



# Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 18  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November,  
2022

Dear Families,

This morning our Year 4s left for Camp Sunnystones. All very excited about the prospect of spending time with their peers and teachers, building relationships, bonds, memories and independence. I look forward to joining them this afternoon for their last activity and some dinner.

It is so very hard to believe that we are already in the month of November.

This week you will receive Operoo messages regarding the upcoming Water Safety Program and Optional Learning Conversations.



The Water Safety Program, is funded by the State Government, and will be used to promote water safety for our students prior to beginning our Swimming Program in 2023.

Optional Learning Conversations provide families and teachers with an opportunity to discuss their child/student progress over this semester. Students with Personalised Learning Plans will be required to have a PSG (Parent Support Group) meeting to track the progress made this term.

I would also like to strongly advocate that you all attend our Family Cyber Safety evening on **Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm**. Over the last few weeks, we have had a number of issues with students posting inappropriate or unacceptable messages both at school and at home. As a school we are constantly making students aware of their responsibility online, and I know as parents you do the same. The Cyber Safety evening will look at:

- ❖ **Reality & Risk.** *The reality of the online world. It's not a matter of if – rather than when.*
- ❖ **What are kids doing online.** *Learn the latest apps and platforms your kids are either on, want to be on or are being told about at school. TikTok, Omegle, Discord & more.*
- ❖ **Online Grooming.** *What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.*
- ❖ **Cyberbullying.** *What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.*
- ❖ **Sharing Nudes.** *The taking and sending of explicit images. The social and emotional consequences as well as the Law.*
- ❖ **Problematic Gaming.** *How to manage digital devices in your home to avoid problems and what to do if/when they arise.*
- ❖ **Exposure to damaging content.** *Including online pornography & site that encourage suicide, self-harm & eating disorders.*

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- ❖ **Top Tips**– how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online with rules, parental controls and restriction passcodes.

## Prayer

Today is All Souls Day. All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring those who have died. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church. So today our prayer is for those we love, and have found eternal rest with our Lord, God the Father.

Father of all,  
We pray for those we love, but see no longer;  
Grant them your peace;  
Let light perpetual shine upon them;  
And in your loving wisdom and almighty power,  
Work in them the good purpose of your perfect will;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen

Joanne Webster  
Principal

## School News

# Bethany ART SHOW 2022



CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS AMAZING ARTWORK

Tuesday 22nd November 4:30 - 7pm

Wednesday 23rd 11:30 - 1:30

3:00 - 5:00

Thursday 24th 8am - 11am

School Hall - (enter via Basketball Court)

GRAND  
OPENING  
Tuesday 22nd  
5:30pm  
With a Silent  
Auction



## Bethany Art Show

The inaugural **BETHANY ART SHOW 2022** is nearly here. SAVE THE DATE! **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

### November.

Come to celebrate your child's artwork in a group exhibition showcasing the developing range of skills and understandings that our students explore through the Visual Arts.

### Every student at Bethany will be represented.

The works demonstrate our exploration of the art elements of Colour, Line, Shape, Texture and Form through use of many different mediums and considered developmental applications techniques.

We have large collaborative installations and some mosaic and clay items specially created for our SILENT AUCTION (bidding will start at \$5).

Times have been selected to hopefully meet the needs of all families. Our GRAND OPENING is on Tuesday 22nd November at 5:30, with some brief welcome speeches and following viewing of the artwork, the announcement of the winners of our auction items at 6:30pm.

Some of our Year 6 students will wear their tie-dyed t-shirts and usher you around the exhibition, if you wish. ENTRANCE is from the Basketball Court doors to the HALL. You may wander with your friends and families throughout the Hall and down the adjoining corridors. As our artworks are precious, we ask that no artwork is touched. All of the artworks will be returned to the respective artist before the end of the year. Looking forward to seeing you there, our students are very excited and so are we!!!

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## Mission Fair- Fundraising Friday

Date	Stall	Price
Week 5 FRIDAY 4th Nov	Ice cream stall	\$1.00
Week 6 FRIDAY 11th Nov	Bubble Blowers Chocolate bars	\$1.00 each \$1.00 each

## Poppies for Sale for Remembrance Day-20cents

Students will be able to purchase poppies for Remembrance Day, 11<sup>th</sup> November. They sell for 20 cents and these may be purchased in the hubs beginning in the week commencing 7th November! All funds go to the Returned Serviceman Leagues. (RSL)

## Student News

### Robotics

Robotics continues to be a favourite subject for many! It's wonderful to see students use skills such as predicting, planning, testing and analysing whilst creating computer programs in the weekly sessions



## First Reconciliation

Last week the Year 3 students made their First Reconciliation. A few reflections from the students in Sepik Hub.

I enjoyed when I went up to Father Albert to meet with him by myself. *Harvey*

I felt happy, nervous and excited. *Sarah*

I felt calm when I received my Reconciliation because there was peaceful music playing. *Sofia*

My Mum, Dad & sisters were there to support me. *Hudson*

I felt very happy when I was singing "As You Go." *Kristian*



I felt nervous at the start but after I made my Reconciliation, I felt calm. *Arya*



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## Mass Times for Term 4

<p><b>Week 6</b></p> <p><b>Friday 11th Nov</b> <b>10.00am</b></p>	<p><b>Star (Tanya)</b> <b>Sky (Lisa/Andrea)</b> <b>Little (Catherine)</b> <b>Mandela (Helena)</b></p> <p><u><i>Social Justice Leaders supporting:</i></u>                  Jude Payne                      Liam Baker                  Gabriella They                  Joel Joseph</p>
<p><b>Week 9</b></p> <p><b>Friday 2nd Dec</b> <b>10.00am</b></p> <p><b>Advent</b></p>	<p><b>Earth (Simon)</b> <b>Chisholm (Kate H)</b> <b>Teresa (Emma)</b></p> <p><u><i>Social Justice Leaders supporting:</i></u>                  Lola Jones                      Mia Camacho                  Jacob Garcia                  Sophie Broadbent                  Darcie Mitchell              Febe Toma</p>

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.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL

Positive Behaviour for Learning  
School Wide Expectations



*Let Learners Learn and Teachers Teach*

	Be Safe	Be Respectful	Be Responsible
<b>Learning Spaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself</li> <li>Line up and walk calmly and quietly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use kind words and actions</li> <li>Use whole body listening</li> <li>Follow directions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look after self, others and equipment</li> <li>Be a responsible learner</li> </ul>
<b>Outside Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself</li> <li>Use spaces and equipment correctly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use kind words and actions</li> <li>Be a good sport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look after self, others and equipment</li> <li>Wear correct uniform</li> <li>Walk promptly to line up</li> </ul>

UPDATED OCT 2022



The PBL matrix has been reviewed with staff and is now updated. We have tried to minimise the number of expected actions that get taught to students on how they are to behave.

The responses have been very positive and we now have an overarching behaviour that is to

**Let Learners Learn and Teachers Teach.**

Students are acknowledged when exhibiting the correct behaviours and often rewarded with the Bethany Be Safe Be Respectful and Be Responsible stickers.

Below the matrix you will see the flowchart on how staff work with students when reminding and re teaching them on the expected behaviours.

If you would like a copy of the matrix at home, please email

[carin.vanmourik@bswerribeenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:carin.vanmourik@bswerribeenth.catholic.edu.au)

## Year 3 & 4 Boys Hoop Time

The boys were successful in making the finals, after losing the first two games and then winning the last three. Congratulations boys.



## Mass Friday 2nd October- Ocean, MacKillop and Kolbe Hubs

On Friday the 21st of October, Mass was celebrated with Ocean, MacKillop and Kolbe Hubs. It was wonderful to see parents and family members celebrating with us.

Everyone gathered to pray, remembering that we are called to be people of faith, to be the hands and face of Jesus in the world. We were invited to reflect on the many ways that we can live our faith and make a difference to others. We were reminded of Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti where he asks us to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need, whoever they are, wherever they come from to use our hands and our hearts to serve others as Jesus did, to bring hope and justice for all. We remembered the great work of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop and how hard she worked to help the poor.



## Parent News - **UPDATED**

### Cyber Safety

The school will be hosting a Cyber safety evening for all families on **Tuesday 8th November at 6:45pm in the School Hall**. 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. Prep to Year 2 students will have their Cyber safety incursion on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](https://www.ozchild.org.au/get-involved/become-a-foster-carer/?utm_source=classdojo&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=Foster+Care+VIC+-+Get+Involved)

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## 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 **Updated and New**

Parent partnerships are highly valued at Bethany. One way that parents can partner with the team at Bethany is to join the Parent Sub Committee Group.

Some activities of this group include offering hospitality at morning teas, fundraising through the Easter and Christmas raffles and offering services such as second-hand uniform sales, Mother's Day and Father's Day breakfasts and stalls.

This group meets twice a term and works closely with the School Principal to organise events that best meet the needs of the school community. If you would like to join our Parent Sub Committee Group for 2023, please come to our next meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 1:30pm.

At the next Sub Committee meeting (9<sup>th</sup> Nov), we will be looking at rebranding the Sub Committee to reflect the emerging community needs. We look forward to seeing interested parents for 2023 there. If you are unable to attend, and are interested in being a member for the 2023 year, please contact the office.

The next Sub Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – 1:30pm**

## Important Dates

### Camp Dates for 2022

**Year 4 – Camp Sunnystones, Bacchus Marsh- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

### November

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.– Year 4 Camp to Sunnystones Bacchus Marsh

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Fundraising Friday – Ice creams

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November: Assembly: Green and Yellow 2:25pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Pre Prep Visit – Session 1

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Discovery Centre Excursion to Ceres

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Years 3-6 Cyber Safety Sessions

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Cyber Safety Family Evening – **6:45pm in the School Hall.**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Sub Committee Meeting – 1:30pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Pre Prep Visit – Session 1

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Class Mass: Star, Sky, Little and Mandela -10:00am – 11:00am

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Fundraising Friday – Bubble blowers and chocolate bars

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Bridging Centre Excursion to Scienceworks "Roller Coaster Engineer" – Jordan, Todd, Murray and half of Yarra

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Pre Prep Visit – Session 2

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Pre Prep Visit – Session 2

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Bridging Centre Excursion to Scienceworks "Roller Engineer" – Sepik, Tiber, Werribee and half of Yarra  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November Explorations Centre Excursion to Animal Land Farm  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November: Year 1/2 Water Safety Excursion  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November: Assembly: Earth and Ocean  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Year 3/4 Water Safety Excursion  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Art Show  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: P-2 Cyber Safety Incursion  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Year 5/6 Water Safety Excursion  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November: School Dental Van

## **December**

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

## **School Closures for 2022**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December: 2023 Planning Day

## **Last Day of School Year 2022**

The last day of 2022 school year for students will be:  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Year 6 students finish at 3:00pm  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Prep - Year 5 students finish at 12:30pm