



Bethany Catholic Primary School Werribee

Newsletter No. 17
Wednesday 18th October, 2023

Dear Families,

This week we begin our Pre-Prep transitions for our Prep 2024 students. Partnerships and relationships are key to the success of all students and families and these visits give all, the opportunity to begin to establish these. These transitions also give our new students, and new families the chance to begin to familiarise themselves with our school and get to know members of the community that will walk the journey with them for the next 7 years. Many of our existing families will also be there to support and guide, and for this we are grateful.

As communicated to you, we are upgrading our School Website and next Tuesday 24th October will be our school website photoshoot. We ask all students to be wearing the correct **Summer Uniform**, with correct hair ties and socks. If it is your child's sports day, please send them in their correct sport uniform. The photoshoot aims to capture all learning happening across the school- in the learning spaces, and outside. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

We also have our upcoming fundraiser for the year- The Bethany Colour Run, to occur on **Friday 3rd November from 2:00-2:50pm**. So far, we have raised about \$6900 towards the new furniture, with about 94 students registered. If we could get 100% uptake this would be a substantial contribution to the furnishing of the Leadership Centre, which would mean we could begin updating the furniture in another centre. We have added the "Creating Your Profile" to the Newsletter or you may find it attached to this link. [Creating a Profile- Colour Run](#) to register your child. We thank you once more for your continued support.

A reminder that all students **must** wear a school sunhat when outdoors and all students must wear full summer uniform on **Monday 23rd October**. Many thanks for your understanding.

A school closure will take place on **Monday 6th November**, as a Professional Practice Day for teachers. The Melbourne Cup Public Holiday is on **Tuesday 7th November**. **The school will be closed on both of these days.**

The month of October is World Mission Month, where we are called by Pope Francis to celebrate our global mission with our "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move". Our Social Justice leaders are responding to this call by leading Bethany's *Mission Wednesdays* where they will hold an event to raise funds for different mission groups. *Mission Wednesday* will be held over third consecutive Wednesday beginning this week on **Wednesday 18th October** with the selling and eating of pancakes. This year, we will partner with a number of charities- Asylum Seekers Resource Centre,

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Caritas Australia and Catholic Missions, to call us to action and to be missionary people, by holding weekly Mission Stalls, led by the Social Justice Leaders. We will be calling these Mission Wednesday for the Missions.

Date	Stall	Price	Charity
Week 3 Wednesday 18 th October	Pancakes	0.50c	Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
Week 4 Wednesday 25 th October	Zooper Doopers	0.50c	Caritas Australia
Week 5 Wednesday 1 st November	Fun sock Day- students wear fun socks to school	Gold Coin Donation	Catholic Missions Australia

Our Mission Wednesday focus are as follows:

Wednesday 18th October Pancakes (GF option available)	Wednesday 25th October Zooper Dooper icy poles	Wednesday 1st November Fun Socks Day
Cost: 50c per pancake (maximum purchase of two). Optional toppings: lemon juice and sugar.	Cost: 50c (one per person)	Cost: Gold coin donation Students wear their own fun socks for a gold coin donation
Students are required to bring in money and place an order on Tuesday 17th October.		
Funds raised are for: Asylum Seeker Resource Centre	Funds raised are for Caritas Australia	Funds raised are for Catholic Mission

Thank you for all you do to contribute to our school community and the wider community in need.

Enjoy the remainder of the week and the week ahead.

Take care. God bless

Joanne Webster
Principal

Prayer

Today marks the Feast Day of St Luke. Saint Luke, the Evangelist, is the patron saint of physicians, surgeons and artists. This prayer resonates beautifully with how we can be more Christ like in our interactions and actions.

Prayer to Saint Luke

*Most wonderful St. Luke
you are animated by
the Heavenly Spirit of Love.
In faithfully detailing
the humanity of Jesus,
you also showed His Divinity
and His genuine compassion
for all human beings.*

*May the Holy Spirit,
instructor of the faithful,
help me to understand
Christ's words
and faithfully apply them
in my life.
Amen.*



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Student News

Summer Gala Basketball

On October 6th, the boys and the girls from the Leadership Centre went to the second round of Summer Gala for basketball. The competition took place at Altona and the boys VS four teams and the girls VS three teams. The boys made it to the next round by beating all four teams. The girls lost one game by two points so didn't make it into the next round but came Runners Up. It really was a fun and exciting experience to be able to play in the second round of Summer Gala basketball, even though the girls didn't make it through. We would like to congratulate the girls' team for making it this far and cheer for the boys in the next round.

By Ethan and Poppy



Hot Shots Tennis

On the 9th of October we competed in the hot shots tennis final. It was a part of the Wyndham Districts at Bayside Tennis Club. We were playing against other schools and lost 2 of 3 games and lost them both on aggregate. The schools were Cambridge, Corpus Christi and Riverbend primary and we finished second overall.

By Ethan D and Matty from Chisholm Hub



Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Thursday 12th October, we had a Reconciliation family evening with Maria Forde who shared with our Year 3 students and families the significance of the sacrament through music, ritual, prayer, and scripture. The students are very active and animated in their responses to Maria's questions. We thank all families for your ongoing support in your child's faith formation. Our students are very excited to receive this special gift of God for the first time on Thursday 26th October at St Andrew's Church.



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Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL

Congratulations to Jacaranda House who accumulated the most acknowledgements in Term 3 with their positive behaviours. Students were rewarded with a zooper dooper last week which they enjoyed. They enjoyed them so much; no photo was taken! The house points are collated weekly, students will see the progression of their points on the following posters. Students will also be rewarded individually and over the coming newsletters each centre will share their Reward Menu for you to see. This is a great opportunity for you to chat to your child about the acknowledgments they are receiving and what for.



School News



Bethany Colour Run!!!!

The Bethany Colour Run will be our major fundraiser for 2024. All funds raised go toward new furniture for our Leadership Centre. We thank you for all your support throughout the year and hope you will continue to support Bethany with this fundraiser.

Get your colour on, Bethany Primary is hosting a Colour Explosion School Fun Run fundraiser!

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be on **3rd of November from 2.00pm – 2.50pm**. Parents will be welcome to come and watch the awesome event!

Not only are we hosting an awesome explosion event, students can win up to 15 awesome automated incentive prizes by fundraising via online sponsorship donations.

At the end of the term, students received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- Monty the Monster's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- \$10,000 JB HI FI Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student – it could be you!

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- Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2023.
- A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For more information, please contact Tara Weiss on weisstj74@gmail.com or Kylie Scott at the School 9742 9800

Happy fundraising!

Year 6 Transition

The following website will give you some handy tips to be aware of, to support child with their transition. It will cover some of the following:

Going to secondary school: what to expect

The transition to secondary school means big changes for your child. For example, your child's friendships and peer group, schoolwork and school environment are all likely to change.

Friends and Peers

When your child goes to secondary school, they'll meet new peers and make new friends. They'll also need to work out where they fit in a new peer group.

[Starting Secondary School](#)

School Dental Van

Students will have the opportunity to visit the dentist at school in the upcoming weeks. Students will bring home a form on Friday 20 October and if you wish your child to participate, please complete and return to school.

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>Thursday 25th May at 10 am Whole School Mass: Our Lady Help of Christians</p>	<p>Friday 28th July at 10 am Whole School Mass: Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus</p> <p>Friday 11th August at 10am Level Mass: Yarra, Werribee, Chisholm and Little Hubs</p> <p>Thursday 14th September at 10am Level Mass: The Exploration Centre (Preps)</p>	<p>Thursday 19th October at 10am Level Mass: Orange, Yellow, Teresa and MacKillop and Jordan Hubs</p> <p>Thursday 2nd November at 10am Whole School Mass: All Souls Day</p> <p>Thursday 16th November at 10am Level Mass: Red, Sepik, Todd, Green and Murray Hubs</p>

Wellbeing

Happy Families

The attached Happy Families article supports our Year 6 students transitioning to secondary school next year. A recent ACER study led by Life Ed found that a significant number of Australian students feel underprepared and nervous about the move to secondary school. That's why Life Ed has launched a comprehensive program of free online resources to assist students make the leap from Year 6 to Year 7... and land firmly on their feet. The Life Ed link is part of the article.

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Assemblies:

Please see schedule



ASSEMBLIES - 2023			
TERM 3		TERM 4	
DATE	HUBS	DATE	HUBS
10 JULY		2 OCTOBER	
17 JULY	SEPIK/TODD	9 OCTOBER	RED/GREEN
24 JULY		16 OCTOBER	
31 JULY	KOLBE/MAN	23 OCTOBER	PE/ART
7 AUGUST		30 OCTOBER	
14 AUGUST	SKY / STAR	6 NOVEMBER	PP DAY
21 AUGUST		13 NOVEMBER	REMEMBRANCE DAY- Leadership Centre
28 AUGUST	ITALIAN/MUSIC	20 NOVEMBER	
4 SEPTEMBER		27 NOVEMBER	EARTH/OCEA
11 SEPTEMBER	BLUE/INDIGO	4 DECEMBER	PP DAY
		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

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.

Key Enrolment Dates for Year 5 2024 beginning Secondary School in 2026

If you wish to enrol your child in a Catholic Secondary School beginning in 2026 please observe the following dates.

- Monday 29 January 2024 – Applications will open for students commencing Year 7 in 2026.
- Friday 16 August 2024 – Applications will close.
- Friday 18 October 2024 – Offers will be posted to prospective 2026 Year 7 applicants.
- Friday 8 November 2024 – Final date for parents/carers to accept an offer made by a school.

If you require any further information, please see Sheree or Hang.

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Parent in Partnership and School Advisory Council

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

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

School Advisory Council Meetings will be held on:

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

Important Dates –

October

Wednesday 18th October – Optional Learning Conversations
Wednesday 18th – Year 5/6 Spaced Education Excursion - Teresa & MacKillop Hub
Thursday 19th October - Year 5/6 Spaced Education Excursion - Chisholm & Little Hub
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 (Orange, Yellow, Teresa, MacKillop & Jordan Hubs)
Friday 20th October – Year 5/6 Spaced Education Excursion - Mandela & Kolbe Hub
Monday 23rd October – Year 5/6 Spaced Education Excursion – Social Justice Leaders
Monday 23rd October – Assembly 2:25pm (Art & PE)
Thursday 26th October – Pre-Prep visits Day 2
Thursday 26th October – Year 3 Reconciliation 6:00pm & 7:30pm @ St Andrew's Church

November

Thursday 2nd November – Whole School Mass 10:00am All Souls Day
Friday 3rd November – Colour Run Fundraiser
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, Green & Murray Hubs)
Monday 20th November – Year 1/2 Camp
Wednesday 22nd November – Parents in Partnership 6:30pm
Monday 27th November – Assembly 2:25pm (Earth & Ocean Hubs)

December

Monday 4th December – School Closure - 2024 Planning Day
Thursday 7th December – Christmas Family event 5:00pm
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

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

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

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