



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 13
Wednesday 10th August, 2022

Dear Families,

I would like to begin by thanking the school community-students, staff, families and parish, for their contribution to the School Review Process. The insights, the School Reviewer took from the many conversations had will be valuable in determining future direction for Bethany. From here, we await a written report, in about six weeks, which will affirm the achievements made across the four years and look to reveal the recommendations as opportunities for our future direction- to improve outcomes for our students in all areas- faith formation, learning and teaching, wellbeing, leadership and community. We await this with great excitement!!

This week, our Year 6 students celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our School Hall on Thursday 11th August or Friday 12th August. We thank their families for the support they have given their children, as the first educators in faith, in the Catholic tradition, scripture and rituals. We thank the educators at Bethany from Prep, when they began at school to Year 6 for the formation of their faith in the experiences provided to them in the learning and teaching of religious education. It certainly takes a village to raise a child.

Next Monday 15th August, we celebrate Book Week. Families are welcome to attend. Please find further information below. To add to this, we will have an Ashton Scholastic Book Fair later in the month, to give students the opportunity to browse and purchase books. Monies raised for this will be donated back to the school in the form of books.

We continue to grow our Bethany Resource Centre (Library), and next term we hope to introduce a couple of before school and after school openings for families to borrow with their children.

Next Thursday 18th August our Prep students celebrate 100 days of learning with our inaugural Prep Camp. Students arrive at 8:00am in their pjs, eat breakfast and then dress themselves in preparation for a day of celebrating. Congratulations Preps and the Exploration Centre.

We will also begin level Masses throughout the school in the next few weeks, with a vision to include whole school Masses next year. Please see the information below. Families are most welcome to attend.

This year to celebrate Father's Day we will be having a Father's Day Breakfast on Thursday 1st September at 8:00am in the School Hall. All fathers and/or significant figures in the students' lives are invited to attend. We will require numbers for catering. A note via Operoo will be distributed this Friday.

We have many chocolates left from our School Fundraiser, that cannot be returned to the distributor. In an effort to sell these, each Friday will be Freddo Friday. We will sell these at the

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break for 50 cents a freddo or caramello. We thank you with your support of this. All monies will go towards our shade cloth over the basketball court, giving students a covered outdoor area to play on or learn under. This begins this Friday, August 12th.

We look forward to seeing you at the many learning and teaching opportunities for students and the school community, occurring across the school, in the next few weeks.

Prayer

This week our Year 6 students celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray the Holy Spirit will guide them as they live and become witnesses of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit in their words and actions.

Lord,

You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.

As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love.

Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example.

We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

On Monday we celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) Australia's first saint. She has many beautiful quotes that resonate with me and my faith. This is one our students celebrating their Sacrament of Confirmation and we, can all live by.

We must teach more by example than by word.

St. Mary MacKillop

Joanne Webster
Principal

Student News

Leadership Centre- Computer Science

Students across the school have been learning about computer science in a fun and engaging way. In the Leadership Centre, students have successfully coded Edison robots to perform an array of tasks autonomously. Here are some photos of our latest lesson where students read musical notation and created a computer program so their robot played a musical tune.



Leadership Centre Writing Expo Reflection

Summer-Rose Bajada-Gardner

Today for the writing expo I read newspaper articles by Kodi Manyon from MacKillop hub and Isabella Munn from Chisholm hub. Kodi's article was very good, it wasn't too long so that was good. Isabella's article was informative and kept me interested. Both of the titles on the articles were very good and so were the subheadings. The pictures in both articles were very detailed and the captions matched well with them. I enjoyed going to all of the articles that were spread

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across the dome and I enjoyed what I read. I think it was a good learning opportunity for everyone to see each other's reports and view them and get a full feel on what the subject is about from different perspectives. Both reports didn't really need a lot of feedback to improve because they were well written and informative. The images correspond perfectly with the reports and overall, they were both great. I enjoyed this lesson and what it brought to the fun of reading each other's reports.

Antoni Nguyen

I read Kodi's, Lily's, Jaspers, Coopers, Mai's and I watched Phoenix's Video and Mila's Video.

My favourite one was Kodi's because his one was very engaging.

I think we could try more podcasts in the future.

I really liked Kodi's one because his one had interesting words that pulled me towards his article.

I also liked Phoenix's podcast because it was very clear and simple.

I really enjoyed the writer's expo a lot because I can now learn how to make my stories more interesting.

You may find the following articles interesting to read.

[Climate Collapsee- Emerys Jones](#)

[Evil Floods- Alana Said](#)

[Daily News - Peyton McAnsh](#)

Positive Behaviours Learning

During our Positive Behaviour for Learning lessons in the Exploration Centre, the students have been exploring ways to be responsible when using their school iPads. Each hub created an ICT Agreement regarding the appropriate use of their school iPads during learning times. This is accompanied by a visual PBL Matrix which has been placed onto the back of their iPads for quick reference.

"When I am walking with my iPad, I need to hold it with two hands."

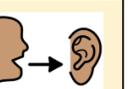
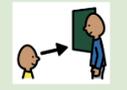
[Charlotte Morgan \(Earth Hub\) and Celina Wang \(Star Hub\)](#)

"I like to learn about different letters and numbers on my iPad."

[Ollie Stooke \(Earth Hub\)](#)

"I need to hold my iPad with two hands."

[Elijah Cordwell \(Sky Hub\)](#)

Exploration Centre - ICT Agreement		
Be Safe	Be Respectful	Be Responsible
 Two hands holding iPad	 Hands on own iPad	 Follow teacher direction
 Always walk with iPad	 Eyes on teacher when they are talking	 Return iPad to storage

"If I leave my iPad on the floor, someone might step on it and it will crack."

[Michael Augustine \(Sky Hub\)](#)

"I need to hold my iPad with a burger grip. I need to use the right app for my learning."

[Coby Lapeuraite \(Ocean Hub\)](#)

"I need to be gentle with my iPad."

[Devansh Boppa \(Ocean Hub\)](#)

"We need to walk slowly with our iPad and nobody can touch my iPad without asking."

[Lochie Garlick \(Star Hub\)](#)



St Vincent de Paul

In Religion this term we have been learning about the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We have talked about how people in our community use their gifts to help others. Last Friday, guest speakers from St Vincent de Paul came to Bethany to talk to the Bridging Centre about how they help people who are in need.

There was Tony, the president of St Vincent de Paul in Hoppers Crossing, Zena, a volunteer at the St Vincent de Paul shop and a lady called Simone from their head office. They taught us about

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the soup van that carries food to people that need a meal. They thanked us so much for our winter appeal non-perishable food drive and told us that they divided all our donations into many, many bags and gave them to almost 100 families. They asked us to thank our families too. We learnt that St Vincent de Paul Society is voluntary, is part of the Catholic church and began in 1883. It was good to have the guest speakers come so we could learn more about how people help others in the community.

Isabella Gooneratne and Ajok Deng (Todd Hub)



Art

Year 3/4's from the Jordan & Yarra Hub have been working collaboratively in small groups to explore the many different ways paper can be manipulated to create artistic value to their artwork. They discovered and learnt how to: fringe, curl, tear, fold, weave, twist, roll, layer, cut, loop and spiral paper.



Year 1's from the Blue, Indigo and Orange Hubs, discovered how to create the secondary colours of orange, purple and green by mixing certain primary colours together. Students used marbles to mix and swirl and create these beautiful abstract art works.



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

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their chosen clothes with a FACE MASK that every child will make on the Friday prior to the Book Week parade.

- 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**.

Staff News

We would like to acknowledge the significant contribution of Helen Murray over the last 25years. She begins Long Service Leave this week as she transitions to retirement. May God bless her as she journeys on. Elaine Dunne will continue in the role of Student Diversity Leader.

Parent News

Mass Times

To continue to give the students the opportunity to experience their faith the following dates and times are for Mass at school. All families are most welcome.

Mass Schedule 2022					
Class Masses - Friday 10.00am					
	<u>DISCOVERY</u>	<u>BRIDGING</u>		<u>EXPLORATION</u>	<u>LEADERSHIP</u>
GROUP 1A	Red (Natalie) Blue (Emily)	Yarra (Cassie) Sepik (Vicki)		GROUP 1B	Ocean (Mariela) MacKillop (Marilyn) Kolbe (Steven)
GROUP 2A	Indigo (Tegan) Orange (Kristy/Maree)	Werribee (Jess) Jordan (Julius)		GROUP 2B	Star (Tanya) Sky (Lisa/Andrea) Little (Catherine) Mandela (Helena)
GROUP 3A	Green (Sarah) Yellow (Justin)	Todd(Kym/Gen) Murray (Leanne/Maddy) Tiber (Trish)		GROUP 3B	Earth (Simon) Chisholm (Kate H) Teresa (Emma)
Class Masses - Group A			Class Masses - Group B		
<u>Term 3</u>			<u>Term 4</u>		
Wk 6 - Fri 19th August 10.00am (Group 1A) Holy Spirit			Wk 3 - Friday 21st Oct 10.00am (Group 1B)		
Wk 8 - Fri 2nd Sep 2.00pm (Group 2A) Father's Day			Wk 6 - Friday 11th Nov 10.00am (Group 2B)		
Wk 10 - Tues 13th Sep 10.00am (Group 3A) End of Term			Wk 9 - Friday 2nd Dec 10.00am (Group 3B)		
			Wk 10 - Friday 9th Dec 10.00am End of Term- Whole School		

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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.

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.

All monies and unsold chocolates or \$21.00 donations are now overdue.

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 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 11th August: Confirmation 6:30pm

Friday 12th August: Confirmation 6:30pm

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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)
Friday 19th August: Class Mass: Red, Blue, Yarra & Sepik
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 – 8:00am – 8:40am
Friday 2nd September: Father's Day Stall
Friday 2nd September: Class Mass: Indigo, Orange, Werribee & Jordan
Monday 5th September: Assembly: Star and Sky – 2:25pm
Monday 12th September: Assembly: Connor and House Leaders – 2:25pm
Tuesday 13th September: Class Mass: Green, Yellow, Todd, Murray & Tiber
Thursday 15th September: Year 3 Sleep over at School
Friday 16th September: Last day Term 3 – Students finish at 12:30pm

October

Monday 3rd October: Students Return
Monday 10th October: Assembly: Teresa & Little
Thursday 13th October: Family Reconciliation Evening
Thursday 13th October: Exploration Centre Animal Land Excursion
Monday 17th October: Year 1/2 Camp
Friday 21st October: Class Mass: Ocean, MacKillop & Kolbe
Monday 24th October: Assembly: Jordan & Tiber
Monday 31st October: School Closure

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

Parish News

St Andrew's Parish
Alter Servers Meeting

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION

There will be a training session for
Altar Servers on Sunday,

14th August 2022 at 2.30pm.

We invite all existing Altar Servers as well as
new members (*those who have received their
first Eucharist*), to join this session.

For more information,

please contact Fr. Jossy on 0447 105 671.

See you all there!!!