



Last year's ELC graduation

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Bethany Christian School for 2023. We are so glad you are here, and we are looking forward to a year of learning together. Our first days have gone very smoothly, and we thank you for your care and patience in and around our school. If you are new to Bethany this year, we say welcome. Our community is a wonderful place to belong, and we are excited to develop more connections and to grow together. This year we are very grateful for the opportunity to get together face to face as I remember our online start last year.

Next Wednesday we are holding our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. We will hold two sessions so that you can choose which works best for your family and so that you can visit two different teachers if you have more than one child at Bethany. The two sessions are identical and are at 5:30 - 6pm or 6:30 - 7pm in your child's classroom. This is a time for you to hear from your child's teacher about class expectations, routines, homework, and other helpful information. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sunday 19th February we are holding a Community Chapel in our Performing Arts Centre at 10am. We want to invite you to attend if you would like to join us as we come together to celebrate and ask for God's blessing on all we do in 2023. This event is hosted by Base Church. Base Church meet every Sunday here at school and you would be welcome to come along any time.

This week our Reception students began on Tuesday to allow for parents to enjoy and celebrate this exciting milestone with them. For the next 4 weeks, Receptions will stay home on Wednesdays to give them a rest day. They are learning so many new things and we know that a rest is essential to ensure they continue to be their best at school. It was lovely to see how settled they have been in the classroom and in the yard already. First day of school photos will be available and you will receive information directly through your class teacher.

On Friday 17th February our students in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will participate in our Cross County event. You will receive an email directly with information including House groups. You will also be able to access a timetable for the day online as each age group run at a specific time. The cross-country track is in the Fairbanks drive reserve and so we ask that you drop off your children and exit the school grounds as normal. You can then enter the event at the rear of the school, which removes the need for you to sign in at the office.

We have some organisational changes this year to let you know.

- Sign in/ sign out- We will now sign in late students and sign out those who are leaving early from the front desk.
- Canteen- if students forget their lunch, a sandwich will be provided rather than parents being called. Canteen orders close at 9:15am online through Munch Monitor. We also ask that you update your child's class on Munch Monitor when ordering lunch to ensure they are sent to the correct class for 2023.

- We are establishing a new feedback system for you so that throughout the year you can send in feedback. Elise Ottens our social worker, has been able to extend her time with us and is developing the area of Community Relations. This is an exciting improvement, and we look forward to sharing more with you as the year continues.

I would like to let you know that Easter is during the school term this year, and so we have an early finish prior to Good Friday. Parent teacher interviews are a little earlier in the term to accommodate this. Please check our timetable of events which is attached to this newsletter and put those important events in your diary.

I would like to thank you for reading our communication with you and if you need help to access either our school app or if you change your contact details, please contact the office. Once again, I thank you for your support and look forward to journeying with you this year.

God bless,

Wendy Matear

## DEPUTY'S CORNER

A big hearty welcome back to all of our returning students, and welcome to our brand-new students. It has been a tremendous week of new experiences regardless of the year level your child has begun this year. I am extremely grateful that we have all been able to start school together this year. Can you believe that last year we started with only our Reception and Year 1 students, and everyone commenced online learning?

Many of your questions may be answered in the upcoming "Meet the Teacher Evening", which is a great source of relevant and timely information. Remember, a lot of the information can be found in your child's school diary. For any questions in regards to our behaviour management or uniform policies, please refer to the diary. If you have questions, next week's "Meet the Teacher Evening" is the perfect opportunity for you to speak to your child's teacher face to face.

Your child's safety is important, so please help us reduce risk when they are at play and encourage all jewellery to stay at home. A necklace, bracelet, dangling earrings, ankle bracelets etc can become a hazard in the yard while at play, and sometimes these items are quite sentimentally special or valuable. We don't want the special items to get broken or lost, nor do we want a physical injury when the item is caught up on a piece of equipment. Please take the time to explain this to your child. They can wear the jewellery on the weekends, school holidays or after school, but at school we ask that they do not wear it.

Next week all of the Year 6 and 5 students begin their year of student leadership. The Year 6 students have already nominated their student leadership roles across the groups of Lumin8 (Prefect, House and School Captains), Activ8 (lunch time active play leaders), Student Representative Council (SRC), ACTS (tailored student leadership roles around the school) and BCS Creations (multi-media production). It is very exciting that this year, our Reception students will be exploring student leadership within their daily devotional routine in their classrooms. In Weeks 1-2, our school value is love and our memory verse is from 1 John 4:21, "Love God and love others". Our students will be learning about the value of love, and that leaders demonstrate strong leadership by loving others, and putting the needs of others ahead of their own.

I wish you and your family a wonderful start to the school year.

God bless you all,

Deb Clifford  
Deputy Principal

# HIGHLIGHTS

## HEALTH CARE

It is wonderful to see how the students are settling in. Our Wellbeing team will work together with our students to make them feel safe and well in our school. Health care is one of the aspects we look at to make sure our students can receive the care and help they need, so they can be worry free while in the classroom and concentrate their time in fun filled classroom activities. Some of the things to remember:

- Medication and medical conditions - It is really important to update the school with any medical condition your child has regardless of its severity. If your child suffers from any medical condition and needs medication to be administered at school, please provide the school with the appropriate medication (with in expiry date) along with the management plan. The school does not administer any medication without a doctor's authorization.
- Remember to speak to us if you need any assistance in taking care of your children's health care needs. Together we can develop a school health care plan to help our students' wellbeing.
- To know more about our school's health care policies, visit our school website. If in doubt you can always contact the school and talk to me.

### ***Vomiting/Diarrhea***

Prevention is better than cure. As a school we recommend to exclude the student from school until no diarrhea or vomiting for 24-48 hours. We are encouraging everyone to make sure they wash their hands thoroughly with soap and running water after going to the toilet, before eating or preparing food, changing nappies or having contact with someone who is unwell while they are at school and at home. (visit our website for fact sheets)

God bless you,

Priya Wilson

School Nurse

## REMINDERS

### **Late Sign Ins**

We would like to notify parents of some changes that we have implemented in the front office. As of this year, students who are signing in late will need to do so at the reception desk. Both side gates will be locked at 8.45am to help students know to sign in at the front office. **All students who arrive after 8.45 am must sign in at the front office.**

### **Lost Property**

Lost property has now been moved. It will no longer be at the Student Desk. A container has been placed in the undercover area in front of Mrs Clifford's office. If your child has lost anything, please ask them to check this container. The container will be checked regularly for any named items which will be returned to the right child. **Please remember to label all your child's belongings.**


### **Early Pick Ups**

If you know that you are going to collect your child early from school, we ask that you notify us before 9.30 am. We understand that sometimes emergencies happen, but please try to give us as much notice as possible. This will give us plenty of time to notify the class teacher and allows the teacher time to have your child ready. **Please avoid picking up your child at lunch time.** Children are at lunch play between 1pm and 1.40pm and we are unable to locate them in the yard during this time.

## Junk Food

Please remember that we do not encourage the consumption of junk food at school. If you have not packed lunch for your child we can arrange for a sandwich to be made for your child. We do not deliver junk/fast food for your child to consume at school.

# DENTAL FOR SCHOOLS







**DENTAL FOR SCHOOLS**

*We are scheduled to visit in:*

**Term 1 2023 - from Monday 20th February**



We will be visiting Bethany Christian School to provide check-ups & onsite treatment. Simply fill in our dental consent form for your child to be a part of this worthwhile experience.

		
<b>Check-up &amp; Clean</b>	<b>Goodie Bags</b>	<b>Visit with friends</b>
Have your child's teeth shining bright again! We will provide a check-up & professional clean. Here we will let you know if they need any further work.	All participants receive a gift bag with essentials and some extra goodies, to say thank you! You will also have a take home oral health report to follow throughout the year	Take the stress out of your child's dental visit while they visit with their friends and classmates. Our vehicles are fitted with movies to watch while they wait.

  E. [info@dentalforschools](mailto:info@dentalforschools) W. [dentalforschools.com.au](http://dentalforschools.com.au) P. (08) 7225 8142


Open Bethany Christian School Dental for Schools Flyer 2023.pdf (2.61 MB)

Please return consent forms by Monday 13th February, 2023.



## Bringing Up Great Kids

### Parenting Program




**When:** Tuesday mornings 9am—11am

**Where:** Bethany Christian School

**Contact:** Elise Ottens 8283 000  
eottens@bethany.sa.edu.au

**This program will help you:**

- Understand yourself better as a parent
- Discover what your children need to thrive and grow
- Identify the messages children tell you through their behaviour
- Build loving and nurturing relationships with your children



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# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

**To join Saver Plus, you must:**

- ✔ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✔ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✔ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✔ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

**Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:**

 laptops & tablets	 uniforms & shoes	 books & supplies
 sports fees & gear	 lessons & activities	 camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

-  Michelle Macarthy
-  [Michelle.Macarthy@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:Michelle.Macarthy@thesmithfamily.com.au)
-  0409 986 245 or 1300 610 355

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Find out more at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## PLAYGROUP



## GRASSHOPPER SOCCER





**TERM 1 KICK-OFF**  
**11th & 12th FEBRUARY**  
**ENROLMENTS**  
**NOW OPEN**

**SALISBURY**

SATURDAYS at  
BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, PARALOWIE

**GAWLER**

SUNDAYS at  
ST. BRIGIDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL, EVANSTON

**0422 075 500**

**[luke@grasshoppersoccer.com.au](mailto:luke@grasshoppersoccer.com.au)**



PARA HILLS FOOTBALL CLUB



### Contacts

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Vice Chairman: Bryan Hulmes 0481 382 482

Junior Coordinator: Michael Cummins 0414 360 503

Email: [parahillsfc@gmail.com](mailto:parahillsfc@gmail.com)



# PREMIERS

1981 B Grade  
1992 A Grade  
2000 A Grade  
2002 A Grade  
2006 A Grade  
2015 A Grade

1984 U15  
1985 U13  
1986 U14  
1987 U10 & U13  
1988 U11 & U15  
2000 U16  
2011 U16  
2018 U12  
2022 U15

PARA HILLS  
FOOTBALL CLUB

JUNIOR PLAYERS  
WELCOME  
2023

The Paddocks Oval  
Bridge Road, Para Hills SA

# SPORTS NEWS

## BCS EVENTS

### CROSS COUNTRY | YR 3 - 6

Bethany Christian School's Inter-House Cross Country Carnival is fast approaching and will be held on:

**Friday 17|02 | Week 2**

**with the back-up date of Friday 24|02 | Week 3**

Shadarch, Meshach and Abednego will again go head to head to see which house can tally the most points to win the House Shield, so make sure you are there!



[Sports Events Page](#)

The Cross Country program generally runs from 9.00 - 1.00pm, and we would love you to come and watch your child walk, jog or run the event.

Depending upon the year they were born in they will be in the following age group:

- 8 Year Old Group (Year 3 and up) | 1km
- 9 Year Old Group | 1km
- 10 Year Old Group | 2km
- 11 Year Old Group | 3km
- 12+ Year Old Group | 3km

While giving everyone a chance to participate, we use this as a gauge to help select our SAPSASA and SACSA Cross Country squads, so those students who wish to be selected will need to try their best at this event.

More information will be updated on the Sports Events Page as we get closer to the event.

### ATHLETICS | YR 3 - 6

Bethany Christian School's Inter-House Athletics Carnival is fast approaching and will be held on:

**Thursday 02|03 | Week 4**

**with the back-up date of Friday 10|03 | Week 5**

Shadarch, Meshach and Abednego will again go head to head to see which house can tally the most points



to win the House Shield, so make sure you are there! [Sports Events Page](#)

Depending upon the year they were born in they will be in the following age group:

- 2015 | 8 Year Olds
- 2014 | 9 Year Olds
- 2013 | 10 Year Olds
- 2012 | 11 Year Olds
- 2011 | 12+ Year Olds

While giving everyone a chance to participate, we use this as a gauge to help select our SAPSASA and SACSAs Athletics squads, so those students who wish to be selected will need to try their best at this event.

More information will be updated on the Sports Events Page as we get closer to the event.

## SCHOOL SPORT SA | SOFTBALL TRYOUTS (5 | 6 BOYS AND GIRLS)






School Sport SA (SAPSASA) run State Carnival's in various sports each year.

Each District (Bethany is a part of the Para District Zone) holds tryouts for their team to participate in the State Carnival.

Para District has now released information for tryouts for **Boys and Girls Softball** for **students in Year 5|6**

If your child is interested in trialing for the team that will participate at the State Carnival then please follow the instructions in the link provided below.

**If your child is selected into the team, Bethany Christian School will cover the nomination cost to participate, but as this is not a school excursion parents will need to arrange transportation and supervision of their child.**



**Please notify your students of the following selection trials for:**

**SAPSASA Gawler, Playford, Salisbury East, Para Districts  
(GPSEP) Combined District Softball Team**

The district softball trials for students to compete for a place in the GPSEP Combined District Softball Team, will be held at:

VENUE: Karbeethan Reserve, Angle Vale Road, Evanston Gardens  
DATES: Wednesday 22 February, Wednesday 1 March, (possibly Wednesday 8 March)  
\*\* If selected, training will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 22 March  
TIME: 4pm – 5pm

Please nominate girls or boys in **Year 5 or 6** who play club or competitive softball, or who show exceptional ability in softball. Softballers who are selected in the team will be notified through their school and are expected to compete at the **State Softball Championships at Barratt Reserve, West Beach** during school hours on Monday 2 April to Wednesday 5 April (Week 10 Term 1).

The cost for the State Carnival including the District & SAPSASA levy, per student is approximately \$90 with a discount for School Card Holders (proof of School Card required). This will be paid in advance to the student's respective school finance office.

Importantly, **it is the parent's responsibility to get their child to West Beach**. Parents must be made aware that they should not enter their child in trials if they are unable to transport them to District Trials at Karbeethan Reserve, Evanston and the State Carnival at West Beach.

Girls or boys must be nominated by their school and the appropriate Nomination / Consent Link must be clicked and entered by their parent / caregiver prior to trials. The receipt must be signed, taken to the school front office and held as a record of the child's attendance, in accordance with record keeping procedures. **Students will not be allowed to trial without this nomination link / consent entered.**

Please ensure your nominee clicks on the correct link for their school.

**Gawler District School Nomination Link:**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/dxVPQBWm68>

**Playford District School Nomination Link:**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/h5BMe4wtrv>

**Para Districts School Nomination Link:**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/qDp7Kzv4Zf>

**Salisbury East District School Nomination Link:**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/YX8WNamekf>

Open Para District Softball Team Tryouts 23.pdf  
(173.68 KB)

[Nomination Link](#)

**We would also ask you to communicate their attendance of this event directly with the Front Office should they be selected.**

All further enquiries should be directed to the contact listed once receiving the online form confirmation.

## WEEKLY SPORTS

### WEEKLY BASKETBALL | REC - YR 6

Bethany Christian School offers a Weekly Basketball program. This is a user pay program staffed by approved volunteer coaches, with compulsory weekly after school trainings held at BCS.

**There are two seasons per year**

Winter Season - Terms 2 and 3 | Summer Season - Terms 4 and then 1

**Age Groups as follows** (must be 5 yrs old)

U08s mixed | U10s mixed | U12 Boys | U12 Girls

**Saturday games are generally at the following recreation centers.**

Golden Grove | Burrarah | Turramurra | Ingle Farm | The ARC



[Nomination Link](#)

### WEEKLY NETBALL | REC - YR 6

Bethany Christian School offers a Weekly Netball program. This is a user pay program staffed by approved volunteer coaches, with compulsory weekly after school trainings held at BCS.

**There are two seasons per year**

S1 Season - Terms 1 and Two | S2 Season - Terms 2 and 4

**Age Groups as follows** (must be 5 yrs old)

U08s mixed | U10s mixed | Under 12s mixed

**Saturday games are at the The Gardens Recreation Centre.**



[Nomination Link](#)

# MATCH RESULTS | WEEKLY SPORTS

SATURDAY 04/02

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result		
Netball	U08 Golden Stars	Salisbury North Hawks Green		Not Scored		
Netball	U10 Wild Stars	Angels U10	Zoey G	W	7	2
Netball	U10 Bright Stars	Mawson Lakes Opals	Aleesha B	L	2	4
Basketball	U10 Bulls	Mini Hoopers 10a	Gabriel S	L	10	16
Basketball	U10 Boomers	Brooks Bulldogs 10	Lazar T	L	12	50
Basketball	U10 Warriors	Modbury Scorpions	Kade M	W	48	2
Basketball	U12 Hornets	Brooks Cavaliers 12	Samuel M	D	18	18
Basketball	U14 Mavericks	Modbury Firebirds		L	8	10

# WEEKLY INFORMATION

## IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
Wednesday 15th February	Reception Rest Day
Wednesday 15th February	Meet the Teacher Night - 5.30 and 6.30 pm in your child's classroom
Friday 17th February	BCS Cross Country (Yr 3 - 6)
Monday 20th February to Friday 3rd March	Dental Clinic Visits
Wednesday 22nd February	Reception Rest Day
Wednesday 1st March	SAPSASA Cross Country
Thursday 2nd March	BCS Athletics Day
Friday 3rd March	SAPSASA Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 7th March	SACSA Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 8th March	Reception Rest Day

## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Wednesday	8.15 to 10.30 am
Friday	8.15 to 10.30 am

## PE TIMETABLE

ELC	Monday to Friday
RHD	Wednesday and Thursday
RH	Tuesday and Thursday
RM	Tuesday and Thursday
1D	Tuesday and Wednesday
1P	Wednesday and Thursday
1TC	Wednesday and Thursday
2R	Tuesday and Thursday
2WC	Tuesday and Wednesday
2Z	Tuesday and Wednesday
3HR	Monday and Thursday
3ME	Tuesday and Wednesday
3MO	Tuesday and Friday
4GT	Monday and Friday
4NL	Tuesday and Friday
4W	Monday and Friday
5K	Monday and Friday
5RT	Tuesday and Wednesday
5T	Tuesday and Thursday
6SC	Tuesday and Wednesday
6T	Tuesday and Friday
6W	Monday and Thursday

## SCHOOL TERMS 2023

Term 1	Monday 6th February to Friday 14th April
Term 2	Tuesday 2nd May to Friday 7th June
Term 3	Tuesday 25th July to Friday 29th September
Term 4	Monday 16th October to Wednesday 13th December

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## TIMETABLE OF EVENTS TERM 1

### Bethany Christian School Timetable of Events - Term 1, 2023



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	6 <sup>th</sup> February Reception Rest Day	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 Receptions Commence	8 <sup>th</sup> February	9 <sup>th</sup> February	10 <sup>th</sup> February
Week 2	13 <sup>th</sup> February	14 <sup>th</sup> February	15 <sup>th</sup> February Reception Rest Day Meet the Teacher Night	16 <sup>th</sup> February	17 <sup>th</sup> February BCS Cross Country
Week 3	20 <sup>th</sup> February Dental Clinic Visit	21 <sup>st</sup> February Dental Clinic Visit	22 <sup>nd</sup> February Reception Rest Day Dental Clinic Visit	23 <sup>rd</sup> February Dental Clinic Visit	24 <sup>th</sup> February Dental Clinic Visit
Week 4	27 <sup>th</sup> February Dental Clinic Visit	28 <sup>th</sup> February Dental Clinic Visit	1 <sup>st</sup> March Reception Rest Day Dental Clinic Visit SAPSASA Cross Country	2 <sup>nd</sup> March BCS Athletics Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> March Dental Clinic Visit Hearing Screening
Week 5	6 <sup>th</sup> March	7 <sup>th</sup> March SACSA Swimming Hearing Screening	8 <sup>th</sup> March Reception Rest Day	9 <sup>th</sup> March	10 <sup>th</sup> March
Week 6	13 <sup>th</sup> March Adelaide Cup Day	14 <sup>th</sup> March	15 <sup>th</sup> March NAPLAN	16 <sup>th</sup> March NAPLAN	17 <sup>th</sup> March NAPLAN
Week 7	20 <sup>th</sup> March	21 <sup>st</sup> March	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	24 <sup>th</sup> March
Week 8	27 <sup>th</sup> March Swimming Lessons Yr 3 & 4	28 <sup>th</sup> March Swimming Lessons Yr 3 & 4	29 <sup>th</sup> March Swimming Lessons Yr 3 & 4	30 <sup>th</sup> March Parent Teacher Interviews Swimming Lessons Yr 3 & 4	31 <sup>st</sup> March Swimming Lessons Yr 3 & 4
Week 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	4 <sup>th</sup> April Parent Teacher Interviews	5 <sup>th</sup> April	6 <sup>th</sup> April Early Dismissal 12.10 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday
Week 10	10 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> April	12 <sup>th</sup> April	13 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> April SACSA Athletics

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