

Dear Families,

Thank you for a great term of learning and living together. Over the last few weeks, we have had so much to celebrate as a community, with Father's Day breakfast, the Book Parade, Book Fair and the SRC Hot Dog and Sports Day event last Thursday, just to name a few. Each of these events compliment the academic learning children experience at school, providing opportunities to connect, feel a sense of belonging and contribute to positive wellbeing, enabling the full flourishing of our students as people of Christ. Thank you as always for your contribution to these events and the life of your child at our school, Bethany. A big thank you to all staff for the work they do to enable these opportunities.

Our SRC Hot Dog & Sports Dress Up Day was a huge success last week. We thank Kim Wheelahan and Don Smallgoods for their kind donation of Hot Dogs for this event, as well as the many parents from Parent In Partnership for their help on the day. Due to the many donations, including from Woolworths and Coles the school raised \$1,700.00 and this will go towards furnishing the Centres. Thank you to all!

Last Monday, an SMS was sent out to all families again to ensure safety in the Car Park. I thank you all for your immediate response to this, accompanying your children in the Car Park and slowing down when driving. This will continue to be monitored over the last few weeks of term and into next term, in an effort to make this space safe.

We will be holding a Second Hand Uniform sale on **Tuesday 17th September at 8:45am and again at 2:30pm**. All sales require cash. Second hand uniforms for sale can be dropped off to the Admin Office from Thursday 12th September. Please ensure any items for sale are in good condition, clean and clearly labelled with the following information:

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Optional Learning Conversations take place on Tuesday 22nd October from 3:20-5:30pm. This is an opportunity for families wishing to speak to their child's teacher about their learning progress, to make a 10-minute appointment time. This year, teachers may also request an interview with the parent. This note will be sent via Operoo later this week.

The Social Justice leaders have begun preparing for 'Mission Month' in October. They will be running a stall to raise money for 'Bahay Tuluyan', a charity which provides vulnerable children with housing and training for future employment opportunities. Families can support their efforts by sending gold coins to school for students to buy items from their stall. More about this in the body of the newsletter.

Key enrolment dates for Year 5 2025 entering secondary school, Year 7 for 2027, have now been released. Please find under Family News.

This will be the last newsletter for this term. I wish you rest and renewal as we enter the school holidays after an enormous and successful term of learning and living at Bethany. To celebrate all the learning that has taken place, **the last day of term, Friday 20th September will be a casual dress day.**

Please remember this day concludes for all students at 12:30pm.

There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS on Friday 20th September.

Students return to school for Term 4 on Monday 7th October, 2024 at 8:45am.

Thank you again for your continued support. Take care. God bless.

Joanne Webster
Principal

A Prayer

Dear God,

As we come to the end of another term,
we thank you for being with us.

Thank you for giving us joy this term.

Thank you for surrounding us with Your peace
and thank you for another term to start over again.

We ask you to please bless our learners, their families
and our staff.

We pray the holidays provide us with time and opportunity to
rest, recharge and renew.

Amen

School News

SRC Events for Terms 4

Term	Event	Date
Term 4	Bethany's Got Talent- students showcase their talents.	Auditions in Centres in Weeks 3 and 4 Week 5 students rehearse at home Week 6 Thursday 14 th November Finals Years 3-6 Week 7 Monday 18 th November- Finals Years 3-6 Thursday 21 st November – Finals Years Prep -2 Week 8 Monday 25 th November Finals Years P-2

Beacon Cyber Safety Educational App for all Parents and Carers

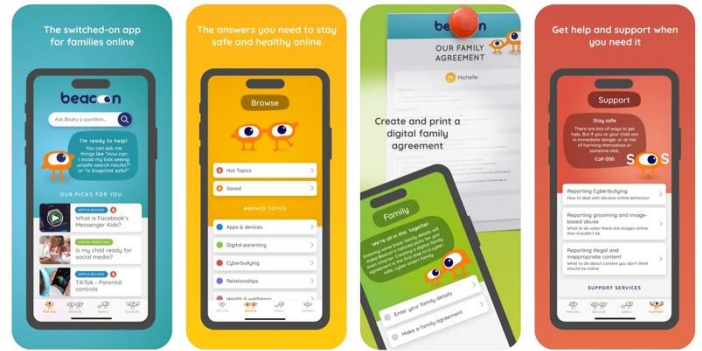
Do you struggle to find the time to search the internet in order to find current, reliable and relevant sources of information when it comes to your children online? Beacon is a free, Australian made Cybersafe Educational App created to help take the hard work out of keeping up to date with all things online and digital when it comes to young people.

Developed in conjunction with the eSafety Commissioner and Common-Sense Media, you can rest assured they're accessing quality, expert reviewed material as opposed to relying on a social media feed or news reports.



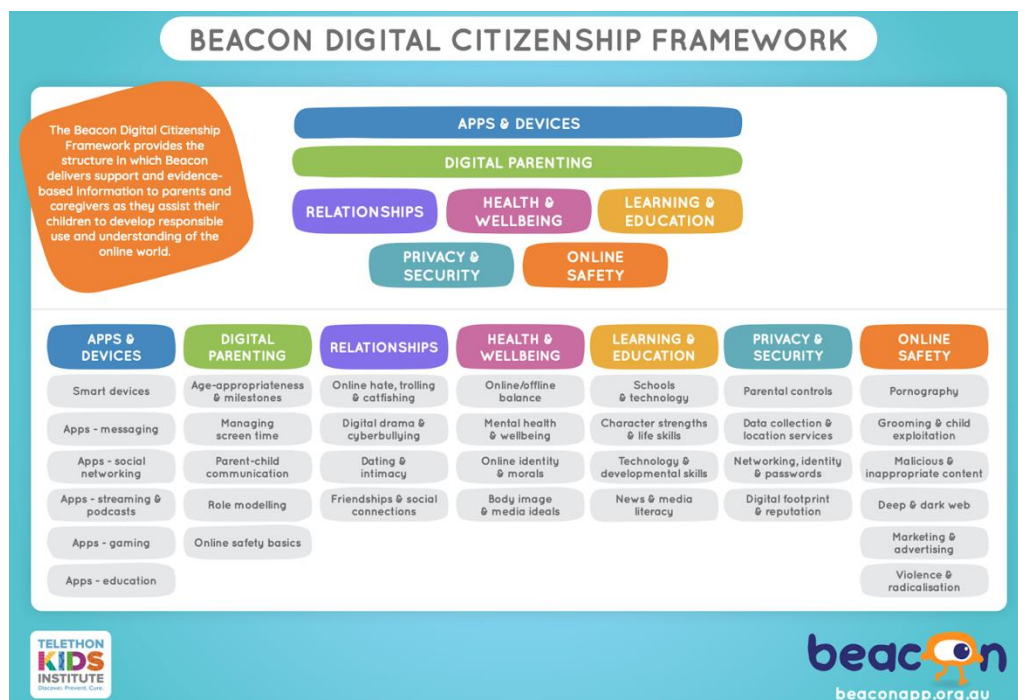
Beacon aims to improve the digital future for Australian children by building parents' and carers' digital skills so you can confidently navigate your child's use of digital technology in a positive way and minimise potential harms associated with being online.

The Beacon App integrates seamlessly into your daily lives, delivering the most trusted and up-to-date information backed by behavioural science research, as well as personalised support, ideas and strategies at their fingertips to navigate the ever-changing online world.



Features of this App include:

- no need to be tech savvy, it's super simple to navigate
- customised, suggested articles based on the age and interests of your children
- browse and search by topics including apps & devices, digital parenting, health & wellbeing, privacy and more
- step by step guide to help you and your children create a family tech agreement. Not a one size fits all approach but customisable based on each individual young person in your home (screen time, device free homes and gaming)
- direct links to report cyberbullying, grooming and other inappropriate online content
- notifications and alerts (not annoying over the top frequency!) when new, relevant content is made available



This Cybersafe App is endorsed by Inform and Empower.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

The Year 1 and 2 students have recently applied their learning of what it means to **'Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible'** outside of Bethany, while on their excursion to the Melbourne Museum and Imax.

The students were able to action **'Be safe'** by walking to and from the buses in their line order as well as moving calmly through a range of exhibits at the Museum.



The Year 1 and 2 students used whole body listening when watching the documentary 'Journey to the heart of Africa' at IMAX, demonstrating their knowledge of **'Be Respectful'**.

Students enjoyed learning about the migration of different animals throughout the year during this.



The students followed expectations set by the Museum, such as looking at the dinosaur bone display rather than touching it, showing they could **'Be Responsible'**.



Positive Behaviour for Learning School Wide Expectations



Let Learners Learn and Teachers Teach

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

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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.

The Resilient Project - Positive Thinking

Positive thinking can help you and your child notice and appreciate the good things in your lives. It's easy to spend a lot of time thinking about things that have gone wrong. When you do this, these things can seem overwhelming and lead to worry and stress. But when you learn to think positively, you can keep difficult times in perspective. And if you focus on the positives and keep the negatives in perspective, it's good for your happiness and wellbeing. ([Raising Children Network Australia](#), 2006-2024).

There are many different ways to foster positive thinking. Some easy ways include:

- Keeping a journal of things, you are thankful for,
- Spending time with positive people,
- Identifying your areas of negativity, and
- Starting and ending every day with a positive note.

"If we think positive thoughts, soon we will be able to see the positives in even the most challenging situations" ([Twinkl USA](#), n.d.).

To help develop greater resilience and positive thinking within your child/ren, watch some of the following videos together:

Class Dojo - Positive Thinking

Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9o0wagkrzKw>

Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5u1DsNwIKk>

Part 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tw0bF3trVBs&t=2s>

Twinkl USA - Top Tips for Thinking Positively

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOV5O31kMp4>

Headspace - Finding Positivity for Young Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cultneKkP8g>

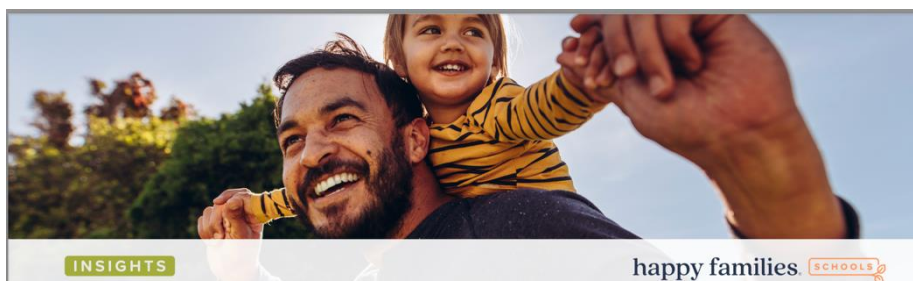
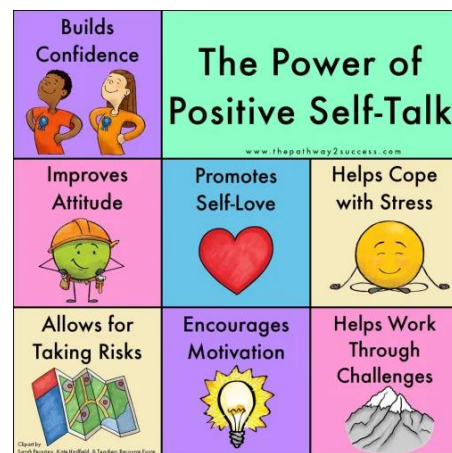
Headspace - Finding Positivity for Big Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAULsCQIHCU>

Happy Families

With our recent celebration of Father's Day, our breakfast at school and the Father's Day stall. It is timely to recognise the importance of Dads or significant males in our students lives. The attached article: **'Present Dads, Healthy**

Kids' is research based on all the benefits for children when they spend time with their dad. Some of the benefits include a healthy self-esteem, more confidence, self-control and self-worth. There are also added benefits for dads too, including being more satisfied with their lives and having more empathy. What a bonus, when spending time together is so often 'just fun'. Enjoy the read. ☺



Child Safety Update



At Bethany our focus is always students first. We ensure that we have processes in place for complaints and concerns that are child-focused. We make sure complaints are taken seriously and we endeavour to respond to them promptly and thoroughly and in a timely manner. Leadership provides guidance to staff on how to treat children raising complaints or safety concerns with sensitivity and support. Staff are also aware of reporting privacy and employment law obligations when addressing complaints and concerns within the school community.

Mission Month

The Social Justice leaders have begun preparing for 'Mission Month' in October. After attending the 'Kids View' conference earlier this year, they have learnt about issues facing homeless children and youth in the Philippines and around the world. They will be running a stall to raise money for 'Bahay Tuluyan', a charity which provides vulnerable children with housing and training for future employment opportunities. Families can support their efforts by sending gold coins to school for students to buy items from their stall.

2024 Whole School and Level Masses

Celebrating Mass provides students with the opportunity to experience their faith as they encounter Christ at this momentous meeting point.

Mass is celebrated in the school hall and all families are welcome. **The Exploration centre will celebrate mass tomorrow at 10:00am. All welcome.**

Please find Masses for Term 3 and 4.

Term 3	Term 4
<p>Friday 26th July at 10 am Whole School Mass: Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus (Feast on Mon 29/7)</p>	<p>Saturday 19th October 6pm Community Mass St Andrew's</p>
<p>Thursday 22nd August at 10am Level Mass: Years 3 and Years 5</p>	<p>Thursday 14th November at 10am Level Mass: Years 2 and Years 4</p>
<p>Thursday 12th September at 10am Level Mass: Preps</p>	<p>Thursday 28th November at 10am Whole School Mass</p>

Family News

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a second-hand uniform sale this **Tuesday 17th September from 8:45am and 2:30pm near the Basketball Court.**

Second hand uniforms can be dropped off to the Admin Office. Please ensure any items for sale are in good condition, clean and clearly labelled with the following information:

- Family name
- Eldest child's hub
- Size
- Price

The second-hand uniform sale will run during school drop off on the basketball court and items can be purchased with **CASH ONLY**. Cash is required as we endeavour to return all funds directly to families who have sold uniform. We thank you for your understanding.

Key Enrolment Dates for Year 5 2025 beginning Secondary School in 2027

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

- Tuesday 28 January 2025 – Applications will open for students commencing Year 7 in 2027.
- Friday 15 August 2025 – Applications will close.
- Friday 17 October 2025 – Offers will be posted to prospective 2027 Year 7 applicants.
- Friday 7 November 2025 – Final date for parents/carers to accept an offer made by a school.

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

Assemblies:

Assemblies are held on Mondays, fortnightly at 2:25pm. Please see the Assembly Schedule. All families are invited to attend. These are generally held on the basketball court or in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there. The next Assembly is on 16th September and will be a celebration of our Italian curriculum and the Bethany choir will be showcasing.

TERM 3		TERM 4	
DATE	HUBS	DATE	HUBS
15 JULY		7 OCTOBER	
22 JULY	Year 5 Chisholm/Mac Killop	14 OCTOBER	Year 6 Teresa/Little (Art)
29 JULY		21 OCTOBER	
5 AUGUST		28 OCTOBER	Prep Sky/Ocean
12 AUGUST	Year 2 Indigo/Blue	4 NOVEMBER	
19 AUGUST	Year 4 Jordan/Sepik	11 NOVEMBER	REMEMBRANCE DAY- Leadership Centre
26 AUGUST		18 NOVEMBER	
2 SEPTEMBER	Prep Earth/Star	25 NOVEMBER	Year 3/4 Todd/Murray
10 SEPTEMBER		2 DECEMBER	PP DAY
16 SEPTEMBER	BOITE/Italian	Thurs 12 DECEMBER	End of Year Assembly JOANNE

Matters Financial

All School Fees are now due

Please see Joanne Webster if you are having difficulty paying.

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.

Parent in Partnership and School Advisory Council

Parent in Partnership Meetings for the 2024 will be held on the following dates and times:

Wednesday 16th October at 1:30pm in the Bethany Resource Centre

Wednesday 20th November at 6:45pm in the Staffroom

School Advisory Council Meetings will be held on:

Wednesday 6th November – 6:45pm in the Staffroom

Important Dates –

September

Thursday 12th September – Year Prep Level Mass 10:00am School Hall

Monday 16th September – Assembly 2:25pm (Italian & Bethany choir)

Tuesday 17th September – Second Hand Uniform Sale – 8:45am & 2:30pm

Thursday 19th September – Year 3 Camp: Sleep over at school

Friday 20th September – **Last Day Term 3** – casual dress day – students finish at **12:30pm**

October

Monday 7th October – Term 4 begins **8:45am start**

Monday 14th October – Assembly 2:25pm (Teresa & Little)

Wednesday 16th October – Parent in Partnership 1:30pm

Saturday 19th October – Community Mass 6:00pm Saint Andrews

Monday 21st October – Year 1 & 2 Camp

Monday 21st – Friday 25th October – Bethany's Got Talent auditions

Thursday 24th October – Pre-Prep Transition Day 1

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – Bethany's Got Talent in Centres

Monday 28th October – Assembly 2:25pm (Sky & Ocean)

Monday 28th October – Discovery Centre Year 1 Excursion – Werribee Mansion

Tuesday 29th October – Discovery Centre Year 2 Excursion – Werribee Mansion

Wednesday 30th October – First Reconciliation 5:00pm in St Andrew's Church

Thursday 31st October – Pre-Prep Transition Day 2

November

Monday 4th November – School Closure: Assessment & Report Writing
Tuesday 5th November – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Friday 8th November – Exploration Centre, Fairy Tale Fiasco Incursion **NEW**
Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day Assembly 2:25pm (Leadership Centre)
Monday 11th November – Wednesday 13th November – Dental Van
Thursday 14th November – Years 2 & 4 Level Mass 10:00am School Hall
Thursday 14th November – Leadership Centre Maps and Mayhem Incursion
Thursday 14th November – Year 3-6 Bethany's Got Talent Finals 11:00am
Friday 15th November – Leadership Centre Maps and Mayhem Incursion
Monday 18th November – Year 3-6 Bethany's Got Talent Finals 11:00am
Thursday 21st November – Year P-2 Bethany's Got Talent Finals 11:00am
Monday 25th November – Year P-2 Bethany's Got Talent Finals 11:00am
Thursday 28th November – Whole School Mass 10:00am School Hal

December

Monday 2nd December – School Closure, 2025 Planning Day
Tuesday 3rd December – Whole School Orientation Day
Thursday 5th December – Christmas Family Event 6 – 8pm
Wednesday 11th December – Year 6 Graduation 6 – 7:30pm
Thursday 12th December – Final School Assembly
Monday 16th December – Year 6 Graduation Excursion
Tuesday 17th December – **Last Day Term 4** – students finish at **12:30pm**

School Closures for 2024

The following dates are school closure days for 2024. **PLEASE MARK THESE IN YOUR DIARIES:**

Monday 4th November – Assessment & Report Writing
Monday 2nd December – 2025 Planning Day

Public Holidays for 2024

Tuesday 5th November – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Sacrament Dates 2024 PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARIES

First Reconciliation – Year 3 Wednesday 30th October 5:00pm and 7:00pm in St Andrew's Church

Family Nights for Sacraments 2024

Reconciliation Family Night – Year 3 students and parents/carers – Wednesday 16th October 6:45pm School Hall

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

Camp Dates

Year 3 – Thursday 19th September – School Sleep Over
Year 1 & 2 – Term 4 – Monday 21st October – Afternoon Tea & Kaboom, Year 2 – Afternoon Tea, Kaboom, Disco & Dinner

LUNCH ORDER PRICELIST 2024

HOT FOOD	
Party Pies	\$2.00
Sausage Rolls	\$5.20
Hot Dog with Sauce	\$5.20
Hot Dog with Sauce & Cheese	\$6.00
Schnitzel Sandwich	\$6.50
Schnitzel Sandwich with Lettuce & Mayo	\$7.00
Extras: Sauce	\$0.20
Mustard	\$0.20
Paper Bag	\$0.20

CAKES	
Iced Donuts	\$1.20
Cinnamon Donuts	\$1.00
Jam Donuts	\$3.00
Chocolate Jam Donuts	\$3.50
Croissant	\$3.00
Lamington	\$4.00
Apple Cake	\$4.50
Mini Mud Cake	\$4.50
Hedgehog	\$4.50
Muffin (Chocolate Chip & Blueberry)	\$4.50
Happy Face/Neenish Tart	\$3.50

DRINKS	
Prima (Orange or Apple)	\$2.50
Prima (Apple & Raspberry)	\$2.50
Kids Milk (Chocolate or Strawberry)	\$3.00

SANDWICHES	
Ham or Chicken	\$4.00
Ham or Chicken & Cheese	\$5.50
Ham or Chicken, Cheese & Salad	\$7.50
Cheese & Salad (Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber & Carrot)	\$7.50
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$2.00
Cheese Roll	\$1.80
Cheese & Vegemite Scroll	\$4.00