



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

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Dear Families,

We continue to thank you for your ongoing support of your children, the students and the school community, especially with the notification of unwell students and keeping children home when they are unwell. We are very grateful for this. Daily at school, we too continue to battle with staff absences due to Covid and all the other nasty bugs raising their heads. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank the staff of Bethany for their flexibility to ensure the learning and teaching and wellbeing of the students continues. A great community effort by all.

As we enter the month of June, and the cooler weather descends upon us, we take time to reflect on and celebrate the learning and teaching the students and staff have participated in and contributed to, in all areas of the curriculum, over the last 5 months. The teachers are currently in the process of composing and constructing the Semester 1 reports, highlighting the student's achievements in learning. In the coming weeks I have the privilege of reading the student's report, giving me an overall picture of the students' learning this semester: the academic, social and emotional, faith formation, and physical growth and progress made.

The culmination of this process is the 'Learning Conversation' which will take place on Thursday 23rd June. The students and teachers will share and celebrate the achievements made so far this year and discuss the opportunities for future learning for the second half of the year, through these 'Learning Conversations'. To continue to build student voice and agency in their learning we ask that students come along with their parents and participate in this conversation. This will be a school closure day. Again, this year we will use the online Parent Interview booking system to allocate times for this conversation. If you need support to book a time please ask at the Office. Notes detailing this process will be sent via Operoo to families in the next week or so. We look forward with great anticipation to seeing you at the Learning Conversations, which will be held in the School Hall.

We also have School Photos tomorrow and ask that all students are in their full winter uniform for this. More information may be found under 'Parent News'.

In the next two weeks, we have the Bridging Centre Excursion down to the Werribee River, School Photos, National Simultaneous Storytime, Eucharist Family Sacrament Night, Discovery Centre excursion to Scienceworks, Assembly for Red and Blue Hubs, Eucharist Practice at St Andrews, and Confirmation Family Night. A big two weeks of living and learning at Bethany.

Joanne Webster
Principal

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Prayer

On Sunday 5th June, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This significant event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles and recounts how the disciples were given the gifts of the Holy Spirit, to share and spread the good news of the gospels within their communities and beyond.

As we too celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let the Holy Spirit work within and amongst us, so we too may spread Jesus' message in our words and actions and as we pray:

Enter my heart, O Holy Spirit,
come in blessed mercy and set me free.
Throw open, O Lord,
the locked doors of my mind.
O Holy spirit, very God,
whose presence is liberty,
grant me the perfect freedom
to be your servant
today, tomorrow, evermore.
Amen

Eric Milner-White

Student News from Students at Bethany

Leadership Centre Writing Expo

The Leadership Centre held their writing expo last week, where we got to share our writing, but not in the way we have done before. We created QR Codes and used these to read each other's stories. It was great to read a story that our friends created and they were all very different. We also got to give them reviews just like a real author gets. To help us pick the story we wanted to read, each author wrote a catchy blurb to hook us in. We have included a selection below if you wish to have a go at scanning the QR code and reading a story or two. Lelani Kaio LH

The rain licked your back subtly. The gates groaned as the wind wiped their iron spears. An empty courtyard, and the stench of drenched clothing. Hallways devoid of life, besides soulless children with hollowed eyes. There was a ruler somewhere, somewhat, casting a wretched reign. Only time will tell if you're dreaming your dread



Dazai Osamu is a 14-year-old boy who just started their first day of year 8 and he finds out his teacher is the worst of the worst teachers in the whole world! Let's see if Dazai can come out of class alive by the last day of school! But then one day his teacher, Mrs.Jane is injected with a virus that turns her into an actual monster, Dazai and his class are the only people who can cure Mrs.Jane, but as much as they want to get out of her class they thought she was better when she was normal, let's see Dazai's school adventure as well!



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Bridging Centre Writer's Expo

In Writing, we have written stories that were based on videos with no sound. We have written lots of stories and we've put them up in Dome Two. All the hubs in the centre wrote stories. Everyone designed their stories in different displays such as in booklets, on a poster board and using our laptops with digital literacy. The videos were also displayed on TVs. Then, everyone came into the dome and looked at the different stories. They all commented on the stories with colourful sticky notes and it looked beautiful. Ajok Deng



Living Eggs- Exploration and Discovery Centres

Both the Exploration and Discovery Centres have welcomed some new arrivals! Each centre received an incubator with chicken eggs in it and over the course of the following ten days we watched the little chicks begin to hatch! The students were observing the eggs with great anticipation each day and kept a writing journal of all the changes they had seen.

The rich learning experience that this has provided the students has aligned with our Science Inquiry Units where the students are learning to observe, question, predict and make conclusions through their understanding that science is part of our everyday life.

The students have also been very busy writing sentences and information reports about the diet, habitat and appearance of our chicks, along with some interesting facts that they have found out along the way.

Once all the chicks have hatched, we would like to create a chicken coup for our chickens. If anyone has a cubby house they no longer need, we would love this for a new home for our Bethany chickens. Please contact the Admin office.



The eggs arrive.



The chicks begin to hatch.

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Italian News

This year we have been learning to use our Italian words and try to use them in our everyday lives. One way we are encouraged to use our Italian words is to win Pinocchio and we have had Pinocchio three times so far. Pinocchio is a doll that we get for a week when we have more beans than any other hubs. To get a bean we have to say an Italian word. The most beans we have ever had is over 300! We treat Pinocchio like a family member in our hub, even though he is a bit cheeky sometimes!

Ava O'Brien and Ella Goncalves
Chisholm Hub



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)

National Simultaneous Storytime is an important event that aims to encourage young children to read and enjoy the love of literature. This year NSS will take place on **Wednesday 25 May 2022**. On this special day, we celebrate and spotlight an Australian author and illustrator by reading their book. This year, we're excited to be reading 'Family Tree' by Josh Pyke and Ronjoy Ghosh. This particular picture book will be read on the same day in libraries, schools, kindergartens and homes all over Australia! NSS is a time to celebrate literacy and build foundations for the love of reading in our young learners.



Parent News

Resource Centre (Library Helpers)

We are looking for Parent Helpers who may be able to support us in the Resource Centre on Monday through to Friday, to return the books students have borrowed and help place on the shelves. We would need your assistance from 8:50am – 9:15am each morning. We understand you may only be able to do one morning a week. We would certainly be grateful for any day you can assist. You will need to be triple vaccinated and have a working with children check. If you are able to assist, please complete the Operoo eForm which will also be sent to families today. Many thanks in advance for your assistance.

Anaphylaxis

Parents are encouraged not to send any peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches to school to support students with allergies, especially any students with anaphylaxis.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

PBL (Positive Behaviours For Learning)

The PBL focus for students is **Being a Good Sport**. It is important to teach students to **Be Respectful** by knowing the qualities of being a good sport. This includes what being a good sport looks like: *when winning, when losing and when spectating*.

The teaching of this will go for most of Term 2. There are so many elements around being a good sport, students will view video clips, role play scenarios and gain a greater understanding and awareness of how they can be a good sport.

Be Respectful

- **Be a good sport**

Students will:

- Agree on game rules before playing
- Identify expected and unexpected behaviours when playing in teams and groups
- Model appropriate language when interacting with team mates or opposing teams
- Problem solve as a team to solve issues or conflicts
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship in cheering on teammates
- Model acceptable behaviour when winning or losing

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.

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.

If you would prefer to make a donation instead of taking a box of chocolates please respond to the Operoo eForm which will be sent to families this Friday 27th May.

Boxes of chocolates to sell for fundraising will go home to families on **Thursday 16th June**.

NCCD (Nationally Consistent Collection of Data)

NCCD information is collected by all schools to count the number of students who may need adjustments or help with their learning due to a disability. Information is provided below detailing, who is counted, what disability means, and how the school is supported to provide adjustment including through funding. Please see attached.

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 Shorts 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.

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.

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.

Sub Committee

The next Sub Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st 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 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

Sacrament Dates for 2022

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

Year 6 Confirmation - Thursday 11th August and Friday 12th August 6:30pm

Year 3 First Reconciliation - Thursday 27th October 6pm and 7:30pm

Dates for family sacrament evenings facilitated by Viv Adamko.

Thursday 26th May 6:30pm for a 6:45pm start – Eucharist focus

Thursday 9th June 6:30 pm for a 6:45pm start – Confirmation focus

Thursday 13th October 6:30pm for a 6:45pm start – Reconciliation focus

First Eucharist Practice in the Church

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

May

Thursday 26th May: School Photos – Students wear **Winter Uniform**

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

Tuesday 31st May: Discovery Centre Excursion – Scienceworks – Blue, Indigo & Yellow Hubs

June

Wednesday 1st June: Sub Committee Meeting – 6:45pm

Monday 6th June: Assembly: Red and Blue – 2:25pm

Tuesday 7th June: Discovery Centre Excursion – Scienceworks – Orange, Green & Red Hubs

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

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

Tuesday 14th June: Exploration Centre Excursion – Melbourne Zoo

Thursday 16th June: Leadership Centre – Winter Gala Day

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

Monday 20th June: Assembly: Italian: Claudia and Loretta – 2:25pm

Tuesday 21st June: School Advisory Committee Meeting – 6:45pm

Wednesday 22nd June: Last Day for Students – Term 2 – 3:00pm

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:**

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 13th June: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 1st November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday