will set a couple of before and after school timeslots where families may come with their children to borrow. Students from Years 4-6 also had their try outs for the Cross Country, the Leadership Centre enjoyed an incursion titled "Electric Buzz" and of course on Friday, all students were able to purchase gifts for their mothers at the Mother's Day Stall. We thank the Sub Committee, and the additional parents who came to help. We also thank our Student School Leaders, who supported with the selling of items, encouraged the younger students when making purchases and presented items for sale to the hubs prior to them purchasing. A great community event!

On Monday, we began Assemblies again, with MacKillop and Chisholm leading. We thank them for being our very first group for the 2022 school year. It was also wonderful to be able to welcome all families.

This week we also begin Prep 2023 enrolment interviews. I look forward to meeting all families, parents and prospective students of existing and new families. It provides the opportunity to begin to establish positive and authentic relationships and of course, continue to develop these.

A reminder to all that the Drop Off Zones on Thames Boulevard and Redford Street are just that. A place to park for a couple of minutes to drop your children off and then go. We are fortunate at Bethany to have a large car park for parents/families wanting to drop off their children and walk them in.

Although Mother's Day was on Sunday. I would like to dedicate this week's prayer to all mothers and/or mother like figures in our school community. I hope you were thoroughly spoilt on Sunday with lots of hugs, and kisses!!



---

All students attending Bethany Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.

Joanne Webster  
Principal

## Prayer

Thank you, Lord that you fill a mother's heart with love, that you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children.

Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing, teaching them, comforting them, making a safe place and for guiding her children to be all that God has created them to be.

Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, with strength, patience and joy.

Give them ability to forgive again and again.

Enable her to call upon You, because You will give her all she needs.

We pray for all natural, adopting, and all mothers that are not able to be with us.

Amen

## Student News from Students at Bethany

**Bethany Resource Centre** Tiber Hub went to the library for the first time this week. It was really fun reading our favourite books such as comics, nonfiction and fiction. We had an hour to enjoy the marvellous furniture and to sit and read.

We got to borrow the books with the teachers scanning them. We enjoyed finding perfect books to read and relax. We each got exciting books of our choice to put in our book bags.

Liam Chae and Levi Wheelahan, Tiber Hub



## Mother's Day

The day before the Mother's Day stall we decorated our gift bags. We got to choose a coloured background. Then we put on a heart to write or draw a special message to our mum. There was a little sign that says *Happy Mother's Day*. The next day we bought the gifts. The selection we had was scented sachet, air freshener, mug, keyring, jewellery box, grooming set, socks, candle and a notepad. It was really fun. Our mum's will really love them. We hope everyone has a happy and fun Mother's Day.

## Jackson Bramfit, Tiber Hub

---

All students attending Bethany Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.



### **Electric Buzz- Incursion- Leadership Centre**

We were very lucky to have Kartini, a scientist from *Made About Science*, teach us about electricity. We learnt how to make a light bulb and propeller work using different types of circuits. It was so much fun and we have so many things we went to explore after this experience.

**Isabella Mandela**



On Tuesday 3rd of May we had the wonderful opportunity to work with a scientist from Mad About Science. Her name was Kartini or Miss K. She taught us about energy like static and kinetic energy. It was super fun and I loved the interactive activities that taught us about connections. We made connections with little lights, fans and sound.

**Shriya Mandela**

For our incursion we learned about two types of energy; static electricity and current electricity. Kartini picked some volunteers to help her out and it was really funny how she made the balloons stick to our hair. She also got the balloons to stick to her coat using static electricity. Next, we had to work in small groups to make a lightbulb glow and a motor work with batteries as the power source. At the end we made a big circle and held hands to see if we could make the globe and motor work. It did, which meant our hands were the circuit! It was a super fun experience with Mad for Science.

**Addison MacKillop**



I liked the science incursion with Mrs.K because well... I like Science! I loved when we experimented with the lights with the batteries. I found out that there are two kinds of ways to power things. The parallel way and series way. The little kit with the fan and light was fun but I wish we had more time. - **Shirley Mandela**

I really enjoyed having science with Kartini!! It was so much fun making fans and lightbulbs work too! But my favourite part was the wires on the tray. Our group got really far and even though some of it was hard, I really loved the whole thing and I would do it again if I could. It was really great fun! :) - **Sienna Mandela**

---

All students attending Bethany Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.

Last Tuesday, Kartini from Mad About Science came into Bethany and educated the Leadership Centre about different types of energy used in the real world everyday, especially electricity. We used batteries and light bulbs to create our own closed circuits. We had great fun exploring static electricity, and Connor unfortunately ended up with 2 balloons stuck to his head. We know this happened due to the attraction of positive and negative electrical charges.

**Payton and Isabella M Chisholm**



## Sacrament Dates for 2022

**Year 4 First Eucharist** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 5:30pm and 7:30pm. This will be at St Andrew's Church.

**Year 6 Confirmation** - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 6.20pm

**Year 3 First Reconciliation** - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 6pm and 7.30pm

## Dates for family sacrament evenings facilitated by Viv Adamko.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 6:45pm - Eucharist focus

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 6:45pm - Confirmation focus **please note change of date**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 6:45pm - Reconciliation focus

## First Eucharist Practice in the Church **New**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 6:30pm and 7:15pm Year 4 First Eucharist Practice at St Andrew's Church

## Parent News

### Scholastic Book Club

*Many thanks to all the families who placed an order for books last term. Thanks to your generosity, the school raised \$1000.*

*This money will be used to purchase more library books for our beautiful library. This week your child will receive their May Scholastic Book Club magazine.*

**Orders:** due by 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**Payment type:** Credit Card only. (Please do not send cash to the school.)

*If you would like to place an order this time, please follow the instructions on the back of the magazine.*

### PBL (Positive Behaviours For Learning)

Students are embracing the PBL and matrix to think about their behaviours and manage themselves in a positive way. Students have extra visuals to support them in remembering the expected way to behave. Staff all speak a common language, which is a

### How do parents order using LOOP?

**1**

Sign in or register an account at: [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

**2**

Click on **ORDER** and select school and child's class

**3**

Add child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)

**4**

Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue

**5**

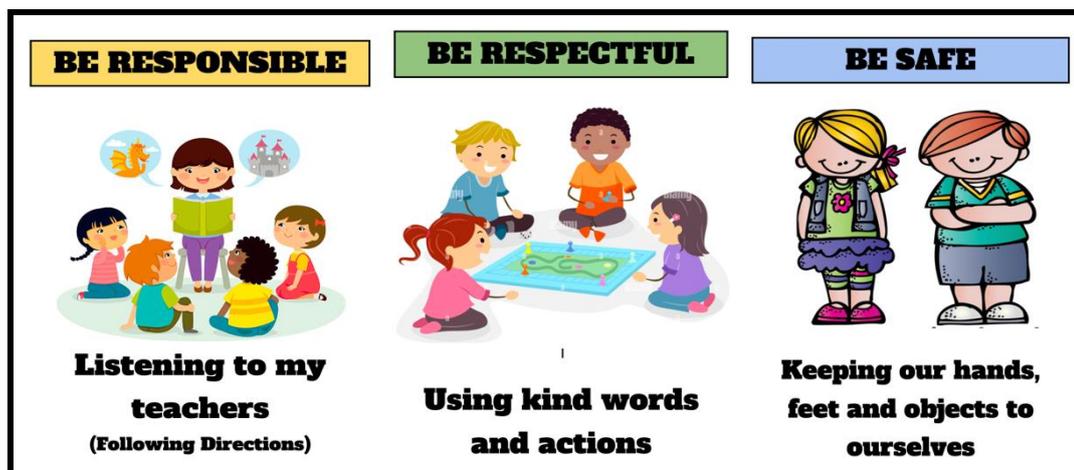
Make payment via credit card

**6**

All orders are attached to the school account until ready to be submitted to Scholastic by the school.

All students attending Bethany Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.

language you can also use at home. If any parent would like printed copies of any of the visuals the school will give them to you. We can adapt Be Responsible to: Listening to my Parents. Please email Carin with your child's name and hub and she will forward them to you. [carin.vanmourik@bsweribeenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:carin.vanmourik@bsweribeenth.catholic.edu.au)



A behaviour flowchart has also been introduced to support students to return to the expected behaviour. Potentially, as parents you can also adapt to this to use at home.

Next Focus: Students will have lessons on Be Respectful - **Be a Good Sport**. Students will role play and learn the qualities of being a good sport in team sports as a participant and a spectator.

Positive Behaviour for Learning  
School Wide Expectations

Be Safe	Be Respectful	Be Responsible
1	Friendly Reminder	
2	Second & Last Reminder	
3	Pay Back Time	
4	Discussion Action	

### School Photos 2022

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken at Bethany Catholic Primary School by Arthur Reed Photos on Thursday 26th May 2022. Students are to wear **Winter Uniform**:

**Long or Short Sleeve Gold Polo Shirt with Navy Trousers OR Tunic with Navy Tights, Royal Blue Windcheater or Zip Jacket, Black School Shoes or Black School Boots**

**There is no need to return any forms or money to school.**

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

**Once registered, please wait for notification that 2022 images are online to view before making your purchase.**

## Second Hand Uniform

Our Second-Hand Uniform sale at the beginning of the term was a huge success however, we do have an abundance of uniform remaining. We will hold an additional Second-Hand Uniform Sale for these items on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May** at morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up on the basketball court.

A reminder that items can be purchased with **cash only**.

## Sub Committee

The next Sub Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 6:45pm. The Sub Committee are looking to organise dates for Second Hand Uniform purchasing and other events related to service, hospitality and fundraising.

Dates for the remainder of the year are:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 6:45pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1:30pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 6:45pm

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

## Important Dates

### May

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May: NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5 (Over a 2-week period)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Assembly: Todd and Sepik

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May: School Photos – Students wear **Winter Uniform**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Family Sacrament Evening – 6:30pm for 6:45pm start – Eucharist

### June

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Sub Committee Meeting – 6:45pm

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Assembly: Red and Blue

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June: First Eucharist Practice in the Church 6:30pm & 7:15pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Family Sacrament Evening – 6:30pm for 6:45pm start – Confirmation

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4 Eucharist – 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June: Assembly: Italian: Claudia and Loretta

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Last Day for Students – Term 2 at 3:00pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Learning Conversations (School Closure Day)**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Learning Conversations

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June: Professional Learning: Positive Behaviours For Learning

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Assessment & Report Writing

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December: 2023 Planning Day

---

All students attending Bethany Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.

## Public Holidays for 2022

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** \_\_\_\_\_