



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

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Dear Families,

We have certainly had a full calendar of events for our school community over the last two weeks with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, Book Parade and learning tasks associated with this, Prep Camp and Red, Blue, Yarra and Sepik Hub Mass, Bridging Centre history incursion, Discovery Centre excursion to Werribee Mansion, and the Truganina District Athletics. All these events have been uplifting and created a strong positive vibe, amongst the community. Thank you to all families for your participation and contribution. A big thank you to also to the staff of Bethany for all the work behind the scenes to make these learning experiences for our students, rich and memorable.

A reminder to all families, that smart watches are not to be worn to school, as students have been using these inappropriately. All mobile phones must be placed in student bags upon entry to the school and not to be used until they exit the school premises. Please understand, the school will not be responsible for these if they are broken, lost or taken. Please find the ICT Policy attached for further clarification.

In recent weeks I have had many complaints from the neighbouring residents on both Redford St and Thames Boulevard of illegal parking. As a school, we are most fortunate to have a significant sized car park. Please use the car park, rather than parking illegally. The residents have let me know that they have contacted the council and parking inspectors will be out and about.

All families received forms to complete for the School Dental Initiative. These are due back to the office this Friday 26th August.

We have also had another delivery of RATs. There will be an opt out for these again, sent as an Operoo on Friday 26th August.

Prayer

On Monday 15th August, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption. This holy day marks the occasion of the Virgin Mary's bodily ascent to heaven at the end of her life.

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

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We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Joanne Webster
Principal

Student News

Book Week

Thank you to all the students and their families for the time and effort that went into the thought and creation of book characters for our Book Week Parade. Please see the trailer of the day.

<https://youtu.be/mq7bx4hsqxM>

Special thanks to Larissa Guzzardi (Year 6) and her mum Lisa, for presenting our Acknowledgement to Country, and to the parents who generously offered their time and skill to share stories with the Discovery and Exploration Centres: Pragnesh Shah, Adeti Sawhney, Tash Koyanasau, Lady Moe Tun Kin, and Meron Shiferaw. Thanks to Claudia who also shared stories in Italian.

Year 3 & 4 History Incursion

On Friday we had an incursion about the First Nations people and the First Fleet. We learned a lot about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Captain Arthur Phillip was the commander of the First Fleet. He was a very kind person. The Aboriginals trusted him because he had a tooth missing and the aboriginal men who had gone through a bravery ceremony also had the same tooth missing. At the incursion we dressed up as people on the First Fleet and we did some feather and quill writing. I learnt that a pen is called a pen because the feather of a female swan was used and a female swan is called a pen. We also learnt about love tokens.

By Gracelynn Joseph (Todd Hub)

On Friday 12th August 2022, the Year Three and Fours, had an incursion about the First Fleet and First Nations people. We learnt a lot about the convicts and how when they stole bread, clothes, cups and plates they would go to jail for about seven or eight years. They were sent to Australia as convicts. We also really enjoyed learning about Captain Arthur Phillip and Captain Cook. We learnt about some of the prisoners and one of the prisoners was apparently struggling and when she got out of jail she married a marine and they became the richest couple in the new settlement. We also got to see what clothes they wore and what games they had like nakka nakka (sort of like noughts and crosses but better).

By Sam Gilham (Todd Hub)



Werribee Mansion Excursion Recount

Our Werribee Mansion excursion, was so much fun. First, we went to school and went on the bus to Werribee Mansion. All the people in the Discovery Centre were there. When we got there we had brain food, secondly we had a tour of the Werribee Mansion. We had a tour downstairs and after our tour downstairs we had a tour upstairs. Next we had lunch then we played tag memory. Finally we went for a walk around the pond and back. We went back onto the bus to school. Joaquin and I had a snack at school, then we went home.



Noah Bramfit (Blue Hub)

Prep Camp

The anticipation and excitement of the Exploration Centre's inaugural Prep camp was certainly palpable for many weeks leading up to their special day. On Thursday, August 18th 2022, 84 students arrived at school donned in their warm and cosy pyjamas, slippers and Oodles ready to share a communal breakfast with their friends and teachers. Beginning the morning by saying Grace, the students were treated to a choice between cereal, toast and fruit for breakfast. Demonstrating their independence further, each child had to brush their teeth and change out of their PJs into their Sports uniform. This experience was a highly successful and positive one as the joy was evident within the Centre by big smiles on everyone's faces.

"I liked eating breakfast at school in my pyjamas."
Piper Soprun (Earth Hub)

"My favourite thing was eating toast in my pyjamas."
Anden Bathen (Ocean Hub)

"I liked having a juice box with my breakfast."
Elijah Reddish (Earth Hub)

"I was able to get changed back into my sports uniform all by myself."
Isaac Hall-Smith (Star Hub)

"I liked eating Rice Bubbles for breakfast."
Sienna Masten (Star Hub)

"I liked wearing my pyjamas to school."
Isaac Len (Sky Hub)

"I liked having breakfast at school with all of my friends."
Gus Hollingsworth (Sky Hub) and Sophia Cimino (Ocean Hub)



100 Days of Celebration- Exploration Centre

Following on from their morning camp, the children in the Exploration Centre participated in their 100 Days of School celebration. It was a day spent reflecting upon all that the children have achieved so far at Bethany and what the future might hold for them. Each child made a '100 Days at School' crown, participated in some Maths and Sports activities relating to the



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number 100, and completed a Writing piece discussing what they think life will be like when they are 100. Their festivities culminated in a special assembly in the School Hall where each child was presented with a certificate of achievement. Each child is to be commended for how far they have come since starting their educational journey at Bethany.

"I liked making my 100 days at School crown."

Skyler Dadard (Earth Hub)

"When I am 100 years old, I am going to see God."

Benjamin Tan (Earth Hub)

'When I am 100 years old, I am going to eat marshmallows because I won't have any teeth left.'

Tharani Suresh (Sky Hub)

"I liked doing the activity 'Things I can do in 100 seconds' during sports. I was able to do sprinting for 100 seconds."

Saran Rout (Sky Hub)



"I liked to decorate my crown."

Elliana Tui (Star Hub)

"I liked to eat our community lunch in the Dome with my friends."

Alaya Umesh (Star Hub)

"My favourite thing about our day was running around during our 'Things I can do in 100 seconds' sports lesson."

William Payne (Ocean Hub)

"I was happy when I got my '100 Days at school' certificate from Joanne and my teachers."

Lincoln Rayner (Ocean Hub)

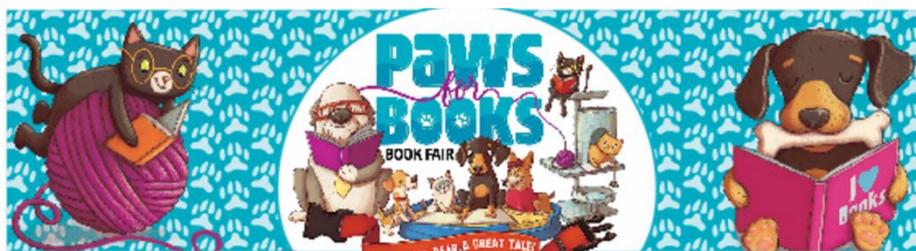
Ashton Scholastic Book Fair

This week the Scholastic Book Fair is at school. All students throughout Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday have had the opportunity to visit the Book Fair and make a wish list. Many of you will have seen these lists at home

already. Families have the opportunity to purchase books online and the students will collect them at school or families can come to the Book Fair before or after school on *Thursday 25th August from 8:15am - 9am and again from 2:30pm - 3:30pm and Friday 26th August from 8:15am - 9am.*

If families purchase a book online and they run out of copies at school then they will be placed on backorder and sent to school over the next couple of weeks.

Students who bring cash to school, as their parents are busy working or have young babies at home etc, will have the opportunity to buy from the Book Fair on Friday 26th during the day with a teacher.



Italian Language Learning

In the last few weeks we have been adding to our Italian vocabulary. You may like to watch the video and practice this with your children. Thank you to Signora Claudia, Kayla and Ace.

[Week 4/5 Term 3.mov](#)

Hub Masses

Last Friday we held our first hub Masses. Some student reflections



My favourite part of the Mass was when we were singing. We received a blessing at Eucharist time. Alex Karmo and Harvey Frazzetto (Sepik)

The Mass was peaceful and calm because everyone was being very reverent. Victor Marshall and Hayden Clayton (Sepik)

I felt calm and privileged to be part of the Offertory Procession. Arya Quinsee (Sepik)



At the Mass I liked listening to the stories of Jesus. I made a new friend in Grade 3. Aayan Bhaskar (Red Hub)

My mum came to the Mass and it made me happy. Jaxson Stovold (Red Hub)

At Mass Father Anton said some prayers and turned the bread and wine into Jesus' body and blood. Kayley Falzon (Blue Hub)



I felt calm when Father was telling us about the Holy Spirit. Shreyas Boppa (Blue Hub)

Staff News

Currently Genevieve Murray is on Long Service Leave. We wish her rest and rejuvenation during this time. Jo Allison and Carin van Mourik will continue the learning and teaching in Art for the students Genevieve normally teaches.

Parent News

Freddo Friday

Thank you to all the families for continuing to send students with 50cents for Freddo Friday. Over the last two weeks we have raised about \$400, allowing us to pay for the outstanding chocolates. We have many more boxes to sell, so this will continue until the end of term.

Father's Day Breakfast

As previously notified via Operoo, we are celebrating Father's Day this year by hosting a breakfast at school on Thursday 1st of September in the School Hall from 8:00am – 8:40am for students and Fathers/Significant others that responded to the eForm. Students may show their father's or significant other their learning hubs and learning from 8:40am until 9:00am.

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Father's Day Stall

The Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday 2nd September. Items for purchase range from \$1.00 to \$4.00. Please place money in a labelled snap lock bag with your child's name, on the day.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will hold another second Hand Uniform Sale during the last week of Term 3, date to be confirmed.

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					
	DISCOVERY	BRIDGING		EXPLORATION	LEADERSHIP
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	

Enrolment Dates Year 7 2025 in Catholic Secondary Schools

Families, please find key enrolment dates for students in **Year 5 2023** for enrolment in a Catholic Secondary School.

- 27 January 2023 – Applications will open for Year 5 students commencing Year 7 in 2024.
- 18 August 2023 – Applications will close.
- 20 October 2023 – Offers to be posted to prospective Year 7 applicants.
- 10 November 2023 – Final date for parents/carers to accept an offer made by a school.

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.

Camp Dates for 2022

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 12th October 1:30pm

Dates for the remainder of the year are:

Wednesday 9th November 1:30pm

We continue to thank our families who contribute to this committee.

Important Dates

Sacrament Dates for 2022

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

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 – 2:00pm

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 – 10:00am

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 – 2:25pm

Wednesday 12th October: Sub Committee Meeting – 1:30pm

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

Thursday 13th October: Exploration Centre Animal Land Excursion

Monday 17th October: Year 1/2 Camp

Friday 21st October: Class Mass: Ocean, MacKillop & Kolbe – 10:00am

Friday 21st October: Bridging Centre Excursion to Scienceworks "Blast Off"

Monday 24th October: Assembly: Jordan & Tiber – 2:25pm

Thursday 27th October: Year 3 First Reconciliation - 6.00pm and 7.30pm

Monday 31st October: School Closure

November

Tuesday 1st November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

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

Monday 7th November: Assembly: Green and Yellow – 2:25pm

Tuesday 8th November: Pre Prep Visit – Session 1

Wednesday 9th November: Sub Committee Meeting – 1:30pm

Thursday 10th November: Pre Prep Visit – Session 1

Friday 11th November: Class Mass: Star, Sky, Little and Teresa 10:00am – 11:00am

Monday 14th November: Bridging Centre Excursion to Scienceworks “Roller Coaster Engineer” – Jordan, Todd, Murray and half of Yarra

Tuesday 15th November: Pre Prep Visit – Session 2

Thursday 17th November: Pre Prep Visit – Session 2

Friday 18th November: Bridging Centre Excursion to Scienceworks “Roller Engineer” – Sepik, Tiber, Werribee and half of Yarra

Monday 21st November: Assembly: Earth and Ocean

Monday 28th November to Friday 2nd December: School Dental Van

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