



Cross Country 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our Week 3 newsletter! Our students continue to settle into new routines, and we are taking time to establish clear expectations that support learning through strong relationships. Our vision to excel in Christian education and character is a long-term journey, and we truly appreciate your partnership as we work together toward this goal.

Thank you to those who were able to attend the *Meet the Teacher Evening* last week. It was wonderful to see so many families connecting with teachers as we begin the year together, especially as we roll out the Toddler app. Our teachers are on a steep learning curve, and your support as they get familiar with this new tool is greatly appreciated. We do have a wonderful community at Bethany where we value learning together.

Traffic Management Reminder

Thank you for your patience during drop-off and pick-up times. We would like to remind everyone of the traffic management plan established with Temple Christian College last year.

The main issue we are currently seeing is cars arriving very early for pick-up, which blocks the flow of traffic. Please aim to arrive at pick-up time rather than early—this helps keep traffic moving smoothly and safely for everyone.

Wyten Sports Centre

We now have full use of our new Wyten Sports Centre—and it is amazing!

The bouldering wall has become a favourite, and the undercover/indoor spaces have already proven incredibly valuable on extreme-weather days.

Cross Country

Last Friday we held our Cross-Country event. The cooler weather made for a very enjoyable day for our students. Congratulations to our winners, Meshach, and also to all those who didn't think they could but through perseverance were able to persist to finish the event! Well done!

Upcoming Events

Primary Athletics Carnival - Friday 6 March

Students in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6 will receive detailed information soon. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along and enjoy the day with us.

Year 5 Camp

Later this term, our Year 5 students will be heading off to camp 25th - 27th March—more details to come.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held on:

- **Thursday 26th March**
- **Tuesday 31st March**

Easter Celebrations

This year we will celebrate Easter during chapel times in **Week 9**, Wednesday 1 April, and we warmly welcome you to attend these special services.

Because Easter creates two short weeks at the end of the term, please note:

- **Early dismissal at 12:10pm on Thursday 2nd April**
- **Term ends at 3:10pm Friday 10th April**
- **School resumes Tuesday 21st April**

Thank you once again for partnering with us as we continue to learn together and excel in Christian education and character—inspiring greatness, serving communities, and impacting nations.

God bless you,

Wendy Matear
Principal

God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.

John 3:16

DEPUTY'S CORNER

Welcome to week 3 of term 1. It has been so great to have such a settled start to the year. It was fabulous to see everyone at the *Meet the Teacher Evening*. Now that we are in week 3, we are over halfway through our Establishment Phase, where students and teachers concentrate on how the classroom operates, and the expectations of the classroom are established.

A friendly reminder that we are in summer uniform for Terms 1 and 4. The uniform requirements can be found on our school's uniform policy and on the information sent out early this term. Please encourage your child to leave their jewellery at home so that it can be something special for weekend wear. Some forms of jewellery pose potential health, safety and school image problems. It is for this reason that these types of jewellery are not to be worn at school, or have limitations placed upon the wearing of them. Bethany Christian School provides a safe environment that promotes positive, healthy and safe learning and play. The following restrictions exist whilst at school or whilst involved in school related activities:

- At all times, the student's safety is the priority and will not be compromised on the basis of the desire to wear jewellery.
- Ear studs or sleeper earrings may be worn unless required by a physical education staff member to be removed or covered.
- Multiple earrings, and earrings that 'dangle' or hang from the ear may not be worn at any time.
- Rings, studs or piercings on any other part of the visible body must not be worn at any time.
- Necklaces (including religious necklaces) must not be worn because it can be dangerous to the wearer or others during active play, classroom learning and sporting activities.
- Rings or bracelets of any description must not be worn.
- Watches may be worn but may be required to be removed for sport or physical education lessons. Smart watches may be worn, but they must not have connectivity while on school site.

Reminders about your child's uniform will be sent out via Toddle. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

A huge shout of thanks goes out to all of our courteous parents who operate thoughtfulness and care when driving in our school car parks and around the neighboring streets. Our conduct in our suburb reflects the character we want to see in our students, which is one of safety, respect and partnership. Please remain vigilant when parking in our surrounding streets. Avoid blocking our neighbours, as they also need to access their driveways and streets, and it makes it exceptionally difficult if our cars are blocking cars from entering or exiting their own homes. Kindness costs nothing but makes such big impact. I do wish you and your families a restful weekend and a blessed week ahead.

God bless you,

Deb Clifford & Melissa Taylor

Deputy Principals

HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTHCARE

A colorful poster for 'Camp Medication'. At the top, there's a red schoolhouse with a bell tower and a flagpole with the Australian flag. Below the schoolhouse, the title 'Camp Medication' is written in large, bold, yellow letters on a wooden sign. Underneath the title, a green banner reads 'Year Five Camp: Week 8 - Wednesday 25th March to Friday 27th March'. The main text says: 'If your child requires regular medication in the evening, night or morning, please provide the medication along with a Doctor's Note by Friday Week 6.' Below this text, there are illustrations of medical supplies: a pill bottle with 'Rx' on it, a blister pack of pills, a bottle with a green cross, and a clipboard with a stethoscope and a red cross, labeled 'Doctor's Note'. At the bottom, a red banner with white text says 'All Medications MUST Have a Doctor's Note (Including Over-the-Counter & Herbal Remedies)'. Below that, another red banner with white text says 'IMPORTANT: If medication is not provided by the due date, your child may not be able to attend Camp!'. In the bottom left corner, there's a small black first aid kit with a white cross, and in the bottom right corner, there's a green backpack.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAYGROUP



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SPORTS STAR ACADEMY



NEW TERM CLASS

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

3.20 PM - 4.20 PM.

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL,
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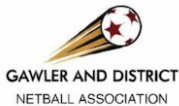
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GDNA WINTER NETBALL



THURSDAY NIGHTS

Commencing April 2026
Juniors, seniors, boys, 9U-program



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Term 1 Kick Off from February 7 and 8

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⚽ Mawson Lakes ⚽ Grange ⚽ Unley Park

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STATE ELECTION FORUM

NORTH/NORTHEAST ELECTION FORUM

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord - Psalm 33:12

Join SA Director Ashlyn Vice for an engaging discussion on key issues shaping the South Australian State Election from a Christian perspective.

ACL will highlight recent progress in our State on matters such as religious freedom, the sanctity of life, sex-based rights, and more, followed by a Q&A with candidates.

Thursday, 5 March 7-9pm
Bethany Church

Bethany Performing Arts Centre
Countess Street, Paralowie



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<https://events.humanitix.com/sa-election-forum-north>



SPORTS NEWS

BCS ATHLETICS | YR 3 - 6



Our Years 3-6 Athletics Day is fast approaching!

We're excited for a fantastic day where our Primary students can come together, enjoy some friendly competition, and showcase their developing athletic skills.

The event will be held on **Friday 6th March (Week 5, Term 1)**, with Friday 20th March scheduled as the back-up date. Activities will take place on the school oval and Fairbanks Drive Reserve.

Families are invited to attend. All visitors will be required to sign in at various sign in points including the first aid area, front office or gates on the oval upon arrival.

Students will compete in age groups determined by their year of birth:

2018 | 8-year-olds
2017 | 9-year-olds
2016 | 10-year-olds
2015 | 11-year-olds
2014 | 12-year-olds

While the day is designed to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate and enjoy themselves, performances will also assist in the selection of our SAPSASA and SACSA Athletics squads. Students hoping to be considered are encouraged to give their very best effort.

We will be using the online platform ReadyGo for live house scoring throughout the day. There is no need to create an account — a guest code will be provided closer to the event so families can access all relevant information.

Additional details will be shared via the Sports Event Page and parent broadcasts as the date approaches. Please keep an eye out for further updates.

We look forward to a wonderful day of energy, enthusiasm, and school spirit.

[Sports Events Page](#)

[ReadyGo](#)

BCS CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

In perfect conditions, we held our annual Cross-Country Run, Jog or Walk event on Friday 13th February. It was a fantastic and highly successful day, with all students demonstrating tremendous effort and maintaining a positive attitude throughout.

Students participated according to their age group, completing distances of 1km, 2km, or 3km, either walking, jogging or running.

Congratulations to Meshach, this year's overall winning team, followed by Abednego in second place and Shadrach in third.

Thank you to everyone who attended on the day and for your support in the lead-up to the event. A special thank you to all who were involved in organising and running the day, helping to make it both enjoyable and successful.

PLACINGS | GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE

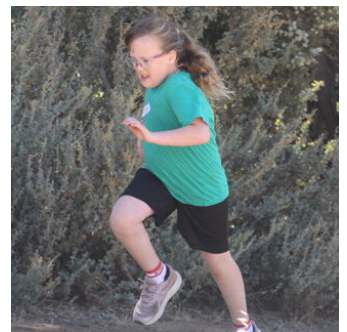
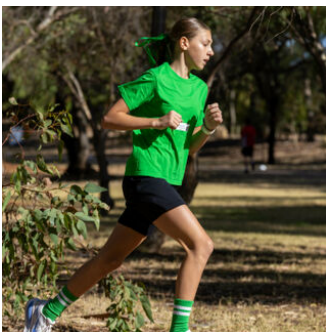
Congratulations to our place getters in each of the age-gender races.

Age	Gender	Gold	Silver	Bronze
8 Year Olds	Girls	Sakyrá W	Esther N	Skylaah W
	Boys	Elliott S	Jacob B	Archie F
9 Year Olds	Girls	Mila G	Ruby S	Ziara A
	Boys	Nash P	Ambroze T	Jameson M
10 Year Olds	Girls	Harper F	Pearl B	Esther M
	Boys	Connor S	Isaac F	Clinton P
11 Year Olds	Girls	Zara M	Hannah P	Ella S
	Boys	Oscar M	Wyatt H	Abraham G
12 Year Olds	Girls	Amelia J	Elise B	Daisy S
	Boys	Ashton S	Deng A	Riley W

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Meshach who were House Champions for 2026!

House	Points
Meshach	276
Abednego	229
Shadrach	221





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 7 | 2

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result
Basketball	U08 Warriors	Cedar Shooters	Charlie F	3 - 15
Basketball	U08 Rockets	Wings Flyers	Leo F	18 - 0
Basketball	U10 Thunder	Brooks Saints	Eliott S	21 - 14
Basketball	U10 Breakers	Brooks Cajun	Siena P	18 - 8
Basketball	U10 Ballers	Punjab Lions	Mabior D	10 - 18
Basketball	U10 Celtics	Brooks Commets	Pearl B	20 - 6
Basketball	U12 Lakers	Modbury Vultures	Michael S	25 - 17

SATURDAY 14 | 2

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result
Basketball	U08 Warriors	GGLPS Supernova Stars	Maddison M	2 - 10
Basketball	U08 Rockets	Brooks Nuggets	Jakub B	26 - 12
Basketball	U10 Thunder	Heccies Yellow 10	Luca T	11 - 18
Basketball	U10 Breakers	Brooks Pirates 10		32 - 17
Basketball	U10 Ballers	Cedar Wolves	Forfeit	20 - 0
Basketball	U10 Celtics	Heccies Blue	Elsie H	24 - 2
Basketball	U12 Lakers	Wings Phoenix	Micah-Malachi F	32 - 31

WEEKLY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

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
Thursday 5th March	Hearing Screening
Friday 6th March	Athletics Day for Year 3 - 6 students
Monday 9th March	Adelaide Cup Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 10th March	Hearing Screening
Wednesday 11th March	NAPLAN for Yr 3 & 5 students
Wednesday 11th March	Reception Parents Reading Workshop
Thursday 12th March	NAPLAN for Yr 3 & 5 students

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	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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