



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 11
Wednesday 12th July 2023

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you and your family have enjoyed a restful break with family and friends. These holidays are always our coldest, and whilst some fly to warmer parts of the country, here in Melbourne, the cold weather always provides us with time to slow down, catch up with friends, spend time reading, tidying up around the house or to begin to prepare the garden for the spring. This slowing down helps us to re-energise, refresh and renew for the term ahead and all it holds. May this renewal be with each of you as we begin this new term of living and learning at Bethany.

In our last week of Term 2, our Leadership Centre students, attended YMCA Camp Anglesea. The camp provided the students with an Outdoor learning experience at a seaside environment. Camp builds students learning beyond the classroom. It develops their independence, interdependence, relationships, communication skills, resilience, collaboration, co-operation, and risk taking skills. This experience is also one that will form one of their best memories of primary school! A special thank you to the families for organising their children, the Leadership Centre Team and especially to Sheree and Hang for all their work behind the scenes to make this successful. Great team effort one and all!



World Youth Day 2023 is fast approaching. Over 500 pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Melbourne will be preparing for their journey to Lisbon. Hang Cao, our Catholic Identity and Mission Leader will be one of the Emerging Leaders, leading this historical event. She will begin her journey in Rome where formation for the role will begin. She will then fly to Lisbon to support and lead the youth, in their pilgrimage. On Sunday 16th July Hang will take part in a commissioning Mass for all participants. We will have a blessing for Hang at Assembly on Monday 17th July. All are welcome.



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Over the last two days the staff have engaged in Professional Learning in the Science of Reading to continue to action one of our school priorities, *"to continue to enhance educator capacity to embed a whole school approach to learning"*, especially in this case in the areas of Reading and Writing. Greg Clements, an expert in the area worked with all staff to build their knowledge in morphology, Scarborough's Reading Rope and Fluency as well as implementing a scope and sequence of learning for this. A successful two days for all educators. This professional learning is and will continue to positively impact student outcomes in literacy.



This term we look forward to many events in our school calendar...

- Learning Conversations celebrating student progress, learning and achievement
- Wyndham District Soccer, Netball and AFL finals
- Year 5 & 6 Hooptime
- Maths Olympiad
- Year 4 Camp
- Year 3 Camp
- Boite Choir Performance
- District Athletics
- Prep Camp and 100 Days of School Celebration
- Level Masses
- Sacrament of Confirmation
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Father's Day Stall
- Excursions and Incursions across the school

We look forward to each of these with great excitement and enthusiasm.

Term 3

Wednesday 12th July – Learning Conversations – Student/Parent/Teacher – **School Closure. Please bring your child with you to the Learning Conversation. These will be held in the learning space**

Students return to school for Term 3 on Thursday 13th July at 8:45am.

Lunch orders begin again this Friday the 14th July.

Take care. God bless

Joanne Webster
Principal

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Prayer

Lord, as we prepare for the coming of a new term, make us ready, attentive and available to hear you.

Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us.

Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use. May all that we are today, all that we try to do today, may all our encounters, reflections, even the frustrations and failings all be placed in your hands.

May the work we do and the way we do it, bring new hope, new life, and courage to all we come in contact with this term. We thank you, Lord. Amen

Staff News

We have been fortunate to appoint a Visual Arts Teacher, Natalie Newman who will join our school community this term. We also welcome Jocelle Cachero, who will join Yarra Hub from Monday through to Friday with Leanne Rotin. Hayley Fenech will continue to be a part of the Bridging Centre Team as a Learning Enhancement Teacher. We welcome Monica Spiteri who will replace Jo Allison whilst she is on Long Service Leave and also will assist in Sky Hub on Mondays whilst Lisa Dolin is on Long Service Leave. We know you will welcome them to our community.

Student News

Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL

During Term 3, staff will focus on teaching the importance of playing safely and using the playground equipment in the correct ways. The following visuals will be placed on the equipment as a friendly reminder.



Bethany has four playgrounds for students to use. Each playground is designed with height restrictions and equipment that are appropriate and safe for the ages of students who play on each playground. This is why each centre has their own assigned playground to use during the play breaks.

School News

MACKILLOP COLLEGE: YEAR 7 - 2025 INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and Guardians of **current year 5 students** are invited to attend MacKillop College's Information Evening **on Thursday 20 July at 7.30pm** in the Moreno Performing Arts Centre.

To obtain further information please visit the College website: www.mackillop.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar on 8734-5200.

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Grade 5 Information Evening Thursday 20 July 2023 7:30pm Moreno Performing Arts Centre



Whole School and Level Masses

2023 Mass and Liturgies

Celebrating Holy Mass provides the students the opportunity to experience their faith as they encounter Christ at this momentous meeting point. Mass will be celebrated in the school hall and all families are most welcome.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<p>Thursday 6th April at 9:15 am Whole School Liturgy: Praying the Rosary</p>	<p>Thursday 11th May at 10am Level Mass: Blue, Indigo, Kolbe and Mandela Hubs</p>	<p>Friday 28th July at 10 am Whole School Mass: Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus</p>	<p>Thursday 19th October at 10am Level Mass: Orange, Teresa and MacKillop Hubs</p>
	<p>Thursday 25th May at 10 am Whole School Mass: Our Lady Help of Christians</p>	<p>Friday 11th August at 10am** Level Mass: Yarra, Werribee, Chisholm and Little Hubs</p>	<p>Thursday 2nd November at 10am Whole School Mass: All Souls Day</p>
		<p>Thursday 24th August at 10am Level Mass: Green, Murray and Jordan Hubs</p>	<p>Thursday 16th November at 10am Level Mass: Red, Sepik and Todd Hubs</p>
		<p>Thursday 14th September at 10am Level Mass: The Exploration Centre (Preps)</p>	

Shop for Schools

We are still awaiting news from Pacific Werribee as to our efforts. Stay tuned!

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Wellbeing

Happy Families

How do you get your children to pack up their belongings and keep their room tidy?

Do you use rewards and threats to motivate them? Does this then turn into fear of your child thinking they are missing out on the reward if they don't cooperate?

The attached Happy Families article: Threats and Rewards – or something Better? is an interesting article that may change your thinking on how to use love as the motivator, where you model and work with your child into packing up and keeping their spaces tidy. Enjoy the read. 😊

Assemblies:

ASSEMBLIES - 2023								
	TERM 1		TERM 2		TERM 3		TERM 4	
WEEK	DATE	HUBS	DATE	HUBS	DATE	HUBS	DATE	HUBS
1			24 APRIL		10 JULY		2 OCTOBER	
2	30 JANUARY		1 MAY	LITTLE/CHIS	17 JULY	SEPIK/TODD	9 OCTOBER	RED/GREEN
3	6 FEBRUARY		8 MAY		24 JULY		16 OCTOBER	
4	13 FEBRUARY	Principal- JOANNE	15 MAY	MURR/JORD	31 JULY	KOLBE/MAN	23 OCTOBER	PE/ART
5	20 FEBRUARY	Leadership Assembly	22 MAY		7 AUGUST		30 OCTOBER	
6	27 FEBRUARY		29 MAY	YELL/ORAN	14 AUGUST	SKY / STAR	6 NOVEMBER	PP DAY
7	6 MARCH	SOCIAL JUSTICE/LENTEN APPEAL	5 JUNE		21 AUGUST		13 NOVEMBER	REMEMBRANCE DAY- Leadership Centre
8	13 MARCH	HOLIDAY	12 JUNE	HOLIDAY	28 AUGUST	BLUE/INDIGO	20 NOVEMBER	
9	20 MARCH	WERR/YARRA	19 JUNE	PBL	4 SEPTEMBER		27 NOVEMBER	EARTH/OCEA
10	27 MARCH				11 SEPTEMBER	ITALIAN/MUSIC	4 DECEMBER	PP DAY
11	3 APRIL	TERESA/MAC					Tues 12 DECEMBER	End of Year Assembly JOANNE

Matters Financial

Concessional Fee Policy

The concessional fee policy was introduced to support families struggling to pay school fees. Concessional school fees are available to any family that meets the below eligibility criteria:

- Holding a valid HCC and eligible for CSEF
- Experiencing severe financial hardship
- Holding a DVA Gold Card
- Identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard
- Of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage

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You will also be required to complete a form as a part of the process to determine eligibility. Should you wish further information re this funding or if you have questions as to whether you are eligible, please do not hesitate to contact the school and ask to speak to Joanne Webster

School Fees

All school fees are now due. Please see Joanne Webster if you are having difficulty paying.

Parent in Partnership and School Advisory Council

Parent in Partnership Meetings for the 2023 will be held on the following dates and times:

Wednesday 26th July at 1:30pm in the Bethany Resource Centre

Wednesday 16th August at 6:45pm in the Staffroom

Wednesday 18th October at 1:30pm in the Bethany Resource Centre

Wednesday 22nd November at 6:45pm in the Staffroom

School Advisory Council Meetings will be held on:

Wednesday 23rd August – 6:45pm – 8:15pm

Wednesday 15th November – 6:45pm – 8:15pm

Important Dates –

July

Wednesday 12th July – Learning Conversations – Student/Parent/Teacher – School Closure

Wednesday 12th July - Wyndham District Netball **NEW**

Thursday 13th July – First day of Term 3 – 8:45am

Friday 14th July - Wyndham District AFL **NEW**

Monday 17th July – Assembly 2:25pm (Sepik & Todd Hubs)

Wednesday 19th July – Hoop time Basketball **NEW**

Thursday 20th & Friday 21st – Minibeast Incurion Exploration & Discovery

Monday 24th July – Bridging Centre excursion to Imax & Melbourne Museum **NEW**

Wednesday 26 July – Parents in Partnership 1:30pm

Friday 28th July – Whole School Mass, Saints Mary, Martha & Lazarus – 10:00am

Sunday 30th July – Boite Rehearsal for select music students

Monday 31st July – Assembly 2:25pm (Kolbe & Mandela Hubs)

August

Tuesday 1st August – Wednesday 2nd August – Year 4 Camp to Lady Northcote

Thursday 3rd August – Boite Choir Performance

Wednesday 9th August – District Athletics Sports

Thursday 10th August – Prep Camp Breakfast

Friday 11th August – Level Mass 10:00am, Yarra, Werribee, Chisholm & Little

Monday 14th August – Assembly 2:25pm (Sky & Star Hubs)

Wednesday 16th August – Parents in Partnership – 6:30pm

Saturday 19th August – Bethany hosting Mass at St Andrew's Parish – 6pm

Monday 21st August – Year 6 excursion: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

Wednesday 23rd August – School Advisory Council 6:45pm

Thursday 24th August – Level Mass 10:00am, Green, Murray & Jordan

Monday 28th August – Assembly 2:25pm (Blue & Indigo Hubs)

Wednesday 30th August – Bishop visit for Year 6

Wednesday 30th August – Year 6 Reconciliation prior to Confirmation

Thursday 31 August – Father's Day breakfast 7:45am

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September

Friday 1st September – Father's Day stall

Wednesday 6th September – Maths Olympiad

Wednesday 6th September – Sacrament of Confirmation at Bethany 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Wednesday 6th September – Wyndham District Athletics **NEW**

Thursday 7th September – Whole school IncurSION for Book Week

Monday 11th September – Assembly 2:25pm (Italian & Music)

Thursday 14th September – Level Mass 10:00am, Exploration Centre

Thursday 14th September – Year 3 Camp

Friday 15th September – Last Day Term 3 – Students finish at 12:30pm

October **NEW**

Monday 2nd October – First day of Term 4 – 8:45am

Wednesday 4th October – Wyndham District Hot Shots tennis – boys only

Friday 6th October – Wyndham District Basketball – boys & girls

Monday 9th October – Assembly 2:25pm (Red & Green Hubs)

Tuesday 17th October – Optional Learning Conversations

Wednesday 18th October - Optional Learning Conversations

Wednesday 18th October - Parents in Partnership 1:30pm

Thursday 19th October – Pre-Prep visits Day 1

Thursday 19th October – Level Mass

Friday 20th October – Colour Run Fundraiser

Monday 23rd October – Assembly 2:25pm (Art & PE)

Thursday 26th October – Pre-Prep visits Day 2

Thursday 26th October – Year 3 Reconciliation 6pm & 7:30 pm @ St Andrew's Church

November **NEW**

Thursday 2nd November – Whole School Mass 10:00am All Souls Day

Monday 6th November – School Closure – Assessment & Report Writing Day

Tuesday 7th November – Melbourne Cup Holiday

Monday 13th – Friday 17th November - School Dental Van onsite

Monday 13th November – Assembly 2:25pm Remembrance Day

Thursday 16th November – Level Mass 10:00am (Red, Sepik & Todd Hubs)

Monday 20th November – Year 1/2 Camp **TBC**

Wednesday 22nd November - Parents in Partnership 6:30pm

Monday 27th November – Assembly 2:25pm (Earth & Ocean Hubs)

December **NEW**

Monday 4th December – School Closure - 2024 Planning Day

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Family event 5:00pm

Monday 10th July – Professional Learning Conference

Tuesday 11th July – Professional Learning Conference

Wednesday 12th July – Learning Conversations

Monday 6th November – Assessment & Report Writing Day

Monday 4th December – 2024 Planning Day School Closure

Monday 11th December – Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 12th December – Final Assembly 2:25pm

Friday 15th December - Last Day Term 4 – students finish at 12:30pm

School Closures for 2023 **UPDATED**

The following dates are school closure days for 2023. **PLEASE MARK THESE IN YOUR DIARIES:**

Monday 6th November – Assessment & Report Writing Day

Monday 4th December – 2024 Planning Day

Public Holidays for 2023

Tuesday 7th November – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Sacrament Dates 2023

Confirmation – Year 6 Wednesday 6th September 5:30pm and 7:30pm in the Bethany school hall

First Reconciliation – Year 3 Thursday 26th October 6:00pm and 7:30pm in St Andrew's Church

Family Nights for Sacraments 2023 **UPDATED**

Confirmation Family Night – Year 6 students and parents/carers – Thursday 20th July 6:45pm School Hall

Reconciliation Family Night – Year 3 students and parents/carers – Thursday 12th October 6:45pm School Hall

All students and families celebrating these sacraments are required to attend.