



Our Mother's Day stall was a huge success - thank you to everyone who supported it.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

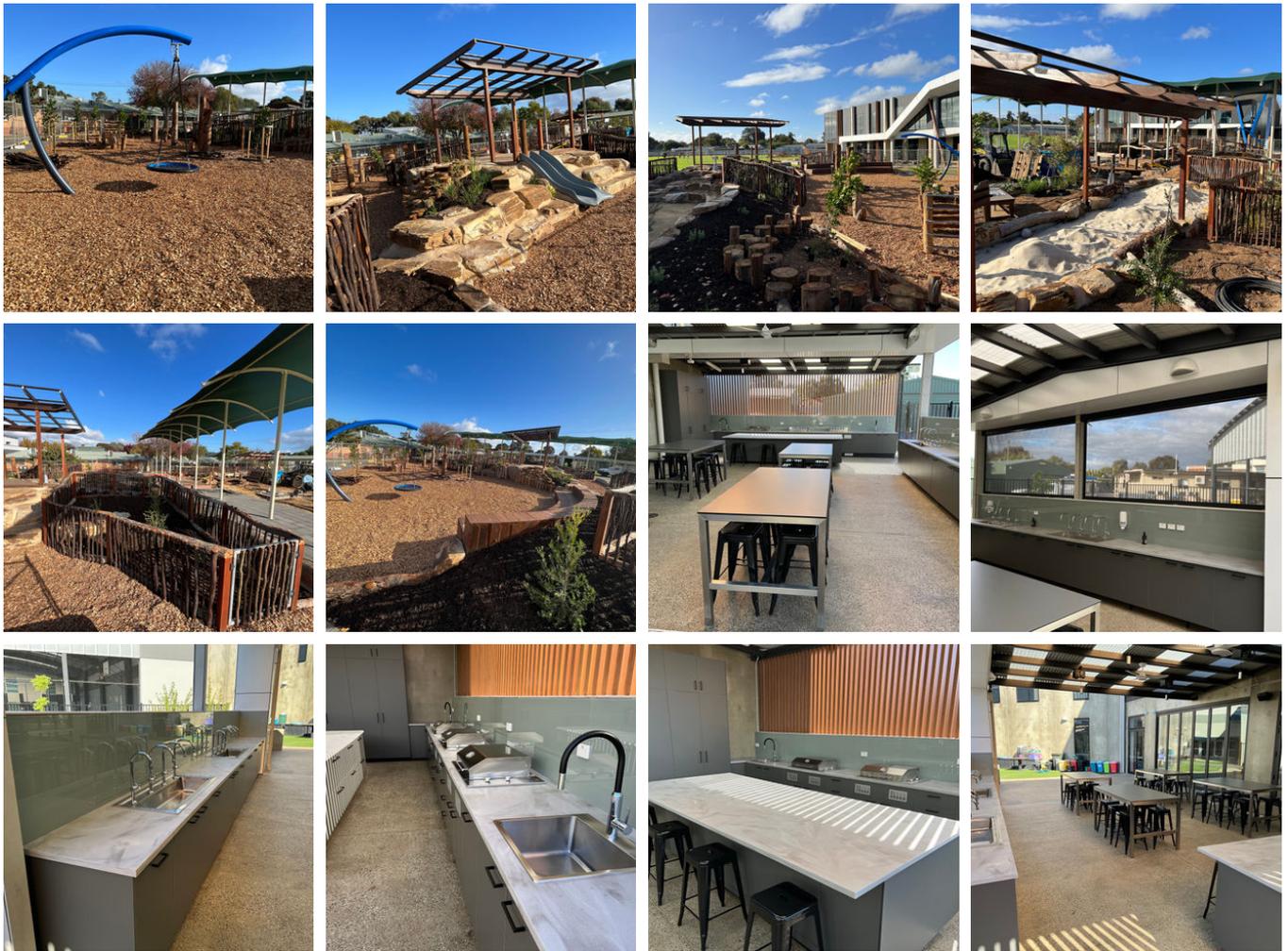
Welcome to our newsletter for Week 3 of Term 2. To all our Mums, we hope you had a wonderful day. We really appreciate you.

Recently I experienced first-hand the effects of COVID-19 and am very glad to have recovered. The effects of this virus continue to interrupt our school and I am very grateful for the team of staff we have that choose to serve and support and ensure that your children keep learning as we work together. The health of our community is very important, and we will keep following health advice. You would have received a letter which let you know that our school was asked to provide a vaccination hub for those of you who would like to access vaccination for yourself or your children as well as for others in the community including Temple Christian College. The hub will be held on our pupil free day, June 10th, and so if you are interested, you simply come to the school where you will be directed by SA Health staff. If you are not interested, or you have already accessed another site, there is no pressure for you to attend. The hub will then be open on the Saturday for others in the community and once again managed by SA Health staff. Thank you for respecting the varied individual views that people hold regarding this issue. I am grateful to belong to a diverse community that has learned to respect our differences and genuinely love our neighbours. We do look forward to the day that the virus is no longer impacting our lives in a significant way.

We have started to join some groups together this week with our Junior Primary and Primary chapels. Pastor Jen Strikwerda has been providing us with support as our Chaplain and she has been doing a fabulous job of encouraging our students online each week. I would like to thank Mr Aaron Mabikafola who has continued to provide online content each week for our students to ensure that we maintained these important community building aspects of our school. These events have been greatly missed and we look forward to gathering again.

Our nature play space is almost ready for children to access. We are in the final stages and hope to open the space throughout next week. This space includes a range of features that allow for creative and active play.

We will introduce the space and explore together its safe use before opening it up for recess and lunch. We are also very excited to begin to use our backyard project that is at the rear of our 3-6 Learning Block. The Year 4's enjoyed using it for their modified camp last week and it proved to be a wonderful space for them. We will include some photographs for you and look forward to showing you through this new space. It was wonderful to hear that the students in Year 4 and Year 6 were able to enjoy a range of extra experiences and that we did not need to cancel those enjoyable activities. I hope you enjoy the stories we are sharing of these experiences.



School Photo Day is on Thursday 2nd June and we ask that all students wear the blue winter uniform on that day (no PE uniform). Please check pages 13-14 in the student diary to clarify any uniform questions that you may have. Our friendly uniform staff are also available on Wednesday and Friday mornings 8.15 am to 10.30am each week.

Friday June 10th is a Pupil Free day, this is the beginning of the June long weekend and OSHC will be available. I hope that you can use this time to rest and spend time with your family.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your support and the way that you invest in to the lives of your children. We are grateful for the privilege of partnering with you to see children discover who they are and what they have been made to do. May you know God's blessing in your family.

God bless,

**Wendy Matear**

Principal

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

**Romans 5: 1**

## DEPUTY'S CORNER

Welcome to Week 3! Congratulations to our Year 4s and 6s who completed their very successful modified camps. Everyone had a fantastic time! As winter creeps slowly closer, it has become noticeably cooler.

Unfortunately, with the progression into cooler weather, colds and flu also follow. We want to keep our students safe and healthy, especially with COVID-19 still about. Thank you for reminding your children to wear their jumpers, even when they don't want to. The Year 6 students have now received their commemorative Year 6 Jumpers, and the jumpers look great! Thank you also for reminding your children to 'catch their sneezes' and to wash their hands. It is so great that we are able to work as a team, reinforcing the healthy messages being taught at home and at school, to ensure that our children stay healthy.

You may have seen on the news this week that the South Australian Government have approached 40 schools in the metropolitan and regional areas to host a vaccination hub in the coming months. Bethany Christian School was one of the schools selected by SA Health to be a COVID-19 vaccination hub to help eligible people get vaccinated. The hub will be available for our students, staff, families and the wider community.

This is an opportunity for you and your child/ren to be vaccinated if you would like to but have not yet had the opportunity. The clinic will also be offering booster vaccinations to adults and the second vaccination for children who are yet to receive theirs.

All students aged 5 and over and their families are eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19. **Students can only be vaccinated with a parent or legal guardian present.** Consent to be vaccinated must be provided by the parent or legal guardian to the vaccination provider on the day. The consent form is quick and easy to do online via a QR code. Paper consent forms will also be available.

A weekend community clinic will also be held at our hub. Students and family members, including from other surrounding schools, can attend. The vaccination team will deliver the first dose of the vaccine and return later to deliver the second dose for eligible children.

The vaccination hub at our school will be open Friday 10 June & Saturday 11 June and Friday 12 August & Saturday 13 August.

The clinic will be open from 12.00pm to 5.00pm on Friday for students and their families and 10.00am to 4.00pm Saturday for the general community.

The South Australian Government and SA Health strongly believe that being vaccinated against COVID-19 is one of the best ways we can protect ourselves and our community. Should you wish to access more information about the COVID-19 vaccination program, please see the letter to parents from Professor Nicola Spurrier and frequently asked questions on the [Department for Education](#) website.

## COUNTESS STREET CONCERN

Thank you to everyone who has been using the rear 'Kiss 'n' Drop' and the front Turning Circle well. We would like to remind everyone that parking on Countess Street is not permitted, as it causes congestion to the flow of traffic, prevents a clear line of sight for safe driving and is extremely dangerous to our students who are using the road.

Please use the Temple Christian School driveway entrance correctly, by turning right into the car park from Countess Street. Choose to be courteous and share the road. Help us keep our children safe.

Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Our brand-new Nature Play area is certainly coming along, and it won't be too much longer before the students will be able to access the area for play. I have included the Nature Play SA '25 Things to do in Winter' checklist for your convenience.

I wish you and your family well, and hope you all manage to stay healthy in the coming weeks.

God bless you,

**Deb Clifford**

Deputy Principal



# 25 things to do in Winter

- 1 Wander a National Park trail, keeping an eye out for wildflowers (such as greenhood orchids) or curious echidnas as they search for a mate
- 2 Explore your local creek in gumboots and rain gear, taking in the earthy smells and sound of flowing water
- 3 Create a mud face on a tree or big piece of bark. Form facial features with sticky mud then add details with flowers, grass and other garden finds
- 4 Walk your local coastline after a storm to see what natural treasure has washed up. Keep an eye out for different shaped sponges, Pt Jackson shark eggs and shells you haven't seen before
- 5 Write a poem or story about how the rain makes you feel
- 6 Go on a snail or slug hunt in your backyard after heavy rains. Draw or paint your discoveries in an art book or nature journal
- 7 Visit South Australia's whale watching regions to see if you can spot a whale. Can you identify what species it is?
- 8 Cuddle up on a cold night with a warm cuppa, board game or family movie
- 9 Camp at a National Park and toast marshmallows, make damper or tell stories around a campfire
- 10 Make natural playdoughs (try cinnamon, lavender or lemon) and use them in creative ways: write your name, create a nature scene or incorporate sensory maths!
- 11 Create a living teepee in your yard by digging sticks into the ground, making a teepee big enough to sit in. Plant native climbers at the base, such as the winter-flowering Native Lilac (*Hardenbergia violacea*)
- 12 Walk through a botanic garden, noticing which trees have leaves (evergreen) and which don't (deciduous)
- 13 Make a rain gauge with an empty jar or plastic bottle. If using a plastic bottle, cut it in half and place the spout upside down into the bottom half (like a funnel). Use a permanent marker and ruler to write measurements on the bottle. Place it outside and record your daily rainfall
- 14 Visit a waterfall after heavy rains such as Morialta Falls, Waterfall Gully, or Ingalalla Falls
- 15 As a family, cook hearty soup or bake using winter produce such as apples, lemon, rhubarb, beetroot, broccoli, pumpkin and spinach
- 16 Stroll or bike ride the neighbourhood. See what flowers are blooming, how many nests you can spot in bare trees, or what insects are on the move (such as woolly bear caterpillars)
- 17 Create a nature weaving by tying four sticks together in the shape of a square. Use string to create a series of vertical lines. Collect flowers and leaves and weave them into your frame.
- 18 Spend a morning making potions, stews and mud pies with flowers, leaves, bark and seed pods collected from your backyard or neighbourhood
- 19 Create rain art: take a sheet of thick paper and add drops of watercolour paint or food colouring. Lay your paper flat in a container and leave it in the rain to watch your masterpiece unfold.
- 20 Make a winter shelter for small bugs and critters from twigs and leaves
- 21 Spend a morning gardening, noticing interesting creatures living in the soil such as beetle larva (white grubs in the shape of a 'C')
- 22 Set up a nature display at home with your interesting outdoor winter finds
- 23 Have a picnic in a pine forest and observe the moss, fungi and lichen you find
- 24 Towards the end of winter, visit a local nature patch or National Park to spot Golden Wattle in bloom (Australia's floral emblem and the inspiration behind our National colours)
- 25 On a clear night try to spot the moon and learn what phase it is in.

*Dwarf Greenhood*

*Native Lilac*

*STYLIST: KERRY-AN BRACKENBURY*

**Nature Play SA**  
*bringing back childhood*

[natureplaysa.org.au](https://www.natureplaysa.org.au)

Head to [natureplaysa.org.au](https://www.natureplaysa.org.au) for free resources to help you learn and engage with nature, such as ID charts and posters.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

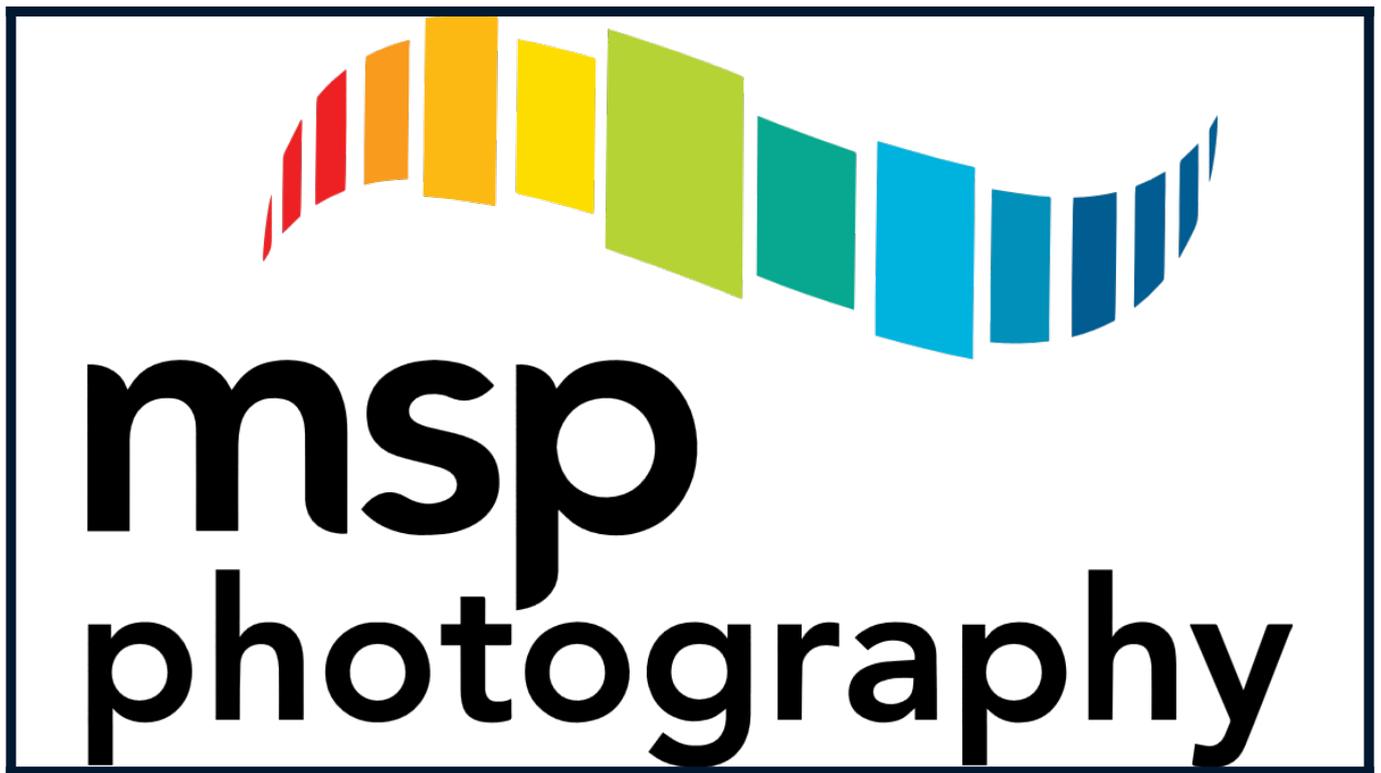
## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photo day is Thursday 2nd June. Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal the envelopes inside each other - you can pay for all children in one envelope, however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Use the Shootkey on your envelope to order online
- Family photos are available at the front office
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given - cash, cheques and money orders only. Credit card payments can be made online.
- All Bethany students will wear the blue winter uniform. No PE uniforms are to be worn on the day.

Please feel free to visit our web site [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

For photo enquiries please call 8132 1148 or email: [enquiries.adl@msp.com.au](mailto:enquiries.adl@msp.com.au)



## YEAR 4 EXCURSION

There comes a time in every person's life where it is time for Year 4 camp. And for our Year 4 students here at Bethany that time was the 12-13th of May. They were excited and raring to go on what would be a great time of fun, learning and relationship building.

The sun was shining on the Thursday and we were off to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens where students were led in an Aboriginal plant trail by Trent Hill. Trent taught students about traditional Kurna culture and how to work with the land. Students got a buzz from him creating fire and his knowledge of many of the native plants in the

garden. At the gardens we also played group games and went on a scavenger hunt.

After our time at the gardens we made our way to the North Adelaide Aquatic Centre for a swim, a slide and an ice-cream. This was followed up with dinner together in the school's new outdoor kitchen and a movie. Unfortunately there was no sleep over this year but it was still a great night of community.

In the morning, the smell of pancakes wafted through the air as the Year 4 students returned to school to have breakfast together. Mr Ardy Nottle led us in a devotion which was a special time for our Year 4s as he talked about what Jesus has done in his life.

We followed this up with painting boomerangs, building wardlis (shelters) and then flying boomerangs in the afternoon. It was another fantastic camp.

A special thank you to Mrs Zechner, Mr Nottle, Mr Josiah Wyten, Mr Graetz, Mr Haywood, Mr Crowley and Miss Evitts who helped out on camp this year.

We look forward to doing again.

### The Year 4 Team



## YEAR 6 CAMP

During Week 2 the Year 6s had an incredible 3 Day 'camp' put on by Mylor Baptist Adventure Camp.

One of the highlights was playing archery tag (similar to paint ball but with bows and arrows that had foam ends) on Wednesday at school. This was followed by a packed two day excursion up to Mylor. The students conquered their fears on the giant swing, learnt to work as a team building rafts and bridges, and flew through the air on the flying fox.

The focus over the three days was very much about team building and encouragement. We saw some really promising leadership develop within the Year 6s and were amazed at what the students could achieve when they put their minds to it.

### The Year 6 Team



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## PLAYGROUP

**PLAYGROUP**

*When? 9-10:30 am Fridays!*  
*Where? Base Church!*  
*\*Gold coin donation*

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**BC**  
BASE CHURCH

# SPORTS NEWS

## WEEKLY SPORTS

### BASKETBALL

#### Reception - Year 6

**(must already be 5 years old)**

Bethany Christian School offers a Weekly Basketball program.

This is a user pay program staffed by approved volunteer coaches

- There are two seasons per year:
  - Winter Season | Terms Two and Three
  - Summer Season | Terms Four and Term One of the following year
- Age Groups as follows:
  - Under 8s mixed
  - Under 10s mixed
  - U12 Boys | U12 Girls
- Games played across various locations during school terms, generally at:
  - Golden Grove Recreation Centre
  - Burregah Recreation Centre
  - Turramurra Recreation Centre
- Trainings held at BCS after school during the week and are compulsory.



[Weekly Basketball Registration](#)

### NETBALL

#### Reception - Year 6

**(must already be 5 years old)**

Bethany Christian School offers a Weekly Netball program.

This is a user pay program staffed by approved volunteer coaches

- There are two seasons per year:
  - Semester One Season | Terms One and Two
  - Semester Two Season | Terms Three and Four
- Age Groups as follows:
  - Under 8s mixed
  - Under 10s mixed
  - Under 12s mixed



[Weekly Netball Registration](#)

- Games played during school terms at:
- The Gardens Recreation Centre
- Games are played on Saturday mornings
- Trainings held at BCS after school during the week and are compulsory

## WEEKLY SPORTS RESULTS

### SATURDAY 07 | 05

Sport	Grade	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result		
Netball	U08	Wild Stars	Bye				
Netball	U10	Bright Stars	Roaring Tigers	Amelia F	W	8	1
Netball	U12	Diamonds	SNNC Hawks	Achieu N	L	20	2
Basketball	U08	Bulls	Kings Tigers	Blake H	W	8	4
Basketball	U10	Boomers	SFX Rockets	Liam A	D	12	12
Basketball	U10	Hornets	76ers Swoopers	Connor T	L	8	19
Basketball	U12	Celtics	Tyndale Hawks	Khonreich C	L	26	37
Basketball	U12	Mavericks	Cedar New	Kiara H	L	6	26

### SATURDAY 14 | 05

Sport	Grade	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result		
Netball	U08	Wild Stars	Mini Angles	Amelia J	W	10	6
Netball	U10	Bright Stars	Mawson Lakes Gems	Isabella B	W	7	0
Netball	U12	Diamonds	Bulldogs B	Elin B	L	2	22
Basketball	U08	Bulls	Hope Valley Heat 8A	Jaxon C	W	12	8
Basketball	U10	Boomers	Brooks Pirates E	Elijah C	W	23	9
Basketball	U10	Hornets	Hope Valley 12C	Jake B	L	3	40
Basketball	U12	Celtics	Lab 46 - 12b	Joash S	L	30	34
Basketball	U12	Mavericks					

## 2022 CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

After trying several reschedules we were able to hold our annual Cross-Country Championships on Friday 8th April. It was a fantastic day for the students to compete at their various distances (1, 2 or 3km). With many of them showing a great attitude as they either walked or ran.

Thank you must go to the helpers who made this day possible! Mrs Clifford, Mr Brooks, Mr Peterson, Mrs Curtis, Mr Mabikafola, Mr Richardson, Mrs Shultz, Mrs Lawton, Mr Huntley, Mrs Villanueva and Mrs Wyten all made the day run smoothly, and helped students enjoy the day.

Thank you to all the class teachers who also help arrange the students ready for Marshalling!  
 Final House Points for the day were as follows:

Shadrach	757
Meshach	728
Abednego	534

		1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
8 Year Olds	Girls	Ashiwei A	Ariana D	Charlie L
	Boys	Adam J	Beau D-S	Tatum P
9 Year Olds	Girls	Skye M	Emily D	Arizona G
	Boys	Ethan L	Liam A	Harrison Mc
10 Year Olds	Girls	Liliah M	Apajok A	Sophie S
	Boys	Nhial M-Y	Matthew G	Mason L
11 Year Olds	Girls	Stella R	Jessica S	Vivia P
	Boys	Jude C	Elijah Y	Brayden H
12 Year Olds	Girls	Chloe J	Micaela G	Llana S
	Boys	Orian P	Mitchell M	Judah M

# WEEKLY INFORMATION

## IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 26th May	Vision Screening - Receptions
Monday 30th May	Online School Tour
Tuesday 31st May	SACSA Cross Country
Tuesday 31st May	Reception Incursion
Thursday 2nd June	School Photos
Friday 3rd June	Reception Excursion to Hahndorf farm
Tuesday 7th June	SACSA Year 3/4 Soccer
Wednesday 8th June	SACSA Year 5/6 Soccer
Friday 10th June	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
Monday 13th June	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>

## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Wednesday	8.15 to 10.30 am
Friday	8.15 to 10.30 am

### 2022 Term Dates

Term 1	Monday 14th February to Thursday 14th April
Term 2	Tuesday 3rd May to Friday 8th July
Term 3	Tuesday 26th July to Friday 30th September
Term 4	Monday 17th October to Wednesday 14th December

## PE TIMETABLE

Class	Days
ELC	Monday to Friday
RHan	Tuesday and Thursday
RHay	Monday and Friday
RK	Tuesday and Thursday
1TC	Thursday and Friday
1D	Thursday and Friday
1P	Thursday and Friday
2WS	Thursday and Friday
2R	Thursday and Friday
2Z	Thursday and Friday
3HR	Monday and Friday
3M	Monday and Thursday
3T	Tuesday and Friday
4G	Tuesday and Thursday
4PS	Monday and Wednesday
4W	Monday and Friday
5R	Wednesday and Friday
5K	Tuesday and Thursday
5T	Wednesday and Friday
6SC	Wednesday and Friday
6T	Wednesday and Friday
6W	Wednesday and Friday

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