

Dear Families,

Last week we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Year 6 students and their families. Both celebrations were holy and reverent and we thank the families, the first educators in faith of the students, the staff, particularly the Year 6 teachers and Centre Leaders; Cass, Emma, Marilyn, Kate, Sheree and Elaine.

To Trish, our Catholic Identity and Mission Leader, your leadership of the sacrament through liturgy, set up, choir, liaising with the Bishop's office, Bishop and Parish were significant- thank you. To all the staff who were present on the evening, completing the many roles to ensure this was a memorable faith experience for our students, we thank you too.



We also had our Year 4 Camp last week at Lady Northcote. The camp provided students with an outdoor learning experience as well as the opportunity to develop independence, interdependence and resilience. They all enjoyed their time together and the fresh air and returned tired and with memories that will last them a lifetime. Thank you to the Year 4 teachers and leaders; Joshua, Maddy, Mariela, Simon, Veronica, Kirrily, Rita, Gillian, Austin and Lachlan. Your presence and support was very much appreciated.



Our Year 6 Netball students, participated in the Gala Day Finals on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Whilst they were not successful on the day, they represented our school well, demonstrating good sportsmanship throughout.



Our annual Book Parade is next **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 9:00am** in our School Hall. This year's Book Week theme is "Reading is Magic". We look forward to seeing the students dressed up in book week characters and invite families to join in the fun!! Our Book Fair will begin the following week on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**. An Operoo was sent home last week detailing this.

Our Father's Day breakfast will be held on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 7:45am**. All fathers and/or significant males in student's lives are invited. An Operoo was sent home last Friday, asking families attending to indicate attendance numbers for this, for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing as many fathers and their children on the morning. All are welcome.

Our next SRC event is our Sports and Hot Dog Day. These events are set by the SRC to continue to build positive wellbeing and connection throughout the school. On this day students wear sports clothing symbolising their favourite team or sport. We will also have a hot dog and drink on the day. In an attempt to streamline the process for purchasing hot dogs and a drink we are using Trybooking. All orders need to be completed by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**. Please use the following link or barcode or order: [HOT DOG ORDERS - CLICK HERE](#)



The school car park provides families with a space to park when dropping or picking children up from school. Last week and again this week, we had close calls. In the first instance a child was left to make their way to the footpath unaccompanied by a parent and in the second instance a parent reversed without looking, missing both a parent and child by centimetres, as well as exceeding the 5km/h speed limit. The car park is a privilege to have, and I would hate to have to make the decision to close this, to ensure safety. So again, I ask, for the safety of our most treasured gifts-our children all parents **MUST** accompany children when students make their way to the footpath and all parents must have a duty of care when using the car park and should not exceed the 5km/h speed limit. I thank you always for your understanding and commitment to this.

No dogs are to enter the school during school time. If you bring a dog for pick up and you are outside of the school, could you please ensure your pet is on a leash. Unfortunately, we had a child bitten by dog when leaving the school grounds this week.

We have our **Level Mass for Years 3 and 5 on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 10am in the School Hall**. All are very welcome.

Our Prep students celebrate 100 days of being at school, at their Camp on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** at school. The students come to school in their PJs for breakfast, and then must brush their teeth, and dress themselves for the day ahead. This begins our Camp Program, building independence in our youngest students.

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

Joanne Webster  
Principal

### **A Prayer**

Last week was the Feast of St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) Australia's first saint. To commemorate this, we pray...

Ever-generous God,  
You inspired St Mary MacKillop  
to live her life faithful  
to the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
and constant in bringing hope  
and encouragement  
to those who were disheartened, lonely, or needy.  
With confidence in your generous providence  
and joining with St Mary MacKillop, we ask that you grant our request....(name your request).  
We ask that our faith and hope  
be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too,  
like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage,  
trust, and openness.  
Ever-generous God, hear our prayer.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ.  
Amen

## Staff News

We thank Emily Wilson (Navarro) Red Hub teacher for her diligence and commitment to Red Hub and the Bethany School Community, as she begins her Maternity Leave on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August. We wish her and Michael all the best as they await the arrival of their newborn. May God bless them all. Julia Ocampo, who has been in Red Hub since the beginning of this term will continue to lead this hub.

## School News

### 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 Elaine.

Dates for 2027 Secondary School enrolments will be published once known.

### Inform and Empower Term 3

We continue our strong partnership with Inform and Empower who run termly incursions with our students. This term the themes for the incursions are based on creating a digital footprint, developing a balance between green time and screen time, navigating uncomfortable situations and cyberbullying.



The students in the Exploration and Discovery Centres are learning about the five golden rules when using ipads as well as creating their own digital footprint. In the Discovery Centre students are learning to create usernames and passwords that are safe, not to share or post personal information online, as well as relying on trusted adults when things go wrong.

### Key takeaways from the incursion were:

There are some types of information we need to keep private online, such as our name, address, school, passwords and photos. If someone online asks us for any personal information, we need to tell one of our trusted adults who can help us block and report. We need to keep our personal information private because the internet can be accessed by everyone - and not everyone is a trusted person.

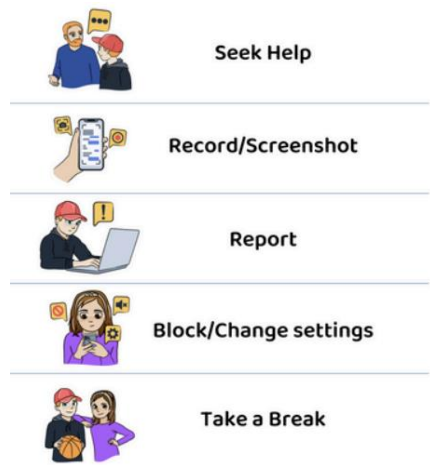


**Conversation starters for parents:**

Let's look at your usernames and passwords together and see how safe they are. What should we do if someone in a game or app asks us for personal information, such as your name, address or photos? If you were in a game on the internet with a player called "pinktiger12", how old do you think this person could be? Boy? Girl? Man? Woman? Safe? Unsafe?

Students in the Bridging and Leadership Centres will learn about Cyberbullying which is an important part of National Week against Bullying and Violence. This incursion will cover topics such as navigating uncomfortable situations, being an upstander, consent and seeking help strategies.

The students will learn that there are times when we are online and we feel uncomfortable. This may be because we have seen something that we should not have or something that has been said to us. It occurs in apps, websites and games. When navigating uncomfortable situations online, we encourage students to seek help, record/screen shot, report the incident, block or change settings, walk away and take a break.



**Conversation starters for parents:**

Can you think of a time when you, or someone you know, felt uncomfortable online? Have you ever been on the Kids Helpline website? Let's check it out together. Have you ever had to block or report another user? What happened? What does it mean to be an upstander? What are examples of things you could do or say to be an upstander?

When in doubt please access the eSafety Commissioner website:



<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>  
and Kids Help Line.  
<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

**SRC Events for Terms 3 and 4**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Term 3	Sports Day and Hot Dog Day-students and staff wear the colours of their favourite sports day and enjoy a hot dog lunch.	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
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 <sup>th</sup> November Finals Years 3-6 Week 7 Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November- Finals Years 3-6 Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November – Finals Years Prep -2 Week 8 Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November Finals Years P-2

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## Positive Behaviour for Learning

Expected behaviours that have been modelled and explicitly taught to students over the past three years are becoming more ingrained by the ways in which they learn at school and on excursions.

During the Year Four's recent overnight camp to Lady Northcote, students demonstrated our PBL values of 'Be Safe', 'Be Respectful', and 'Be Responsible' when participating in their group activities. Staff acknowledged these expected behaviours constantly throughout both days, which allowed all happy campers to enjoy the various activities on offer.

I was being safe by listening to the rules while doing archery so that I don't hit myself or my friends with the arrow. [Ayo A \(Jordan Hub\)](#)

I was being responsible at dinner time. I remained in my seat, and spoke softly and politely to my friends sitting at our table. [Sienna A \(Todd Hub\)](#)

I was being safe because I was sitting carefully on the Giant Swing. I was wearing a harness, helmet and goggles so that I didn't hit myself. [Benjamin M \(Jordan Hub\)](#)



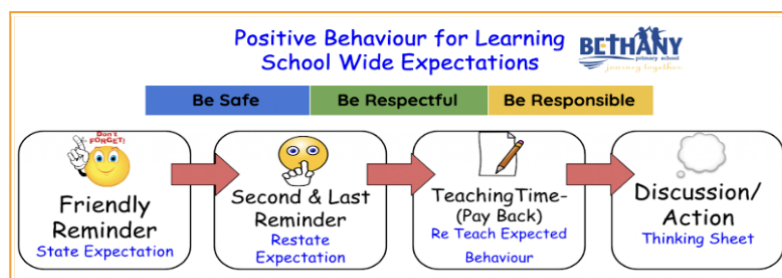
## Positive Behaviour for Learning School Wide Expectations



*Let Learners Learn and Teachers Teach*

	Be Safe	Be Respectful	Be Responsible
Learning Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 promptly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look after self, others and equipment</li> <li>Be a responsible learner</li> </ul>
Outside Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep hands and feet 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>Be on time &amp; walk promptly to line up</li> </ul>

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## The Resilient Project

### Revisiting 'Empathy'

Empathy is understanding and sharing the feelings of other people. During this month's special video message on the TRP website, Martin shares the importance of developing empathy with our students and their families.

The key question he asks his audience is: *What is something kind you have done for someone else who has been feeling sad?*

We encourage families to watch his [video](#) on ways we can be kind to others, and brainstorm ways to be empathetic with those we interact with throughout the week.

### Happy Families

This week's article challenges us to reflect on ourselves as parents and how much time we give to our children. Are we actually 'present' with them when they need us or are we 'preoccupied' with doing something else?

The article **STOP, LOOK and LISTEN to your KIDS** has a nice and kind reminder to us all:

- STOP. Stop what you are doing. Completely. Put down the phone. Turn away from the screen. Turn down the stove. (But keep your eyes on the road if you're driving!) ·
- LOOK. Look at your child - in the eyes. You might crouch down so you can hold hands. Make that visual connection.
- LISTEN. Keep that mouth zipped. Just listen. Keep looking at your child and really pay attention.

We all live in busy worlds and are constantly modelling to our children what is important. Enjoy the read and see if you can make one small change. Good Luck.

### Child Safety Update

All staff last week were upskilled on all eleven Child Safe Standards. The standards were clearly explained and all staff have a clear understanding on how here at Bethany we are following the practices of the standards.



## Standard 5

Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice

At Bethany we are inclusive of all students, we provide support and resources for students with disabilities to ensure they have full participation in school activities. We have policies and practices that support students from diverse backgrounds, respecting the rights and needs of all students.

## 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.

Please find Masses for Term 3 and 4.

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

## Family News

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> August for Jordan and Sepik Hubs.

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 21<sup>st</sup> August at 6:45pm in the Staffroom

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 1:30pm in the Bethany Resource Centre

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 6:45pm in the Staffroom

**School Advisory Council Meetings** will be held on:

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August – 6:45pm in the Staffroom

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 6:45pm in the Staffroom

## Important Dates –

### August

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August – School Advisory Council – 6:45pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August – Exploration Centre – Minibeasts Incursion

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Assembly 2:25pm (Jordan & Sepik Hubs)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Book Week

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Year 3 Camp Meeting 3:15pm

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Discovery Centre, Year 1 Body Investigations Incursion

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August – Discovery Centre, Year 2 Body Investigations Incursion

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August – Parents in Partnership 6:45pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Prep Camp and 100 Days of Prep Celebrations

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - Prep Incursion; Puppet Show

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Year 3 & Year 5 Level Mass 10:00am School Hall

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Book Week Parade

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August – Book Fair

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August – Discovery Centre Imax and Melbourne Museum Excursion

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August – 7:45am Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Father's Day Stall

### September

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Father's Day

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Assembly 2:25pm (Earth & Star Hubs)

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Sports Day and Hot Dog Day

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Division Athletics

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Year Prep Level Mass 10:00am School Hall

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Assembly 2:25pm (Boite & Italian)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 Camp: Sleep over at school

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – **Last Day Term 3** – students finish at **12:30pm**

### October **New**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Term 4 begins 8:45am start

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Assembly 2:25pm (Teresa & Little)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Parents in Partnership 1:30pm

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Community Mass 6:00pm Saint Andrews

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Year 1 & 2 Camp

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Bethany's Got Talent auditions

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Pre Prep Transition Day 1

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

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Assembly 2:25pm (Sky & Ocean)

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Discovery Centre Year 1 Excursion – Werribee Mansion

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Discovery Centre Year 2 Excursion – Werribee Mansion



Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – First Reconciliation 5:00pm and 7:00pm in St Andrew's Church  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Pre Prep Transition Day 2

### November **New**

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

### December **New**

Dates to be added shortly.

### School Closures for 2024

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Assessment & Report Writing  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 2025 Planning Day

### Public Holidays for 2024

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

### Sacrament Dates 2024 PLEASE MARK IN YOUR DIARIES

**Confirmation** – Year 6 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 5:00pm and 7:00pm in the Bethany School Hall  
**First Reconciliation** – Year 3 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> October 6:45pm School Hall

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

### Camp Dates

Year 3 – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – School Sleep Over  
Year 1 & 2 – Term 4 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Afternoon Tea & Kaboom, Year 2 – Afternoon Tea, Kaboom, Disco & Dinner  
Year Prep – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Breakfast in Pyjamas

## 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