



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 9
Wednesday 8th June, 2022

Dear Families,

As the end of Term 2 fast approaches, I would again like to thank you all for your partnership in all aspects of learning and living at Bethany. Winter has certainly now set in; with the cold wind gusts and rain we have encountered over the last few weeks. A reminder to all students regarding the wearing of the correct uniform. Sports uniform is for Sport days only and full school uniform is for all other days. Runners may only be worn on sports days.

On Friday 17th June, our Year 4 students will celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist at St Andrew's Church. We keep all these students and their families in our prayers as they celebrate the second sacrament of initiation, First Holy Communion. Last week they celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for this.



On Tuesday 21st June, the student's school reports will come home. These reports communicate the learning your child has achieved, this term. This is a very exciting time for students and families. When you receive the report remember to consider focussing on the strengths and achievements your child has made. Take into account their efforts and their attendance at school. This year the feedback sheet, will be a Student Reflection on their learning. Please read this with your child and celebrate their achievements as well as sharing their thoughts for future learning. Your role as parents on the Self Reflection Sheet is to give feedback to your child about their learning. This feedback reflects your pride in them and their achievements as learners.

Last Day of Term 2

The last day of Term 2 for Students will be:

Wednesday 22nd June, students will finish at 3:00pm on 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

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A Prayer for Winter

Dear Lord:

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak remind us that Spring is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul

Amen

Joanne Webster

Principal

Student News from Students at Bethany

Social Justice Group 2022

This is a message from the Social Justice Leaders of 2022. These photos were taken at our badge presentation at assembly. After getting this important role, we are grateful to say that we will make this world a better place one step at a time. We are also grateful for this wonderful opportunity to work together, to organise and lead fundraising initiatives in the school, that will make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Through learning about organisations such as World Vision, Caritas Australia, Filters of Hope and Catholic Mission, we commit to responding to God's call to love one another through prayer, fundraising and action. We are excited about our leadership roles. Stay tuned to hear more from the Bethany Social Justice leaders throughout the year.

Darcie Mitchell (Teresa Hub) Joel Joseph (Little Hub)



FEAST DAY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - FOOD DRIVE

Hello everybody our names are Marcus and Mia, we are two of the Bethany Social Justice Leaders. On June 24th it is the feast day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This feast day reminds us to love God and others with all our heart, soul and mind. It also represents the great love that Jesus has for us.



Our Social Justice group is organising a non-perishable food drive for the last week of Term 2. We are asking for donations of food such as pasta, rice, noodles, canned food etc. No fresh food like fruit and vegetables and nothing that will go bad. St Vincent de Paul will come and collect all the food we have donated and distribute it to people in our community who are in need. If you are able to donate an item of non-perishable food, please send it to school with your child in the last week of the school term. There will be more information about this sent home to families soon. Thank you for your generosity.

Marcus Punzalen (Chisholm) and Mia Camacho (Teresa Hub)

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Leadership Centre Inquiry- Electricity

On Tuesday the Year 5/6s participated in an experiment in which we had to work with wires and conductors, we worked in small groups. We had to make a hypothesis of what was going to happen for the experiment, to make a circuit with fruit.

To begin we had to connect a USB to a laptop then connect the other side to the Makey Makey board. We connected bananas and our own skin to the cables as conductors. We held it then touched the banana to make drum and piano noises.

After our experiment we found out that our hypothesis was correct. The outcome was that when we touched the Makey Makey board connected to the conductor it would make the instruments play. This experiment was fun because we could control our laptop just using our Makey Makey board and bananas.

Jasper, Kodi, Harry



We are students from MacKillop hub, and we have been working in small groups to complete lots of experiments. We are going to tell you about one of our favourites.

Firstly we wrote up our hypothesis of what we thought might happen in this experiment. Then we used our Makey Makey invention kit to conduct the experiment. The aim of this experiment was to conduct the electric energy through a banana into our laptop to make instrumental sounds. Following our prediction, we used our Makey Makey board to connect wires to. On our Makey Makey board we used a USB cable to connect to our laptops and the board. Then our instructions were to hold the wire clamp and go onto to any type of typing website as we held the wire clamp, then here is the fun part...we tapped the Makey Makey board and the light went on. Each time we tapped it it highlighted the word we typed on Google Docs, without even touching the laptop.

We took another wire and clipped it onto the top of a banana we attached the same end of the wire onto the Makey Makey board we went onto the Makey Makey website to use bongos as we touched the banana to make bongos play on our laptops. We found out that we can control our laptop with just a banana, Makey Makey board and only a couple of wires. We found out that our prediction was right and that there were many things we could experiment with as conductors using this Makey Makey invention kit. We liked doing this experiment because it was a fun and enjoyable experience.

Sienna D and Lily



National Reconciliation Week

Last week was National Reconciliation Week May 27 - June 3, which is a time for all of us to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how we can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This year's theme is *Be Brave. Make Change*. The students at Bethany have been discussing how they can build positive, respectful relationships with all

Australians and celebrate indigenous culture. They have enjoyed listening and responding to various picture story books that explore indigenous culture and language.



Cross Country Championships 2022 Wyndham Division

On Thursday 2nd June, a small group of students from Year 4 to year 6 competed in the Cross Country Championships at Presidents Park. The students represented Bethany proudly and the results are:

9/10 years

2,000 M (2km)

Girls

Katia Kurenysheva 2nd

April Hollingsworth 5th

Boys

Maker Derder 15th

George Pozzuto 16th

11 years

3,000 M (3km)

Girls

Alyssa Gallardo 6th

Sophia Frisina 11th

Mai Nguyen 27th

Boys

In the boy's race, the first 10 students followed the rider who took them on the wrong route. Instead of running 3 kilometres they actually ran 4 kilometres.



Both Harvey Wheelahan and Liam Walker ran the 4 kilometres and made it to the next round.

Harvey Wheelahan 7th. Harvey came in at 12th but was thought to be 4th so they gave him 7th
Liam Walker Top 12. They were unable to give Liam a positional number.

All children who were in the top 12 will progress to the **Western Metropolitan Regional Cross Country Championships**.

Bethany would like to thank the parents and grandparents who came to support all the children. We would also like to thank the students who competed, for your support of each other.

Parent News

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

PBL (Positive Behaviours For Learning) – Being A Good Sport

Students continue to learn what being a good sport looks like. Some of their learning has been:

- Encouraging the losing team
- Positive language – you can do it, well done etc.
- Cheering on your team
- Saying “bad luck” if someone misses a score
- Accepting the result whether you win or lose
- Work as a team
- Being fair and following the rules of the games for both teams.

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From George Zoueitini Murray Hub

APRIL HOLLINGSWORTH

Hi today I'm going to nominate people for good sportsmanship! The first person I'm nominating is April Hollingsworth in grade 4. April is 9 years old and in Murray hub. This is being put on the newsletter for the good sportsmanship she has shown. Last Tuesday I saw her encourage people to keep trying in netball. They said it was hard for them to continue netball. April heard what the boy had said and went to encourage him. Then when April finished encouraging him, the boy went into a match and won! She also helped three boys at snack, they fell over in a race and she told them to keep going! Well done April!

NOAH P

Noah might be fast, good at sport but he is always trying to help people get better and always helps people bounce back up. Thank you to both of these students for demonstrating how to be a good sport.

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 will go home to families 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 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. These nights are compulsory as part of your child's sacrament preparation.

Thursday 9th June 6:30pm 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

June

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: Semester 1 Reports go home

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)

July

Monday 11th July: First Day Term 3

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

Monday 25th 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

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