



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

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2022

Dear Families,

Lots happening over the next few weeks with Camp for the Year 4 students to Sunnystones in Bacchus Marsh, as well as the many incursions and excursions in and outside of the school.

October is always Mission Month in the Church. Saint Oscar Romero says "Lord, for those who have hunger, give bread. For those who have bread, give a hunger for justice." As a school community this is our call to help those in need. This year, we will partner with *Catholic Mission* to call us to action and to be missionary people, by holding weekly Mission Stalls, led by each Centre. We will be calling these Fundraising Friday for the Missions.



Date	Stall	Price
Week 3 FRIDAY 21st Oct.	Icy poles Glow items	\$1.00
Week 4 FRIDAY 28th Oct	Temporary tattoos Lolly bags	\$1.00
FRIDAY 28th Oct	Free dress day	Gold coin donation
Week 5 FRIDAY 4th Nov	Ice cream stall	\$1.00
Week 6 FRIDAY 11th Nov	Bubble Blowers Chocolate bars	\$1.00

We thank you for your contributions.

The school will be closed on Monday 31st October, as this is a Professional Practice Day for teachers.

Prayer

Loving Lord,

Thank you that you are in all things. It helps us to slow down and pay attention to you more when you speak with us so that we may be able to listen to where and what you are inviting us to.

Amen

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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**.

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.

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

Bethany Art Show

HELPERS WANTED to assist with preparing displays for Our Bethany Art Show!

If you have a little spare time on any upcoming Friday morning from 9.00am -11.00am, we would be most appreciative of some support in labelling and preparing mounts for our extraordinary student artworks.

If you can help please contact Gen via email: genevieve.murray@bswerribeenth.catholic.edu.au or send a message with your contact details to your child's hub teacher.

You will need a Working With Children's Check and a little energy! Thank you.

Student News

Our Visit To The Resource Centre And The New Furniture

The following sentences were created by the students:

1. Abi and Dier

Abi -It was fun at the library and peaceful. I liked the shape of the new chairs and the little table.
Dier - It was fun because it looked like a good place to sit and read. Then someone called Abi came and sat with me.

2. Evie -

I was sitting on an orange round couch and it felt soft. I was reading Ninja Kid.

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3. Yafet, Crystal and
There were a lot of different books to read
and it was so much fun because the books
are interesting.

4. Vihana
The new ottoman seats feel soft. It is relaxing
in the Library because it is calm and so quiet.

5. Seth, Isaac and Jacob -
Seth - I felt like lying down on the cushions
Jacob - The seats felt like they were very
soft.
Isaac - I like the library because it is a good place.

6. Charlotte, Macey, Eden M and Indi
Charlotte - I liked the new furniture in the Library because it was comfortable, wood style and the fabric has a nice texture.
Indi, Mila & Macey - We all sat together while we were reading at the new table on the new chairs and they were so soft.



Summer Gala Basketball

On the 5th of October the Bethany Year 6 boys competed in the next stage of the Summer Gala Event in basketball.

The schools that competed in this event were Corpus Christi, The Grange and St Francis.

The Bethany Boys won one out of their three games. We were very grateful to participate in this event and we tried our best to win.

Despite the results, we had a great time and, in the end, Corpus Christi came out on top in a thriller.

[Eyosias and Kai](#)

Ciao Italy! A Celebration of Immigration - Italian Incursion in the Leadership Centre

On Wednesday the Leadership Centre was entertained by an Italian incursion run by Mr Fagiolo, who shared with us his own father's journey and experience of his immigration from Italy to

Australia in 1950. Through this incursion we have learnt many new Italian words and pronunciations, we learned about Assisted Passage for immigrants and we concluded with all the students joining in and learning the traditional Italian dance, La Tarantella. We even danced to the Chicken Song. We greatly thank Mr Fagiolo for this amazing experience and appreciated his time. **By Isabella Munn and Payton Webster**



Science Experiments in Sepik Hub

Inquiry
 Last week in Sepik Hub, we began investigating what makes things move. We learnt how to construct an hypothesis and then discussed the relationship between area surface and air resistance. We tested our hypotheses by completing a parachute challenge where we constructed parachutes which we launched from upstairs in Dome 2 and then we reflected on our hypotheses. We also discovered that there is FUN in learning!!!!



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><i>Social Justice Leaders supporting:</i></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><i>Social Justice Leaders supporting:</i></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><i>Social Justice Leaders supporting:</i></u> Lola Jones Mia Camacho Jacob Garcia Sophie Broadbent Darcie Mitchell Febe Toma

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Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL

Staff are giving stickers to affirm the positive behaviours they notice students demonstrating both inside and out on the yard. These stickers have the Bethany logo, and have our three mottos of **Be Safe Be Respectful Be Responsible** in their respective colours.

The stickers were well received by all of the students and it has been a pleasure to hear students sharing with their peers, teachers and families as to why they received them.

If your child comes home with one of these stickers, remember to ask them why they received it and the positive behaviour they were demonstrating within the Bethany Community.

Staff will continue to revise and adjust the PBL matrix and teach expected behaviours to all students.

Zurial Patrick (Star Hub)

I got my **Be Responsible** sticker for helping to clean up my hub after our eating time.

Elijah Reddish (Earth Hub)

I got my **Be Responsible** sticker for looking after the toys that we have in our centre.



Leadership Centre

Robotics

In Robotics, 'computation thinking' has been scaffolded to meet the understanding of students across all year levels. Foundation students have been working in small groups exploring the features of Dash robot. Students in the Discovery Centre have learned about algorithms and coded Bee Bot robots so they would collect toys that were strategically placed on a mat. The Bridging Centre students have used their understanding of block programming using 'Scratch' to code a dance scene, complete with background music and synchronised dancers.

Year 5 and 6 students continue to build on their understanding of Edison robots.



Parent News - **UPDATED**

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

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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. Prep to Year 2 students will have their Cyber safety incursion on Tuesday 22nd November 2022.

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 - Updated

We will hold another Second-Hand Uniform Sale on Thursday 20th 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.

Sub Committee

The next Sub Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th October - 1:30pm **Please note change of date**

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 Family Night - Monday 24th. October - 6:45pm **Updated**

Year 3 First Reconciliation - Thursday 27th October - 6:00pm and 7:30pm

Camp Dates for 2022

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

October

Friday 21st October: Class Mass: Ocean, MacKillop, Kolbe & Todd

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

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Friday 21st October: Fundraising Friday – Icy poles and glow items
Monday 24th October: Assembly: Jordan & Tiber 2:25pm
Wednesday 26th October: Sub Committee Meeting - 1.30pm
Thursday 27th October: Year 3 First Reconciliation - 6.00pm and 7.30pm
Friday 28th October: Fundraising Friday – Temporary tattoos and lolly bags
Friday 28th October: Free Dress – gold coin donation
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
Friday 4th November: Fundraising Friday – Ice creams
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
Friday 11th November: Fundraising Friday – Bubble blowers and chocolate bars
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
Friday 18th November Explorations Centre Excursion to Animal Land Farm
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
Tuesday 22nd November: P-2 Cyber Safety Incursion
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

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Last Day of School Year 2022

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