



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

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Dear Families,

We are now at the halfway mark of 2022 and have much to celebrate in the learning and teaching, in our faith formation, in our social and emotional learning and in the relationships that have been established so far.

The culmination of all this learning is evident in the student School Reports, which came home yesterday. I hope you have had time to praise your children for their progress in the many aspects of learning completed in Semester One. The Learning Conversations on Thursday, will provide you with time to discuss this with your child's teacher whilst also having the opportunity to enter into a conversation about your child's future learning in Semester Two. On Monday, I sent a note home to support you to read your child's report, I hope this was helpful. Attached to this was the Michael Grose article which elaborates on the note.

As the Principal, I have been privileged to read each student's report and I commend them all on their diligence, perseverance and achievements in learning. Well done children! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the work you do at home with your children, continuing the learning and teaching at home and in partnership with the school. To the teachers and leaders at Bethany, a big thank you for your continued commitment, passion, and collegiality to ensure student learning opportunities and experiences are maximised.

On Friday 17th June, our Year 4 students celebrated the First Holy Communion. A beautiful Mass at St Andrew's. A beautiful way to end our Term 2 in faith.



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Term 3 commences on Monday 11th July. Lunch orders will be available from this day

School Closure Days

The following days will be School Closure Days:

Thursday 23rd June: Learning Conversations

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

A Prayer for the end of Term 2.

As we come to the end of another term, we remember the good times, for they have filled us with excitement and pleasure, peace and satisfaction. We remember the hard times, for without them we would not have had the chance to grow into better people. We rejoice in our achievements, no matter how small, and celebrate the challenges we have faced and overcome.

For the children and staff in our school community: may they find time to rest and be restored in mind, body and spirit during the upcoming holidays. *(Pause)* Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who guide and teach the children of our school: we give thanks that they share their faith, time and gifts so generously. *(Pause)* Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have enriched the life of our school throughout the term – our staff, students, parents and friends: we thank you for their valuable contributions in making our school what it is today. *(Pause)* Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of our community: we pray that their decisions will always be guided by the Holy Spirit. *(Pause)* Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, hear the prayers your children pray with faithful and trusting hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Joanne Webster

Principal

Student News from Students at Bethany

Gala Day Report - Leadership Centre

Volleyball

On Thursday Bethany went to Eagle Stadium to compete in volleyball. At the stadium there were three teams that represented Bethany, there was one girl's team and two mixed teams. There were four schools that we competed against. Truganina South, Bellbridge, Doherty Creek and Truganina P-9. We had a lot of fun and cheered for all of our teams. The girls team made it to the finals against Truganina South A. It was a tie with both games so the girls team had to play a third game and unfortunately they lost the match and came second. The Bethany Mixed A team came 6th and defeated Bellbridge and Truganina South B and Bethany Mixed B came 4th place and beat Bethany A, Truganina South B and Bellbridge. Thank you to all the coaches and teachers who helped set the event up and all the students who played for Bethany in Volleyball. *Natalia (Kolbe) and Emerys (Little).*



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Soccer-Boys



On Thursday, boys and girls from the Leadership Centre went to play soccer and football and represent Bethany at Saltwater Reserve. The results of the Bethany A and B soccer team were that we won 4 games and lost 1 match. Even though the weather was not the best, we all had a great time. And even though we missed out on winning the competition by 1 goal, we had lots of fun.
Aidan and Vincent (Chisholm)

Soccer-Girls

On the 16th of June 12 Year 5 and 6 girls represented Bethany at the Winter Gala Soccer tournament. It was a wet and windy day, but we managed to win all our games, defeating Truganina P-9 3-1, Bellbridge 3-1, and Garrang Willam 3-0 in our final game. We all had a great time on the day, cheering and supporting each other, and were very happy to bring home the winning banner for Bethany. Shout out to our awesome coach Dan as well, who not only coached us all day, but refereed and scored all our games! We love playing together and cannot wait to represent the school again in the next round!
Madison (Little) and Harper (Kolbe)



AFL

On the 16th of June the Year 5-6 Bethany boys competed in the Football Winter Gala at Point Cook Saltwater Reserve led by one of our Leadership teachers Emma. The teams that we competed against were Bellbridge and Truganina South. Even though it was very cold and rainy, we didn't let them score a single point against us! We all played our very best and had heaps of fun. We all fought together to win the district division and can't wait for the next round.
Eyosias & Kai (Teresa)





Netball

On the 16th of June some of the year 5-6 students from Bethany went to Eagle Stadium for the Winter Gala Netball competition. There were two Bethany teams, an all-girls and a mixed team. The all-girls team finished 4th place, they won 2, lost 3 and tied. The mixed team finished 2nd place, winning four games and losing one. We were so proud of everyone that participated in the Winter Gala Netball. The schools who competed were Doherty's Creek, Bellbrige, Trug South, Truganina P-9 and Garrang Willam. We all had so much fun and all celebrated with each other for our magnificent effort.

Caitlyn and Darcie (Teresa)

Cross Country Championships 2022

Congratulations to April Hollingsworth, Harvey Wheelahan and Katia Kurenysheva for participating in Cross Country Championships last Thursday. Well done!



Staff News

We wish to farewell the following staff-

Elaine Scanlon who returns home to Ireland after spending 7 years in Australia and 6 of them at Bethany. We wish her all the best as she returns home to be with family and friends, and thank her for her contribution to the Bethany community.

Helen Kelly retires after 25 years at Bethany. We thank her for her tremendous service to Catholic Education for over 45 years and for her leadership, contributions and commitment to the Bethany School Community and St Andrew's Parish. We wish her all the best as she begins the next journey in her life- retirement.

Michael Gowland leaves Bethany after 18 years of service to the school and the St Andrew's Community. We thank him for his contribution and leadership and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

May God bless them all.

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Assemblies for Term 3 and 4

2022 ASSEMBLIES held on Mondays 2:25 -3:00					
TERM 2	HUBS	TERM 3	HUBS	TERM 4	HUBS
1. Mon. 25/4	School Closure	1. Mon 11/7	KOLBE/MANDELA	1. Mon 3/10	
2. Mon 2/5		2. Mon 18/7		2. Mon 10/10	TERESA/LITTLE
3. Mon 9/5	MACKILLOP/CHISHOLM	3. Mon 25/7	WERRIBEE/YARRA	3. Mon 17/10	
4. Mon. 16/5		4. Mon. 1/8		4. Mon. 24/10	JORDAN/TIBER
5. Mon 23/5	TODD/SEPIK	5. Mon 8/8	MURRAY/ & MUSIC	5. Mon 31/10	School Closure
6. Mon 30/5		6. Mon 15/8		6. Mon 7/11	GREEN/YELLOW
7. Mon 6/6	RED/BLUE	7. Mon 22/8	ORANGE/INDIGO	7. Mon 14/11	
8. Mon 13/6	Queen's B'day Holiday	8. Mon 29/8		8. Mon 21/11	EARTH/OCEAN
9. Mon 20/6	CLAUDIA/LORETTA ITALIAN	9. Mon 5/9	STAR/SKY	9. Mon 28/11	
		10 Mon 12/9	Connor / House Leaders	10 Mon 5/12	School Closure
				11 Mon 12/12	JOANNE /SCHOOL LEADERS

Camp Dates for 2022

Prep- Exploration Centre- Breakfast at School-Thursday 18th August

Year 1- Afternoon Tea- after school Monday 17th October

Year 2 – Dinner at School- Monday 17th October

Year 3 – Sleep over at School- Thursday 15th September

Year 4 – Camp Sunnystones, Bacchus Marsh- Wednesday 2nd November- Thursday 3rd November

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.

Boxes of chocolates to sell for fundraising went home on Thursday 9th June and will be due back on **Friday 15th July.**

Sub Committee

The next Sub Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th July at 1:30pm.

Dates for the remainder of the year are:

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 6 Confirmation - Thursday 11th August and Friday 12th August 6:30pm in the School Hall

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

Dates for family sacrament evenings facilitated by Viv Adamko. These nights are compulsory as part of your child's sacrament preparation.

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

June

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

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

July

Monday 11th July: First Day Term 3

Monday 11th July: Assembly: Kolbe and Mandela – 2:25pm

Thursday 21st July: School Review

Monday 25 July: Assembly: Werribee and Yarra – 2:25pm

Tuesday 26th July: Year 6 Excursion – Mary MacKillop Centre

Wednesday 27th July: Year 6 Excursion – Mary MacKillop Centre

Thursday 28 July: School Review

August

Tuesday 2 August: Year 6 Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates

Tuesday 2 August: Bishop Martin visiting Confirmation Candidates

Thursday 4 August: School Review

Monday 8 August: Assembly: Murray and Music – 2:25pm

Monday 15 August: Book Week Parade Time – TBC

Thursday 18 August: Prep Breakfast – 100 Days of Learning.

Monday 22 August – Friday 26 August: Ashton Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 22 August: Assembly: Orange and Indigo – 2:25pm

School Closures for 2022

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

Monday 31st October: Assessment & Report Writing

Monday 5th December: 2023 Planning Day

Public Holidays for 2022

Tuesday 1st November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday