



ELC Graduation 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2026.

A special welcome to all our new families and to those joining us from the ELC into Reception. We are so glad to have you as part of our learning community. We have been very grateful for the milder temperatures this week and we've had a wonderfully settled start to the year, and we feel a strong sense of anticipation and hope as we learn together in 2026.

While the new Sports Centre will have its official opening later this year, we are already very excited to be using it. Our Sports Department have enjoyed setting up a variety of activities, including, climbing on the bouldering wall, basketball, soccer, dance and many other physical activities. The outdoor court is also available during play times.

We are delighted to announce that the Sports Centre will officially be called the **Wyten Sports Centre**, in recognition of the service of **Peter Wyten**, who retired as our Groundsman in 2025. Bethany Christian School began in 1981, and Peter and his family have been an integral part of the school's story from the early days. Peter served on the School Council from 1982 and, together with Cheryl—who continues teaching Year 4—their nine children attended Bethany. Peter has served as a volunteer, staff member, and now grandparent.

We are deeply grateful to God for Peter and for the many people who gave generously of their time and resources in those early days to build a Christian school with a strong foundation—one we continue to build upon today.

Reception Students - A Lovely Start

Our Reception children began on Tuesday so parents could enjoy and celebrate this special milestone. For the next **four weeks**, Receptions will **stay home on Wednesdays** for a rest day. With so many new experiences and routines to learn, this rest is important for their wellbeing. It has been lovely to catch up with many families and to see how calm and settled the children are in the classroom and in the yard. **First-day school photos** will be shared via an email link.

Community Chapel - Sunday 8 February

You are warmly invited to our Community Chapel in the Performing Arts Centre at 10:00am. This is a time to

gather, celebrate, and ask for God's blessing over our school year. This event is hosted by Bethany Church, who meet here every Sunday. You and your family are welcome to attend any week and we would love to see you there.

Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 11 February

Next Wednesday we will hold our annual Meet the Teacher evening. This is a great opportunity to connect with your child's class teacher and to learn about:

Class routines, Expectations, Communication and helpful information for a smooth year ahead.

To support families with multiple children, we are running two identical sessions:

Session 1: 5:30 – 6:00pm

Session 2: 6:30 – 7:00pm

Both sessions will be held in your child's classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

Cross Country - Friday 13 February

Students in **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** will participate in our annual Cross-Country event. Families will receive an email with House group details, online timetable, and other important event information. The event will be held in the **Fairbanks Drive Reserve**. Please drop off your children at school as normal, then enter the reserve from the rear of the school. This means you do not need to sign in at the office.

Upcoming Events

Please check the calendar of events on our website and add important dates to your calendar. Highlights include:

- Athletics Carnival (Primary)
- Year 5 Camp
- Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Easter early dismissal

Communication - Email, BCS School App & Toddle Family App

We will continue to communicate with you via email, the BCS school app and the new Toddle app. The BCS school app will be used for whole school information, broadcasts, newsletters, absentees and excursion permissions. The Toddle app will be used for student learning, including classroom communication, 1 on 1 parent/teacher messages and well-being records. Please respect teachers working hours. Teachers will not be expected to read or reply to messages outside of these hours. (Teachers will aim to reply within 48 hours, the main expectation of our staff is to be present in the classroom).

If you need help accessing our BCS school app or if your contact details change, please contact the office. We are always happy to help. [Click here to view the instructions for getting these apps set up on your phone >](#)

We appreciate the way families are helping to make school pick-ups smooth and safe. Your support makes a real difference.

Thank you again for partnering with us this year—we look forward to a wonderful 2026 together.

Wendy Matear
Principal

DEPUTY'S CORNER

Welcome to the 2026 School Year! We are delighted to welcome all parents, caregivers, and students back for the 2026 school year. We hope your school break was a wonderful time for rest, connection, and fun. As we begin a brand-new year, we look forward to the rich learning experiences ahead and the many opportunities for growth, curiosity, and community. A very special welcome is extended to our newest members—our brand-new Reception students and those who have recently joined us from other schools. It has been heartwarming to see how confidently and calmly every student settled into their first day back. Their enthusiasm and readiness for learning have set a positive tone for the entire year.

This year, our school has moved to the Toddle platform, which will support communication and learning visibility across our community. Alongside this, we have transitioned from the 'Sad and Happy Steps' model to a new approach using 'Merits' to recognise positive behaviours and 'Resets' to guide students in making constructive choices when needed. Please be assured that your child's teacher will support both students and parents in understanding this new system with clarity and care. Our Meet the Teacher Evening in Week 2 will provide an invaluable opportunity to have all your questions answered regarding Merits and Resets.

A friendly reminder that we begin the year in summer uniform. All uniform expectations, along with key information for families, will be outlined in the Family Information Handbook, which will be sent home at the end of Week 1. For safety and to avoid loss or damage, we gently ask that jewellery remain at home for weekend wear. Please also remember that hats are required all year, in line with our sun-safe practices.

Finally, we would like to remind families that our Wellbeing Team is here to support students and parents throughout the year. Should your child—or your family—need assistance, please feel welcome to book an appointment with our School Counsellor, Social Worker, School Nurse, or Deputy Principal via the Administration Front Desk.

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead, working in partnership to ensure every student feels safe, supported, and ready to thrive.

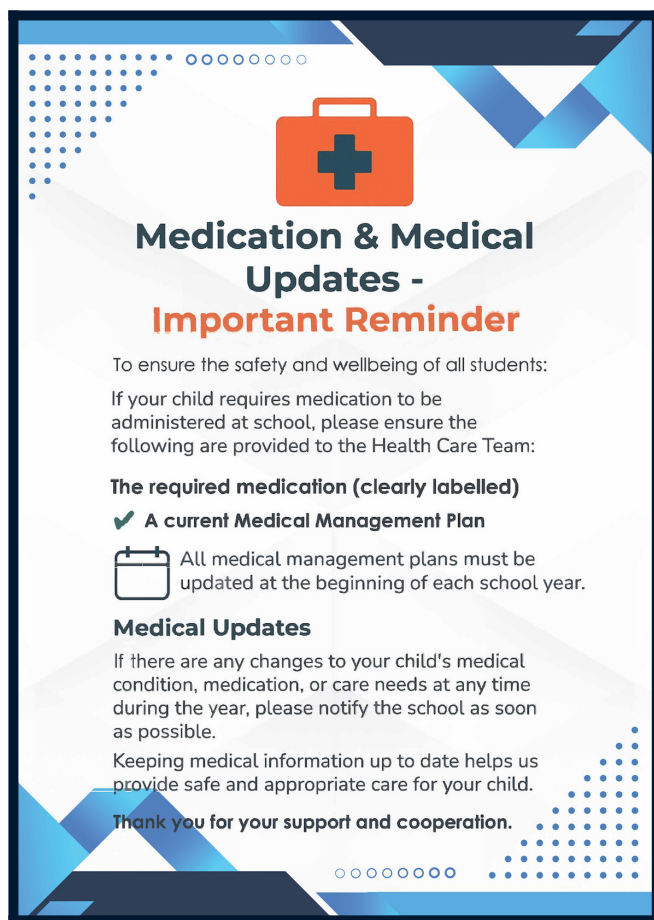
God bless you,

Deb Clifford & Melissa Taylor

Deputy Principal

HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTHCARE



The flyer features a blue and white geometric design with a red first aid kit icon at the top. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts. It includes a list of requirements for medication and medical updates, a calendar icon, and a thank you message at the bottom.

Medication & Medical Updates - Important Reminder

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students:

If your child requires medication to be administered at school, please ensure the following are provided to the Health Care Team:

The required medication (clearly labelled)

- ✓ **A current Medical Management Plan**

 All medical management plans must be updated at the beginning of each school year.

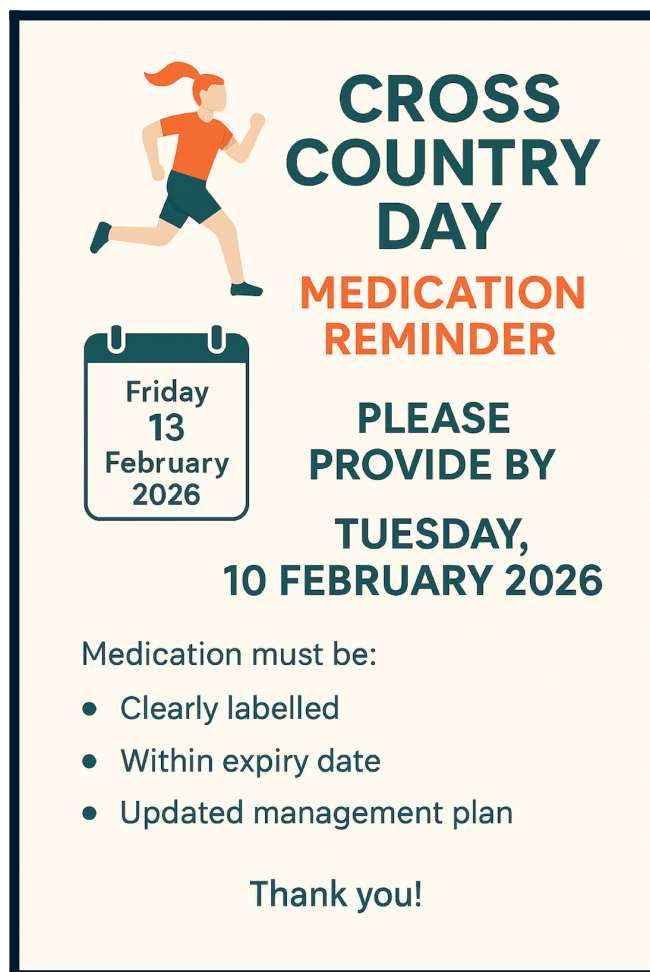
Medical Updates

If there are any changes to your child's medical condition, medication, or care needs at any time during the year, please notify the school as soon as possible.

Keeping medical information up to date helps us provide safe and appropriate care for your child.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

[Open Medication Reminder 1.pdf \(279.73 KB\)](#)



The flyer has a light yellow background with a blue border. It features an illustration of a runner and a calendar icon. The text is bold and clear, emphasizing the deadline for medication updates.

CROSS COUNTRY DAY

MEDICATION REMINDER

PLEASE PROVIDE BY

TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2026

Medication must be:

- Clearly labelled
- Within expiry date
- Updated management plan

Thank you!

[Open Cross Country Flyer.pdf \(1.97 MB\)](#)

REMINDERS

Lost Property

Please visit the lost property area outside the Uniform Shop to see if your child has lost something at school. Clearly labelling items helps us return the lost item to the correct owner.

Item Drop-Offs

Please ensure all essential items (e.g. lunch, homework, clothing) are packed in your child's bag before school. If you need to drop something off during the day:

- Sign in at Reception, remembering to sign out when leaving.
- Take the item directly to your child's classroom.
- Placing the item directly into your child's bag should be the priority, to avoid disrupting the class.

Early Pickups

For appointments or family emergencies, sign in at Reception, collect a student sign-out slip, and take it to your child's classroom. If the class is not in their room, use the "Where Can You Find Us?" sign to locate them. Access to classroom items may be limited if the room is locked.

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

WEEK 1

Bethany Christian School



Your OSHC.

ROCKETEERS

Welcome to Term 1. We hope you and your families enjoyed a restful summer holiday break and are looking forward to the school year ahead.

During the Rocketeers program, children participated in a range of engaging theme days and exciting excursions. Highlights included a visit to Santa's Wonderland, a Colour Run, and the opportunity to make their own burgers at Grill'd. We look forward to seeing what the upcoming Rocketeers program has in store.

This term, we will continue to celebrate Big Art Fridays, where children can participate in a variety of art and craft activities each Friday. Children will also have the opportunity to enter Camp Australia's National Drawing Competition, with entries opening on 20 February.

As a reminder, please ensure your child brings a hat each day when attending OSHC.

Activities coming up

- ✦ Week 2 Program Theme: Summer
- ✦ Week 3 Program Theme: Fine Motor
- ✦ Big Art Competition: February 20th – March 20th

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play



Find out more and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAYGROUP



[Open Playgroup Flyer.pdf \(654.89 KB\)](#)

SPORTS STAR ACADEMY



NEW TERM CLASS

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

3.20 PM - 4.20 PM.
BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL,
PARALOWIE.



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WE'RE A SPORTS VOUCHERS PLUS PROVIDER!

Children in Reception to Year 9 are eligible to receive 2 x \$100 Sports Vouchers
(per calendar year) so you can save on costs and fees.

Talk to us about using your Sports Vouchers or for more info: www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au



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SPORTS NEWS

BCS CROSS COUNTRY - YEARS 3-6 | FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY



We're excited to share that our BCS Cross Country Run, Jog or Walk Carnival for Years 3-6 is fast approaching and will be held on **Friday 13th February - Term 1 Week 2.**

This event focuses on participation for all students, while also providing an opportunity for those with a strength in cross country running to be recognised and potentially progress to the next level of competition.

Age Groups & Distances

Your child will compete in an age group based on their birth year:

2018 - 8 Year Old Group - 1 km
2017 - 9 Year Old Group - 1 km
2016 - 10 Year Old Group - 2 km
2015 - 11 Year Old Group - 3 km
2014 - 12 Year Old Group - 3 km

Please check your email or broadcast to see which house your child belongs to.

Hot Weather Contingency

If the Bureau of Meteorology forecasts a temperature of 35°C or above on the day prior to the carnival, the event will be postponed.

In that case, the back-up date will be Friday 20 February (Week 3).

On the Day

Students arrive and leave at regular school times. Events begin around 9:10am and conclude by 12:50pm. Parents are welcome to attend and support their children. If attending please view races from Fairbanks Drive Reserve (do not enter the school grounds). There is then no need to sign in. After their race, students will return to their classrooms. The event timetable is available online: Sports Events Page, it is also attached.

Participation & Representation

Students may run, jog, or walk – whatever pace they feel comfortable with. High-performing students may be selected to represent Bethany at SACSA and/or SAPSASA Cross Country events.

What to Wear

House-coloured t-shirt with black school sports shorts (or full school sports uniform).

Sneakers only – no spiked shoes allowed.

Hat required (to be worn all day, except during the race).

Results and times

All participating students will earn a point for their house team. In addition, the top ten students in each age group will receive extra points based on their finishing position. The top three place-getters in each age group will also receive a medallion. Final team totals will be announced in the days following the event.

Reminders

Pack extra water for your child. Canteen orders will operate as usual.

More information about the day has been sent via email and broadcast, so please keep an eye out for any further information needed. We're looking forward to a fantastic day of fun, fitness, and friendly competition!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sports Department**Bethany Christian School**

Bethany Christian School Cross Country Program 26

Time	Age Group	Gender	Distance	Year Level Involvement
Lesson 1	12+ yr old 2014	Boys	3km	Years: 6
Yr 6 Classes to arrive @ 8.55am				
[Boys: 9.10 Start]	12+ yr old 2014	Girls	3km	Years: 6
[Girls: 9.12 Start]				
Lesson 2	11 yr old 2015	Boys	3km	Years: 5 & 6
Yr 5 classes to arrive @ 9.30am				
[Boys: 9.50 Start]	11 yr old 2015	Girls	3km	Years: 5 & 6
[Girls: 9.52 Start]				
10.30am	RECESS			
Lesson 3	10 yr old 2016	Boys	2km	Years: 4 & 5
Year 4 & 5 classes to arrive @ 10.50am				
[Boys: 11.03 Start]	10 yr old 2016	Girls	2km	Years: 4 & 5
[Girls: 11.05 Start]				
Lesson 4	9 yr olds 2017	Boys	1km	Years: 3 & 4
Yr 3 classes to arrive @ 11.10am				
[9 Yr old Boys: 11.30 Start]	9 yr old 2017	Girls	1km	Years: 3 & 4
[9 Yr old Girls: 11.32 Start]				
Lesson 5	8 yr olds 2018	Boys	1km	Years: 3
[8 Yr old Boys: 11:50 Start]	8 yr olds 2018	Girls	1km	Years: 3
[8 Yr old Girls: 11.52 Start]				
12.50 – 1.40	LUNCH			

Students will receive their medallions at the end of the race

Open Cross Country BCS 26 Timetable.pdf (50.87 KB)

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 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 centres

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 2 | 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 Gardens Recreation Centre. [Nomination Link](#)

MATCH RESULTS | WEEKLY SPORTS

SATURDAY 31 | 1

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result
Basketball	U08 Warriors	Wings Floaters	Evander H	7 - 6
Basketball	U08 Rockets	Brooks Clippers	Mark S	13 - 5
Basketball	U10 Thunder	76ers Storm	Hamish F	18 - 8
Basketball	U10 Breakers	Brooks Cajun	Mason N	24 - 9
Basketball	U10 Ballers	Wings Avengers	Mason O	16 - 14
Basketball	U10 Celtics	Forfeit	-	-
Basketball	U12 Lakers	Kings Tigers	Oliver P	26 - 33

WEEKLY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

IMPORTANT DATES 2026

Wednesday 11th February	Reception Rest Day
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Friday 13th February	Cross Country Year 3 - 6
Wednesday 18th February	Reception Rest Day
Thursday 19th February	ELC Twilight Picnic
Wednesday 25th February	Receptions Rest Day
Monday 2nd March	SAPSASA Swimming
Tuesday 3rd March	Hearing Screening
Wednesday 4th March	Reception Rest Day

SCHOOL TERMS 2026

Term 1	Monday 2nd February to Friday 10th April
Term 2	Tuesday 28th April to Friday 3rd July
Term 3	Tuesday 21st July to Friday 25th September
Term 4	Monday 12th October to Wednesday 9th December

PE TIMETABLE

Monday	ELC, RHAY, RT, 1PC, 1WC, 2EM, 3HW, 3NC, 4K, 4W, 5RW
Tuesday	ELC, RHAN, 1K, 2N, 2Z, 3M, 4GT, 5T, 6T, 6W
Wednesday	ELC, 5M, 5T, 6SC, 6W
Thursday	ELC, RHAN, RHAY, 1WC, 4K, 5M, 5RW, 6T
Friday	ELC, RT, 1K, 1PC, 2EM, 2N, 2Z, 3HW, 3M, 3NC, 4GT, 4W, 6SC

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Monday	8am to 11am
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	2pm to 5pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	8am to 11am

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