



Loved Ones Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We're excited to begin our final term of 2025! We hope you had a chance to relax and enjoy some quality time with your family over the school break.

Term 4 is always a special time as we reflect on the incredible growth and achievements of our students throughout the year. To celebrate, we're planning a Christmas event along with many other exciting activities. The students have been busy planning with their teachers, and we can't wait to share it all with you!

Save the Date!

Christmas Celebration - Wednesday 3rd December, 5:30pm-7:30pm

We look forward to seeing you there!

Swimming Lessons - Year 5 & 6

Swimming lessons begin next week for our Year 5 and 6 students. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's class teacher.

Upcoming Events This Term

We have a number of special events and celebrations coming up, including:

- Remembrance Day
- SRC-organised theme days
- Sporting events
- Graduation ceremonies for our ELC and Year 6 students

You'll find a calendar included in this newsletter for easy reference. For the latest updates, please visit our website anytime.

Graduation Celebrations

Year 6 Graduation - Tuesday 9th December

ELC Graduation - Thursday 11th December

These are wonderful milestones, and we're excited to celebrate them with you.

Final Day of School

Reception to Year 6 – Wednesday 10th December

School finishes at the usual time of 3:10pm.

We'll also be holding a Final Assembly to celebrate the year. This will be live streamed and recorded, so you can watch it live or catch up with your family over the following two weeks.

More details about all these events will be sent home throughout the term.

Wishing you a restful weekend ahead.

God bless you,

Wendy Matear

Principal

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:6

DEPUTY'S CORNER

Welcome back for our final term of the year! I trust that you all had a wonderful school break and are ready and raring to get stuck into all the exciting events and learning that will happen this term!

Market Day 2025

In Week 5, the Student Representative Council (SRC) students will be hosting the 2025 Market Day (Friday 14th of November). This exciting event gives students in Years 3-6 the opportunity to run their own market stalls selling homemade or second-hand items to all students, ELC - Year 6 during the lunch break. The stalls will not sell food or beverages. Application forms need to be submitted by Friday 24th of October (week 2). The SRC students will then begin all the planning that supports the successful running of the Market Day.

Additional forms have been made available to all the Year 3-6 classes, however if your child still requires a form, please see the Front Office for an application form.

Market Day has been a highlight in previous years, and the SRC is anticipating another fantastic turnout and a fun-filled day for all.

Summer Uniform

A quick reminder that Term 4 is summer uniform. All the details of the summer uniform requirements can be found in your child's school diary on pages 15-17. If you have any questions, your child's teacher can help you or you can visit our Uniform Shop.

I wish you all a wonderful start to the term.

God bless you,

Deb Clifford

Deputy Principal

HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTHCARE

YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING WEEK!

Week 2: 20th – 24th October

Swimming is an exciting part of our Physical Education curriculum! It's compulsory, but most importantly—it's fun and a great way to learn new skills!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

-  Pack your child's swimming bag every day next week
-  If your child has eczema that worsens with swimming, please speak with the teacher or school nurse. We'll help create a care plan so your child can still enjoy the experience.
-  As per the swimming centre policy, children must not swim for 2 weeks after gastro symptoms have ceased.

Let's make a splash and have a fantastic week in the pool! 😊



LOST PROPERTY

To help keep our school tidy and support a great cause, we're updating how we manage lost property. Every fortnight (on the alternate week to our newsletter), we'll clear the lost property shelves. If the designated space becomes overflowing, this may happen more frequently to ensure the area remains safe and organised.

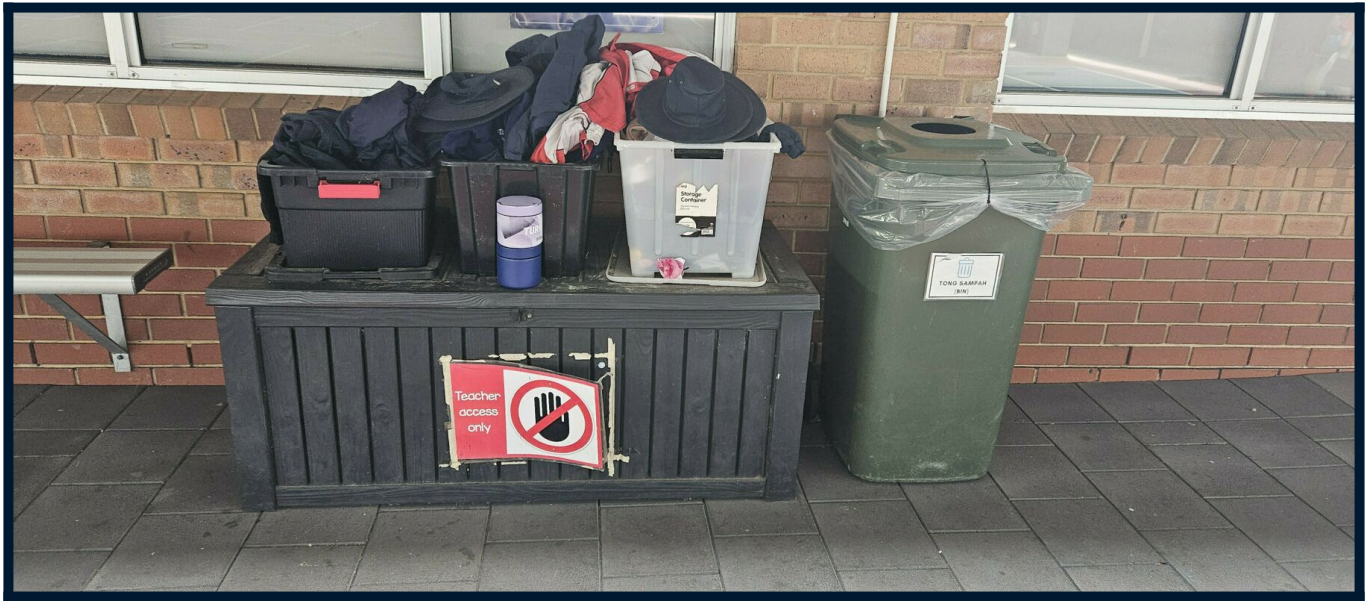
Unclaimed drink bottles and lunch boxes will be donated, and uniforms will be passed to the Uniform Shop to be sold on the Golden Coin Rack, with all proceeds going to Hope Village.

We understand how frustrating it can be when uniforms go missing—especially given how costly they are. It also takes significant time and staff resources to sort and return items. By using the Golden Coin Rack, we're able to offer families a low-cost way to replace lost items while supporting a meaningful cause.

We encourage families to check the lost property shelves regularly, located just outside the Uniform Shop. Labelling your child's belongings clearly helps whoever finds the item return it more easily.

Please note: the school does not take responsibility for any lost property that is donated or resold.

Let's work together to keep our school organised and support those in need!



YEAR 6 EXCURSION: EXPLORING SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S MARITIME PAST

On Thursday 25th September, our Year 6 students embarked on a memorable excursion to Port Adelaide, where they explored two iconic sites that brought South Australia's rich maritime history to life: the Clipper Ship City of Adelaide and the South Australian Maritime Museum.

The day began aboard the City of Adelaide, the world's oldest surviving composite clipper ship, built in 1864. Students were immersed in the fascinating story of the ship's voyages between England and South Australia, which played a vital role in the immigration and development of our state. Guided tours offered a hands-on learning experience, where students explored the ship's decks, cabins, and historical artefacts. They engaged with STEM-focused educational sessions that highlighted the science behind sailing, navigation, and ship design. Activities such as building electronic lanterns and understanding the mechanics of wind-powered movement connected beautifully with the Year 6 science curriculum, particularly in the area of physical sciences.

Following this, students visited the South Australian Maritime Museum, where they participated in the Life on Board program. This interactive session encouraged students to reflect on the experiences of early migrants travelling from England to South Australia in the 1800s. Through storytelling, artefacts, and guided exploration, students gained insight into the challenges of life at sea, including cramped living conditions, limited medical care, and the reasons behind migration. The museum's exhibits also showcased the evolution of maritime technology—from sailing ships to steamships and modern vessels—aligning with the Year 6 history curriculum and deepening students' understanding of Australia's colonial past.

Throughout the day, our students demonstrated outstanding behaviour and a genuine curiosity for learning. They represented Bethany Christian School with pride, consistently upholding our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, and Compassion. Staff and volunteers were especially impressed by the thoughtful questions students asked and their respectful engagement with guides and presenters.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the parent volunteers who generously gave their time to support this excursion. Your presence helped ensure the day ran smoothly and safely, and your involvement enriched the experience for our students.

This excursion was not only a highlight of the term but also a valuable learning opportunity that brought history and science to life in a tangible and exciting way. We congratulate our Year 6 students for their enthusiasm and exemplary conduct, and we look forward to more enriching experiences in the future.

EXPLORING IDENTITY AND CONNECTION

Over the last term, our First Nations students have embarked on a collective inquiry to explore the connections between ourselves and our communities. Throughout this journey, students have been encouraged to reflect on who they are, what matters to them, and how their identity is shaped by relationships, culture, interests, and personal experiences.

This exploration has fostered a strong sense of self-awareness and celebrated the rich diversity within our school community. Students have shared stories, expressed their values, and discovered common threads that unite us all.

The inquiry took an exciting turn when our students welcomed a group of primary-aged students from C.A.P.S Kurrawang. C.A.P.S is located near Kalgoorlie in Western Australia, situated on the traditional lands of the Wongatha people.

The cross-school exchange was a joyful and meaningful experience. C.A.P.S students joined a Year 6 science lesson, shared a picnic with our First Nations students, and then explored the Bethany playgrounds during recess. It was a wonderful opportunity for students from both schools to connect, learn from one another, and celebrate the diversity and commonalities between our communities.

Inspired by Jeannie Baker's beautifully crafted book *Mirror*, students are now working on a creative project to summarise their comparative findings. Each student is creating a side-by-side artwork, inspired by collage construction, that reflects their personal and shared experiences.

These artworks will be proudly shared at a community gathering early next term, where families will be invited to view the pieces and celebrate the connections formed through this inquiry.

As a sneak peek, here's a story from Mason N (Grade 3). When chatting with Richard from C.A.P.S, Mason discovered they were both keen fishermen. While Mason's dog often joins his family on fishing trips, Richard shared that he's seen goats near the spot where he fishes—a delightful example of how different environments shape similar experiences.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their thoughtful reflections, creative expression, and open-hearted engagement. This exchange has not only deepened their understanding of identity—it has also strengthened the bonds between communities, reminding us all of the beauty found in both uniqueness and commonalities.

Ashleigh Squire



PREMIER'S BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE

RTD	1PC	2N
Skye G	Makayo S	Joshua M
3HR	3M	3N
Ronaldo L	Petra K	Jabari S
Amelia A		
Evie W		
4K	5T	5M
Daniel D	Roney L	Riley W
6SC	6W	
Liam A	Emily D	

CAMP AUSTRALIA

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

WEEK 1

Bethany Christian School



Your
OSHC.



Hi Families,

Welcome to Term 4! Can you believe that it is already the last term of 2025? We hope that your children had a wonderful break and are ready for the new term ahead.

This term we have a number of fun activities planned for children to enjoy including slime making, clay creations, sand art bracelets and much more. If you are interested in what we are doing at OSHC please see the weekly program displayed in service or on the parent portal.

To adhere to our sun smart policy, children are required to apply sunscreen every two hours and wear a hat outside when the UV levels are above 3. Please ensure that your child has a hat when attending so that they can enjoy playing outside. You are welcome to provide a hat that can be left at OSHC so that one is always available to them.



Activities coming up

- ✦ Week 2 Program Theme: Children's Week
- ✦ Week 3 Program Theme: Construction

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.



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

Open Term 4 2025 - Week 1 Newsletter - Camp Australia.pdf (397.36 KB)

COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAYGROUP



Bethany Christian School

PLAYGROUP

EVERY FRIDAY OF SCHOOL TERM

9:00-10:30AM

Base Church
37 Countess St, Paralowie 5108

Gold coin donation

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FRIDAY NIGHT T-BALL



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ILLYARRIE RESERVE,
SURREY DOWNS

BOYS & GIRLS

4 - 9 YEARS



COME 'N' TRY

**Monday 13 & Friday 17
October
5:30 - 6:30**



Enquiries:
tball@ggcdbaseball.com.au

**Season Starts 31 October
Games played Friday nights
5:30 - 6:30**

SPORTS NEWS

MINI OLYMPICS (RECEPTION - YEAR 2) REPORT

On Friday the 19th of September, our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students gathered together to participate in our annual Mini Olympics event. We were treated to some beautiful sunshine throughout the day. The students were involved in a mix of athletics events such as the 70m sprint, vortex throw and long jump along with some fun events where students were able to embrace teamwork and get their bodies moving in different ways. The fun events included the water relay, jumping castles, mini golf, scooter board relays, tug of war and some playground time. It's always fantastic to see students showing great character in the way they participate in the day as they try their best and encourage others. Our parent community once again came out in force to support our students. It was a great day of community and fun for our students, staff and parents. Thank you to everyone involved!



NEW SCHOOL MINI OLYMPIC RECORDS

Congratulations to the students who broke previous school Mini Olympics records at this event!

Age Gender	Student	Event	Distance Time
7 Boys	Makayo S	Vortex Throw	21.80m
6 Boys	Evander H	Vortex Throw	19.47m

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Abednego who were House Champions for 2025 Mini Olympics!

House	Points
Abednego	1413
Shadrach	1347
Meshach	1304

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 | Burragah | 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 20 | 9

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result
Netball	U10 Golden Stars	Bye	-	-
Netball	U14 Bright Stars	Renegades	Ariana D	26 - 23
Basketball	U08 Rockets	-	-	-
Basketball	U10 Thunder	Hope Valley Heat	Aryan s	8 - 52
Basketball	U10 Ballers	Modbury Rhinos	Mason O	13- 14
Basketball	U10 Celtics	-	-	-
Basketball	U12 Lakers	-	-	-

SATURDAY 27 | 9

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result
Netball	U10 Golden Stars	Lightning Blitz 2		1 - 21
Netball	U14 Bright Stars	Staceys Angels		9-28
Basketball	U08 Rockets	End of Season	-	-
Basketball	U10 Thunder	End of Season	-	-
Basketball	U10 Ballers	End of Season	-	-
Basketball	U10 Celtics	End of Season	-	-
Basketball	U12 Lakers	End of Season	-	-

WEEKLY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October	Swimming Lessons for Year 5s and 6s
Wednesday 29th October	SACSA Basketball 3/4
Tuesday 4th November	Choir Concert 3.30pm to 4.00pm
Friday 7th November	Year 6 Parliament House Excursion

SCHOOL TERMS 2025

Term 1	Monday 3rd February to Friday 11th April
Term 2	Tuesday 29th April to Friday 4th July
Term 3	Tuesday 22nd July to Friday 26th September
Term 4	Monday 13th October to Wednesday 10th December

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES - DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

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

PE TIMETABLE

ELC	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Monday & Thursday	1G 2Z 3N 4K 4W 6W
Monday & Friday	RHAN 1PC 3HR
Tuesday & Thursday	RTD 2N 3M
Tuesday & Friday	RHAY 1WC 2DM 4GT 5M 5T 6T
Wednesday & Friday	5RT 6SC

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TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	13 th October	14 th October	15 th October SACSA Table Tennis Yr 5/6	16 th October	17 th October RAP Playground Visit
Week 2	20 th October Swimming Lessons Year 5/6	21 st October Swimming Lessons Year 5/6	22 nd October Swimming Lessons Year 5/6	23 rd October Swimming Lessons Year 5/6	24 th October Swimming Lessons Year 5/6
Week 3	27 th October	28 th October SACSA Basketball Yr 5/6	29 th October SACSA Basketball Yr 3/4 2026 Temple Year 7 Orientation	30 th October	31 st October
Week 4	3 rd November	4 th November Choir Concert 3.30 – 4pm	5 th November	6 th November	7 th November Year 6 Excursion
Week 5	10 th November School Tour	11 th November Remembrance Day	12 th November	13 th November SACSA Touch Football Yr 5/6	14 th November SRC Market Day
Week 6	17 th November	18 th November	19 th November Last Chapel	20 th November	21 st November
Week 7	24 th November School Tour	25 th November	26 th November	27 th November	28 th November SRC Casual Clothes Day
Week 8	1 st December	2 nd December	3 rd December End of Year Event	4 th December Whole School Celebration	5 th December 9.15 to 10.15am 2026 Reception Orientation
Week 9	8 th December	9 th December Year 6 Graduation	10 th December Last day of school Normal dismissal time	11 th December 9.30 – 11am ELC Graduation/Picnic	12 th December

[Open Timetable of Events - Term 4 2025.pdf \(126.80 KB\)](#)

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