



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 12
Wednesday 27th July, 2022

Dear Families,

The last three weeks have been abuzz with lots of learning, teaching and living here at Bethany- with the Year 6s preparing for Confirmation, their Spiritual Day at St Patrick's and Mary MacKillop Centre, with the Winter Gala finals, with lots of borrowing of books from the Resource Centre by all levels, with excursions and incursions planned for the next few weeks, including the upcoming Book Parade and Book Week, and the looking after of our new chickens and the construction of their new home – The Chicken Inn.

This week and next week we continue with School Review. Our compliance component was completed last week, along with a school tour. The external review, Sheridan Coverdale, commented on the students' engagement in the learning across the school, in the hubs and in the specialist classes. She also commented on the range and diversity of learning and modelled pieces of learning on the walls and in the spaces, for the students to use as the third teacher.

She was equally impressed with the grounds and the gardens, their aesthetic appeal and cleanliness.

I would like to thank all the students, staff and families who have contributed to the life of Bethany over the last few weeks.

The School Reviewer would like to speak to families, to gain feedback, about our school over the last four years. This conversation with families is set for Thursday 4th August at 8:45am- at school drop off. **If you are interested, could you please complete the Operoo, to be sent out on Friday 29th July.** She would like to speak with at least 12 parents. I thank you in advance for your contribution with this.

A reminder to parents, that the speed limit in the Car Park is only 5kms- the objective of this is to keep everyone safe – students and families. I thank you for your co-operation with this.

If students, enter the school after 9:30am, parents are to accompany students and sign them in.

Prayer

This Friday is the Feast Day of the Bethany Saints- Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Earlier this year, we celebrated this on our School Bethany Day. The prayer this week honours them.

Let's pray that, like Mary, we can bask in the presence of Jesus and the good news and allow it to get into our bones and inform our hearts, but let's also help the Martha's so they can hear it too.

God of grace and peace, give us perspective on our problems in light of the gospel of the Kingdom of God.

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Give us grace and peace.

Grant that we may have the heart of Martha, understanding our responsibility and calling to peacemaking;

Willing to work hard to set things right.

Grant that we may have the heart of Mary, understanding that the presence of Jesus in our midst is the most important thing to seek;

Willing to seek first your kingdom.

Grant that we may have patience with the mess we are in, understanding that transformation is a process,

Willing to take the first steps.

Jesus, we invite you among us now

That we may sit at your feet.

We say to the worried and distracted,

The Kingdom of God is at hand.

We say to the spiritually hungry,

The Kingdom of God is nearby.

May we know the treasure of the presence of Christ,

The peace of the presence of God;

God among us,

God with us.

And may we set our distractions aside, making space to hear your voice, and only then setting about our work,

To be the hands and feet of Christ in a worried world.

Amen

Joanne Webster

Principal

Student News

Italian Language Learning

Students continue with their Italian learning. The following video demonstrates this. Thank you to Claudia our Language Assistant and Connor and Marcus for their inspiring Italian.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZM7e6VWSNzOzeRgYt3sE5XhY_0L9vIEz/view?usp=sharing

Installation of the Chicken Coop



Our Bethany chickens have been relocated to their new home this week. You may like to visit them.

Book Week

The Children’s Book Council Australia (CBCA) is celebrating excellent Australian Children’s Literature in August. The Exploration, Discovery, Bridging and Leadership Centres will delve into [The CBCA Shortlist - 2022](#) through Reading, Writing, Inquiry and Art lessons. The books are currently on display in our newly refurbished Resource Room.



Our learning will be celebrated during a **BOOK WEEK DAY** on **MONDAY 15th August**. On the day we will have a:

- **BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PARADE - 9am on August 15th in the HALL - ALL WELCOME**
Your child is encouraged to come to school in free choice clothes. The Theme for the DRESS UP will be **DREAMING with your EYES OPEN**. We encourage children to dress in something that tells something about their story, their hopes and dreams. This could be a national costume, favourite sporting activity, favourite book character or simply wearing their chosen clothes with a FACE MASK that every child will make on the Friday prior to the Book Week parade.

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- **INCURSION** with Picture Storybook Author, [Jackie Kerin](#), who will present stories, inspirations and writing tips to each centre throughout the day.
- Children will participate in story writing & illustrating, storytelling and art activities.
- **SHARED STORIES** with available parents, grandparents or carers. **PLEASE COMPLETE the EXPRESSION of INTEREST on the Operoo Newsletter eForm if you would like to share your stories (traditional/cultural storytelling, journey stories, childhood stories, hopes and dreams stories) with the children on this day, 15/8/2022.**

Please Note: Participating adults will need a Working with Children Check. A follow up meeting prior to the day will provide further information upon receipt of your expression of interest.

For further information email: genevieve.murray@bswerribeenth.catholic.edu.au or amanda.defina@bswerribeenth.catholic.edu.au

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: During Book Week Wyndham Council will also hold special events: [Book Week | Wyndham City](#) Many of these activities are **free**, open to all ages BUT **need a Booking**.

[What's on | State Library Victoria](#). Book week activities are also available at the State Library, most are **free** but require a **booking**.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION DAY 2022

It was a remarkable experience. We got to visit a Cathedral, and learn about the history of Saint Mary MacKillop. My favourite part about my day was learning about Australia's religious history involving Mary MacKillop and how she helped poor communities. **Anastasia, Teresa Hub**

My experience in the Spiritual Reflection day was amazing. We started off by going to the beautiful cathedral. It was a peaceful place and there were many amazing things to see. The stained glass was beautiful and it was an amazing experience. We saw many saint statues and read a little about their life. We went St Mary of the Cross Square as we learnt a lot about Mary MacKillop's life. I learnt that Mary MacKillop was a humble, giving and caring person to others. **Sienna D, MacKillop Hub**

Tuesday the 26th of July was the day grade 6s went on an excursion for their confirmation. We went to the Cathedral and Saint Mary of the Cross Square. It was a super fun experience for the grade 6s and we all had an amazing time! **Addison, MacKillop Hub**



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Parent News

Positive Behaviours Learning

Staff finished Term 2 with a Professional Learning Day on PBL.

Part of the day was looking at refining the matrix to make it clear for all students in relation to behaviour expectations. Staff also brainstormed acknowledgements for students, i.e catching students when they show great behaviour.

Please discuss the matrix with your child to gain an understanding of what it means for them. You may even place a copy on your fridge and use it at home. If you would like a copy from school, please call the office or email Carin. carin.vanmourik@bsweribeenth.catholic.edu.au

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• Line up and walk 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• Walk on paths• 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• Use the toilet during break times
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

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Rapid Antigen Tests

These will be distributed to all families, in student bags, Tuesday 2nd August. **If you do not wish to receive these, please respond to the Operoo Newsletter eForm OR call Admin to let us know.**

School Fees

All Student levies and all School Fees should now be in the process of being finalised unless you have a direct deposit plan in place or you have a plan in place with the Principal.

Should any family experience financial difficulty, please rest assured that your trusting communication will always be met with confidentiality and compassion. We are always grateful when families trust us with their difficulties and also greatly appreciate the majority of families who pay fees on time.

If you are yet to finalise your school fee payments, we trust that you will do so by the end of next week.

Term 2 Fundraiser – Chocolate Drive-Overdue

All monies and unsold chocolates are now overdue. Please return money or chocolates as soon as possible.

If you indicated your wish to donate \$21.00 to support our fundraiser, donation notes have been sent home to you to complete.

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We do still have some boxes of chocolates remaining. If you are in a position to sell any remaining chocolates, please call the Admin Centre office.

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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

Sub Committee

The next Sub Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th August 6:45pm

Dates for the remainder of the year are:

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 Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates – Friday 29th July 12:30pm

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

Year 3 First Reconciliation - Thursday 27th October 6:00pm 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

August

Thursday 4th August: School Review

Monday 8th August: Assembly: Werribee and Music – 2:25pm

Monday 8th August: Discovery Centre Excursion (Indigo, Blue & Yellow) - Werribee Mansion

Tuesday 9th August: Leadership Centre Excursion – IMAX and Melbourne Museum

Thursday 11th August: Confirmation 6:30pm

Friday 12th August: Confirmation 6:30pm

Monday 15th August: Book Week Parade Time – 9:00am

Monday 15th August: Jackie Kerin (Author) Visit – Prep – Year 6.

Tuesday 16th August: Discovery Centre Excursion (Red, Orange & Green) - Werribee Mansion

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

Friday 19th August: District Athletics (select Yr 3-6 students)

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

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

Friday 26th August: Dental Forms due back at school

September

Thursday 1st September: Father's Day Breakfast – 7:30am – 8:30am

Friday 2nd September: Father's Day Stall

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Monday 5th September: Assembly: Star and Sky – 2:25pm

Monday 12th September: Assembly: Connor and House Leaders – 2:25pm

Thursday 15th September: Year 3 Sleep over at School

Friday 16th September: Last day Term 3 – Students finish at 12:30pm

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