



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 16
Wednesday 5th October, 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 4! I hope that you and your families enjoyed the break, spending time together resting and relaxing. We begin this term with the season of Spring and the gardens around Bethany are certainly evidence of this. This term also leads up to Christmas and although it has eleven weeks, it often flies by with the many learning experiences and events planned to finalise the year and begin to plan for the new school year.

This term we have:

- Year 3 Reconciliation Family Night and reception of the Sacrament
- Year 1 and 2 Camp
- Year 4 Camp
- Numerous incursions and excursions for all levels
- 2023 Prep Transition: including our Pre Prep visits, which will include information sharing and Orientation Day
- Orientation Day for all student in Prep to Year 6 for 2023
- Inaugural School Advisory Meeting
- Italian Incursion- Leadership Centre
- Year 6 transition events to secondary school
- Year 6 Graduation Mass
- Semester 2 Reports- celebrating learning of students
- Optional Learning Conversations
- Gala Days
- Junior All Stars Basketball tournament
- Masses for Term 4 in the School Hall
- Mass for the end of school Year

Over the holidays the following work was carried out. Poles erected for the installation of the shade cloth over the basketball court, painting of the hallway leading up to the school hall, as well as renewing the paint work in the retired Asian Gallery. Gravel was replaced in the community garden to ensure it was drier underfoot. The sandpit was topped up, enclosed and new covers installed. A deep clean of all hubs, toilets and wet areas also occurred.

The Resource Centre (Library) will be open to families on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-8:45am and again from 3:00-3:15pm. This will begin next Tuesday 11th October, as we are having further shelving and furniture installed this week.



All students attending Bethany Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.

We would like to thank Jodie Flynn and Amanda Defina for their submission to Bunnings for a BBQ and gas bottle. We were successful with this submission and will use our BBQ for the first time at our Year 1 and 2 Camp. Please read below.

A reminder as we begin the term to be mindful of areas to park when dropping off students before school or picking them up after school. The car park is available to all families. "Drop Off Zones" are just that, so I again ask you to use these to drop off and go, not park. Please refrain from parking across driveways, as I have had numerous calls from residents in the last few weeks of term complaining about this. I appreciate your understanding with this.

Level Newsletters, outlining the learning and teaching for this term, will be sent via Operoo next Friday 14th October. These newsletters, give families an overall picture of the learning and teaching in the Centres, across the term. Contact details of all staff are also found on these.

Prayer

The Rosary is an important devotion that honours Mary while focusing on the events in the life of Jesus Christ. As October is the month of the Rosary, this week's prayer will be the Hail Mary, one of the more prominent prayers of the Rosary. For families wishing to pray the rosary you may find how to do this on the following website:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Catholic-Faith/Prayers/How-do-I-Pray-The-Rosary>

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

These rainbows were seen over our school at the end of the term. A great example of the wonder and awe of our God.



Joanne Webster
Principal

School News

Hub Groupings 2023

In the coming weeks the school will begin to consider hub groups for 2023. In placing a student in a hub group, we will be considering; teacher recommendations, friendships and the need to mix learning abilities and having gender balance. Should any parent feel that they wish to share insights or information with us that may assist in this decision-making process, please phone the school (9742 9800) and I (Joanne) will be happy to chat with you. A conversation about this is the preferred option. Please do not email. The opportunity to share information will only be provided until Friday, October 21st 2022.

Lunch Orders

A reminder that lunch orders begin again this Friday 7th October, and will continue on Monday and Fridays throughout the term.

Transition to Summer Uniform

Full summer uniforms are required to be worn by Monday 24th October. Between now and then, students may transition to summer uniform, given the unusually cool weather. Please check all your summer uniforms and have your children try them on to ensure they are ready for a return to school. It is also very helpful when items are clearly named so if lost can be returned. Second hand uniforms will be on sale on Thursday 13th October, before and after school.

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Bethany Summer Uniform

Dress or short sleeve gold polo shirt with navy shorts
White short socks with dress
Navy socks with navy shorts
Royal blue windcheater / zip jacket
Navy legionnaire hat
Black school shoes not runners

Bunnings Donation A BIG THANK YOU to Bunnings in Cherry Street Werribee!

Special thanks to the kindness and generosity from Amber and the team who were an absolute pleasure to work with to make our submission a success.

■ In August we contacted Bunnings who have been known to provide sponsorship and support for groups within our community. After initial contact via phone, we met with Amber from Cherry Street Bunnings, who carefully guided us through the steps of lodging our submission.

As a result, Bunnings has acknowledged our endeavours to build onto our sense of community and belonging for students and families within the Bethany Community. They also recognized our need to promote well-being and a safe and friendly environment for people to connect, particularly within our Camp Program.

“■ In Years 1 and 2 we have a camp experience where the students will remain at school after the day has finished, engage in camp games and activities to build their sense of belonging and interaction skills, followed by a BBQ tea onsite at school.”

We see many future events for the community being held around the BBQ, sausages in bread, hamburgers, sauce and more importantly, smiling children having fun!
To honour our submission, Bunnings in Cherry Street has kindly and most generously donated a BBQ and gas bottle for use within the Bethany School community for which we are ever grateful to say the least.

Student News

Mass Tuesday 13th September- Yellow, Green, Tiber and Murray

On Tuesday 13th September toward the end of Term 3 Yellow, Green, Tiber and Murray hubs celebrated “Giving Thanks for our Talents And Our Term” in our Bethany School Community Mass with Father Jossy.

It was a wonderful reflection and time of thanksgiving for the talents that we then lifted in prayer and song with our family members that came to join us.

The gathering invited us to bring to mind the gifts that God has given each of us and how we have used them to help ourselves and others. The students and families were invited to be thankful for these talents and to remember that each one of us has the power to use what God has given us. We prayed that we would continue to do this using our hands, hearts and our voices to share these talents with others.

Many family members came to join in this Mass celebration, building and contributing much to our positive, reflective and



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authentic relationships within our Community and with God in our Catholic Faith Community.

Mass Times for Term 4

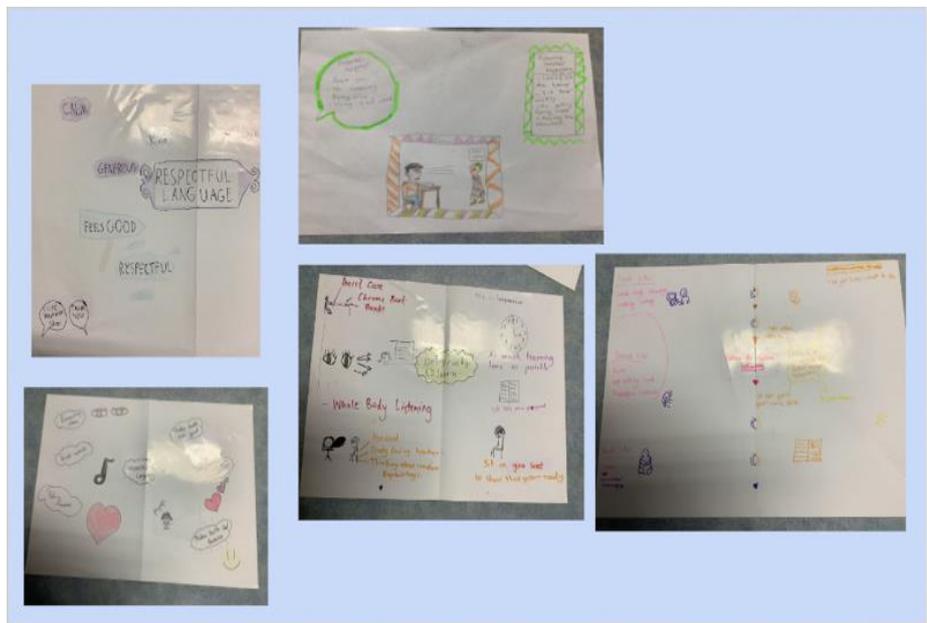
All Masses will be held in the School Hall. A light morning tea for families will be provided after the Mass. All families are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

TERM 4 - EXPLORATION & LEADERSHIP	
Week 3 Friday 21st Oct 10.00am Mission	Ocean (Mariela) MacKillop (Marilyn) Kolbe (Steven) Todd (Kym/Gen) <u>Social Justice Leaders supporting:</u> Natalia Paiti Aker Deng Marcus Punzalan Connor Lugg
Week 6 Friday 11th Nov 10.00am	Star (Tanya) Sky (Lisa/Andrea) Little (Catherine) Mandela (Helena) <u>Social Justice Leaders supporting:</u> Jude Payne Liam Baker Gabriella They Joel Joseph
Week 9 Friday 2nd Dec 10.00am Advent	Earth (Simon) Chisholm (Kate H) Teresa (Emma) <u>Social Justice Leaders supporting:</u> Lola Jones Mia Camacho Jacob Garcia Sophie Broadbent Darcie Mitchell Febe Toma

Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL

This week students begin receiving stickers in the yard when they are seen to **Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful**. If your child comes home with a sticker, please ask them why they received it.

This week all hubs are re-establishing the expectations of what it looks like to Be Respectful by using kind words.



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Leadership Centre

Students from the Leadership Centre made apricot sponge using apricots harvested from the Bethany orchard.

Italian Incursion – Ciao Italy – Leadership Centre

On Wednesday 12 October students will participate in a fun, unique and interactive program. The program is a light hearted look on the history and influence of migrants entering Australia post World War 2. It will include a video presentation, interactive show and tell as well as a dance and music workshop.



Swimming Incursion

We are introducing swimming lessons for all students in 2023. They will be in Term 1 next year. To begin the swimming program, all students will attend the Paul Sadler Swimland, swimming pool in Thames Blvd for a Water safety session and a coordinated games session. Students will walk to and from the pool on the following dates. More information will come via Operoo closer to the time. Funding for Water safety sessions has been made available to the school for this year and this will be used to fund these sessions.

Year Prep	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Monday 12 December	Monday 21 November	Tuesday 22 November	Friday 25 November

Prep Liturgy

On Thursday 15th September 2022 the students in the Exploration Centre participated in a morning Prayer Time reflecting on people who have been voices of God's great faithfulness and unconditional love. During our unit 'Protected by God', students gained a deeper understanding about the lives of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Moses, and how they were two examples of

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God's chosen people who were a voice of love, hope and salvation for others, especially the most vulnerable.

The students learnt about the challenges Moses faced when he was a baby, growing up as a prince observing the mistreatment of slaves around him, the courage instilled in him by God through the Burning Bush, sending the Ten Plagues upon the Pharaoh and finally freeing the slaves with God's help through the Parting of the Red Sea.

Through the response "God is with me, and I will trust Him," students were able to be like Moses and know that God will always be with them.

We talked about the burning bush and that God talked to Moses. [Erin Flynn \(Star Hub\)](#)

I enjoyed singing the song 'One Family'. [William Payne \(Ocean Hub\)](#)

I liked when we turned the candle on and it was nice and quiet. [Charlotte Morgan \(Earth Hub\)](#)

I liked it when I read the prayer. [Oscar Frazetto \(Sky Hub\)](#)



Year 3 Camp- Sleepover



'It was fun to sleep with my friends'. [Meron Okbatsion \(Yarra Hub\)](#)

'It was the first time I slept in a sleeping bag'. [Ryan Michael Dinesh \(Yarra Hub\)](#)

'The night was great with friends and having fun'. [Elnathan Bussant \(Yarra Hub\)](#)

'Our favourite part of the disco was doing a splits challenge'. [Ayor Malou](#) and [Georgia Grace \(Murray Hub\)](#)

'I liked the conga because there were lots of people'. [Hudson Webster \(Sepik Hub\)](#)

'When the disco was on, I enjoyed playing a game of Uno with my friends'. [Oscar Singh \(Murray Hub\)](#)

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'I liked talking to my friend Allegra before going to bed'. [Lyla Mandat](#) (Yarra Hub)

'I liked sleeping in my sleeping bag'. [Marcus Broadbent](#) (Jordan Hub)

'I liked staying up late'. [Antonio Guandique](#) (Murray Hub)

Staff News

Hang Cao will be on Long Service Leave for the first four weeks of Term 4. We wish her rest and rejuvenation. Jo Allison will support the Leadership Centre as Centre Leader during this time.

Parent News

Cyber Safety

The school will be hosting a Cyber safety evening for all families on **Tuesday 8th November** at 6.45pm. After two years of lockdowns and the increased use of digital technology and the speed and acumen students have with this, this evening is essential information for all parents. Often the children know how to access, use and manipulate apps, passwords and the like with greater proficiency than we do. This evening will inform you as parents, of information you need to know to ensure your child/children are safe online. It may even ensure you too are safe online, with the increased spam texts and emails which can obliterate data or hack into bank accounts. Please place this date in your diaries. A flyer has been attached to the newsletter for this. Our students in Year 3 to 6 will also have a 60 to 90 minute session on this throughout the day. We are currently seeking an incursion for our Prep to Year 2 students that is suitable in this space.

The Fully Human Parent – You may be interested in this Free Webinar

Watch this FREE webinar by Psychologist and author Steve Biddulph. To care for your children well, it helps to be in a good place yourself. But we all struggle with life, and at times we need better tools for being peaceful and in touch with our inner selves. Recorded in his home in Tasmania, Steve Biddulph presents a whole new way to understand your own mind and listen to its' deep-down signals. It is called The Fully Human Parent and is all about how to protect and strengthen your mental health, and that of your children.

Website: <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/fully-human-parent>

Registrations: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCPGV>

DATE AND TIME: Tue, 8 Nov 2022 - 7:30pm

ONLINE: Yes

COST: FREE

Foster Care

Right now, there are kids in your community who need you!

OzChild is currently looking for individuals or couples interested in becoming foster carers. If you have time, can provide a safe and loving home, and are passionate about helping kids in your local area, OzChild would love to hear from you!

Hyperlink:

https://www.ozchild.org.au/get-involved/become-a-foster-carer/?utm_source=classdojo&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=Foster+Care+VIC+-+Get+Involved

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will hold another Second-Hand Uniform Sale on Thursday 13th October, at 8:40am and again at 2:30pm.

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.

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 **Please note change of time.**

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

Camp Dates for 2022

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

Year 2 – Dinner at School- Monday 17th October

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

October

Wednesday 5th October: Wyndham Council Incursion - Discovery Centre

Wednesday 5th October: Summer Gala Day Finals for Basketball

Thursday 6th October: School Advisory Council - 6.45pm

Monday 10th October: Assembly: Teresa & Little 2:25pm

Wednesday 12th October: Whole School Italian Incursion

Wednesday 12th October: Sub Committee Meeting - 1.30pm

Thursday 13th October: Family Reconciliation Evening

Thursday 13th October: Exploration Centre Animal Land Excursion

Thursday 13th October: Year 4 Camp Information meeting 3:15pm

Monday 17th October: Year 1/2 Camp- Afternoon Tea and Dinner

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Friday 21st October: Class Mass: Ocean, MacKillop, Kolbe & Todd
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 Nov. – Thursday 3rd Nov.– Year 4 Camp to Sunnystones Bacchus Marsh
Monday 7th November: Assembly: Green and Yellow 2:25pm
Tuesday 8th November: Pre Prep Visit – Session 1
Tuesday 8th November: Discovery Centre Excursion to Ceres
Tuesday 8th November: Years 3-6 Cyber Safety Sessions
Tuesday 8th November: Cyber Safety Family Evening - 6.45pm
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 Mandela -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: Year 1/2 Water Safety Excursion
Monday 21st November: Assembly: Earth and Ocean
Tuesday 22nd November: Year 3/4 Water Safety Excursion
Tuesday 22nd November: Art Show
Friday 25th November: Year 5/6 Water Safety Excursion
Monday 28th November to Wednesday 30th November: School Dental Van

December

Thursday 1st December to 2nd Friday: School Dental Van
Friday 2nd December: Class Mass: Earth, Chisholm & Teresa
Monday 5th December: School Closure Day
Tuesday 6th December: Whole School Orientation Day
Monday 12th December: Year Prep Water Safety Excursion
Monday 12th December: Year 6 Graduation – 6.15pm
Thursday 15th December: Last day for Year 6 Students
Friday 16th December: Last day of School Year for Years P-5 Students

School Closures for 2022

Monday 31st October: Assessment & Report Writing
Monday 5th December: 2023 Planning Day

Public Holidays for 2022

Tuesday 1st November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Last Day of School Year 2022 NEW

The last day of 2022 school year for students will be:
Thursday 15th December: Year 6 students finish at 3.00pm
Friday 16th December: Prep - Year 5 students finish at 12.30pm