



Some photos of our recent Cultural Celebrations

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Friday we will celebrate with our Reception and Year 1 students with our Mini-Olympics event as long as weather permits. These parents have received information about how to attend safely. I would like to let you know about the recent changes to mask wearing in schools for parents. We have been advised to still ask that you check-in when entering any school buildings but that masks are not required outdoors if adults can physically distance. Masks will still be required for any indoor gatherings and so for our graduations and any other events we will ask parents to wear a mask.

The end of year Colour Explosion Fun Run should minimise the need for masks to be used as we will be outside on the two ovals. This event will be a wonderful celebration for all of us to enjoy time together at the end of another year.

Our new ELC families for next year have begun their 'meet and greets' with the ELC staff and it is wonderful to see the excitement of children preparing to their schooling journey. We have also begun discussions about successful transition and important information that will help us to set up all children well for 2022. This time of year can seem unsettling, but I would like to reassure you that our staff work together very well and have good communication processes that enable us to know each child and plan for them. We want to assure you that you can trust us in this process and know that we care about your child and want to see them succeed. If you have any concerns about your child, please remember that the class teacher is the best person to contact.

It has been very encouraging to see the applications begin to come in for our student run 'Market Day' later this term. We will have items for sale that some students from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 have made and we look forward to sharing this event with you.

I also look forward to sharing the winning entry of our t-shirt design competition. The winning entry will be printed on to the t-shirts that your child will receive as a gift from the Parents and Friends to use when they run in our Colour Explosion Fun Run.

I pray that you enjoy a restful weekend.

God bless,

Wendy Matear
Principal

Memory Verse

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Galatians 6 : 9

DEPUTY'S CORNER

Attendance

The Minister for Education, John Gardner wrote that we all have a, “role to ensure that children and young people get the best education available, and this starts with ensuring that children attend school all day, every school day” (2018). Regular school attendance not only gives them access to an education which develops their unique talents and abilities to assist them to reach their fullest potential, but develops within them skills to be able to participate as valuable members of their community. It also builds valuable social skills, enabling them to interact with peers and adults alike, while establishing healthy lifelong learning routines and behaviours. Quite simply put, attending regularly improves a child’s future outcome by supporting their learning and wellbeing, and it is the legal responsibility of the parent to ensure their child attends school daily (Department for Education, 2021).

It is a well-established and recognised fact, that students who are persistently absent from school are at risk of harm and of being marginalised, therefore unable to fulfil their potential. It is also noted that persistent absence from school without satisfactory explanation can be an indication that the health, emotional wellbeing or safety of a child is not being adequately protected and can be reported to Families SA (Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement Between Department of Education And Children's Services & Department for Families and Communities Families SA & Department of Health, 2010, pp. 3-4). Any move to prevent absenteeism is to ensure the wellbeing of a child and to provide the support, care and protection is provided promptly.

At Bethany Christian School, we take school attendance seriously because we believe that every child has the right to educational success, and this cannot occur when a child misses substantial amounts of time from school.

As part of our daily morning procedure, a report is generated to advise the administration staff when a student is ‘absent without reason’ in the morning. A text message is then sent to the parent/caregiver of the child for each day the child is absent from school. Please remember to notify the Administration Office if your child will be absent. Parents who do not notify the office will receive a text message enquiring as to why their child is absent from school.

Regular attendance at school is important to your child’s learning and development so that they have every opportunity to get the most from their education (SA.GOV.AU, 2017). Students may miss school when:

- The child is too ill to leave the house
- The child has an infectious disease/illness
- The child has a dental or medical appointment that cannot be made outside of school hours
- The school Principal has been provided with a genuine reason that prevents a child from attending school
- The child has been granted an exemption from school (forms to apply for school exemption can be provided at our Administration Office)
- The child has been sent home due to behavioural reasons (for example, being suspended)

Each school year has a maximum of 200 accountable school days. At Bethany, students are flagged to be of concern if they miss 10% of the school year, that is, 20 days absence. At a 90% attendance rate, students are at risk of missing an equivalent of two years of schooling between Reception and Year 10, should they continue with their rate of absenteeism each term.

For a student with 80% attendance, the equivalent of missing school jumps up to three years’ worth of education between Reception and Year 10. Persistent rates of absenteeism each term makes it almost impossible for them to keep up with their school work or keep in touch with their friends.

For the students who have attendance rates of between 80% - 90%, they will be issued with an attendance report to alert their parents/caregivers of the amount of schooling their child is missing. Students who are regularly late to school and need to sign in before going to class, or those who are persistently signed out from school early are also at great risk. While it may only seem like a small amount of time late or early departure, it all adds up and can be shocking for their parents/caregivers to realise that their time has amounted to a 10% absenteeism rate and now puts their child at risk. Even as little as getting to school by 9am each day is

equivalent to 5 days of lost learning if it is added up. It is certainly food for thought!

If you experience difficulties getting your child to school on time, or find it is really hard to motivate your child to get to school, please make an appointment with your child's teacher and discuss your concerns. We are here to help!

Squid Games and Halloween

The new #1 series on Netflix, Squid Games, has been described as, "addictive and binge worthy". Unfortunately, despite being rated as MA 15+, making it highly inappropriate for our students, we have had a large number of our students watching this graphic drama/horror series and replicating the games in the yard. Sadly, this series takes innocent children's games and twists them into violent, malevolent activities. Even the language used by some children when speaking about the games is inappropriate and harmful. The Squid Games theme has also spilled over into Halloween.

Bethany Christian School is a Christian school with a strong Christian ethos. As such we have a big population of families who do not want their child exposed to age-inappropriate content such as Squid Games or content that directly contradicts our Christian philosophy. Please consider what your child is watching carefully. Remember, what has been seen cannot be unseen, and often leaves lasting impression on highly impressionable minds.

Market Day

In response to student voice in our school community, it is with great delight the Student Representative Council (SRC) are announcing a Market Day being held on **Friday 26th of November (week 7)**.

The student led Market Day is an exciting opportunity for any Year 3-6 student to hire a table at \$5 so they can hold their own stall during lunch time, 1pm-1.30pm in the Under Cover Area (UCA). Any profit made can be either donated or used at the stall holder's discretion.

Students are encouraged to make their own products and sell them within a .50c-\$10 price range per product. Food stalls will not be permitted. All students who would like to hold a stall must apply by filling in an application form which they can get from their classroom teacher.

Any student from Reception to Year 6 may attend the Market Day to buy the goods offered from the stalls.

This is a fabulous initiative of the students, and I am looking forward to see Market Day in Week 7!

I wish you and your family a wonderful week.

God bless you,

Deb Clifford

HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTH CARE

It has been a busy week in the care room. It has been absolute pleasure to take care of our students in their need. Primarily, students have been visiting the care room with Hay fever symptoms or very high temperatures. I would like to remind you of our school policies that have been developed for the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff.

Fever

Fever is not an illness, it is often a symptom or sign developed as a result of an underlying medical condition. Where there is an underlying infection or illness, fever develops as a natural fighting mechanism in our body. We can reduce the high temperature with medications such as Panadol, however rest is required for complete healing. As per the school policies and procedures the school recommends students are to rest at home and can only return to the school once they are fever free with no medication for 24 hours. It is better to take one day off and get well properly. If you do not have a thermometer, you can watch out for symptoms such as sore tummy, headache and we can always use back of the hand to measure the rough temperature to make decisions. The school does not administer Paracetamol for students without a doctor's authorization. If your child suffers from fever for more than three days, please take them to the GP for an assessment and management.

Hay fever

We have quite a few students reporting to the care room with hay fever symptoms such as itchy and red eyes. We would like to ask you to:

- Notify the school if your child suffers from Hay fever
- Encourage your children to wash their eyes as soon as they start feeling itchy.
- Encourage not to itch as itching can make the inflammation worse and ask them to notify the teacher for early treatment
- If the student needs antihistamine to control their hay fever symptoms, provide the school with required medication along with the doctor's letter and the school will be able to administer the medication when needed

Dehydration

Teachers have been sending students to the care room for cups so they can have a drink as they haven't been bringing their water bottle. Drinking water is important for children, it keeps them hydrated and energetic and they can concentrate on learning activities. Not drinking water for a whole day at school can lead to a headachy child at home. Our teachers do encourage the students to drink water and drinking water from the water fountain is not enough for a day. The school would like to encourage parents to make sure your child's bag is packed with a water bottle every day.

Thank you for all your support.

God Bless You,

Priya Wilson
School Nurse

THE SCHOOL LOCKER

Please be aware that if you are making a purchase at The School Locker, it is now cashless, all payments are to

be made via card only.



STAFF NEWS

We would like to congratulate Mrs Amelia Chandra and her husband Steve on the birth of their beautiful boy, Calvin, who was born on 13th October.



2022 COMMITMENT FORMS

Last term the 2022 Commitment Forms were sent home for parents to complete and return. Please remember that these forms are due this **Friday 29th October**. If you have not returned this green form can you please do so as soon as possible.

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Tuesday – There's a birthday in the house today so it's a chocolate mud cake from **The Cheesecake Shop**

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Thursday – Who doesn't love the **Adelaide Zoo**? Grab some **Subway** on the way and picnic on the grass amongst the 250 species of animals

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COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN RUN



Thank you so much for supporting our school!

The end of year event Colour Explosion School Fun Run is shaping up to be a great event.

Currently we have raised **\$6302**.

Well done to those students who have been fundraising, such a great effort!

Our class fundraising leader board currently looks like this;

1st - ELC \$2110

2nd - RK \$1120

3rd - RDW \$725

Please feel free to have a look at how your child can be involved and how they can start their fundraising by clicking the link below.

www.myprofilepage.com.au

Fundraising finishes on the 5th of November 2021.

We would also like to invite your whole family to join us as we celebrate 2021.

This is a twilight event that will start at 5pm and finish at 7pm. Please feel free to bring along a rug and picnic dinner or purchase from the eateries we will have available for you on the night - this is an alcohol free event. The school community will also be able to enjoy the various stalls, rock climbing wall, face painting, fairy floss, popcorn, ice-blocks, donuts, milkshakes, balloon animals, go cart racing, whilst they cheer the children on during the fun run.



ELC and Reception Parents - please note your children will be running their race from 2pm - 3pm on the 3rd of December and are welcome back to enjoy the festivities and watch the older year levels run their races. Parents are allowed onsite during this time to cheer their child on as long as they wear a mask when they are unable to remain 1.5m apart, and sign in using the QR Code provided. We ask that your child wears their colour explosion gift white t-shirt to school that day, along with their black PE school shorts and sneakers you don't mind getting wet and dirty. T-shirts will be sent home with your child on the 2nd of December. It might be a good idea to bring a towel when picking your children up from school, as they will be covered from head to toe in coloured powder, slime and water.

Year 1 through to Year 6 parents - The rest of the students will be provided with a school supplied gift t-shirt on the afternoon of the 3rd Dec and are required to wear it back to the event with their black PE school shorts and sneakers you don't mind getting wet and dirty.

All t-shirts are white and will be getting wet. We strongly encourage your child to wear a tank top underneath for discretion.

More information regarding your child's race time, merchandise collection (sunglasses and wristband) will be

sent home the week prior to the event.

Please remind your children that Parents and Friends are running a t-shirt logo competition for students to enter because we want to provide a student designed T-shirt for every student to wear during the event. If your child would like to be involved, entry forms and designs must be submitted by the 5th of November. Competition entry forms are available at the Student Desk.

Bronnie Lyrtzis
Bethany Christian School Parents & Friends

MARKET DAY



MARKET DAY
FRIDAY 26TH
NOVEMBER (WEEK 7)

This is an exciting opportunity for any Year 3 to 6 students to hire a table for \$5 and set up their own stall during lunch - 1 to 1.30 pm. To participate in the first ever Market Day, students need to ask their class teacher for an application form.

Any profits made from the day can either be donated or used at the stall owner's discretion.

Please keep prices between .50c and \$10. No food stalls are allowed. All Bethany Christian School students can attend.

To be held in the Undercover Area

All profits will help the SRC raise money for the school



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YEAR 6 MATHEMATICS COMPETITION WINNERS

In Term 3 a group of our Year 6 students, Zoe H, Peta S, Sophia C and Tam D worked towards completing a project available through The Mathematics Association of South Australia. The project, entitled 'South Australian Mathematics Talent Quest', allowed students to choose any topic that interested them and use mathematics to investigate it.

Working as a team, the students chose to focus on poverty after they had learned about it in geography lessons. Their research and problem solving was based on the question, is there a way to end poverty?

Through their investigations the students discovered an economist who suggested that it would take \$175 billion for 20 years to end poverty. With this as the starting point, they worked out a way to deduct the percentage of families living in poverty from the world's population. They then theorised that if all the families who don't live in poverty paid a one-off payment of \$30, would that be enough to cover \$175 billion a year for 20 years? With some more calculations, they discovered that this one-off payment would in fact cover \$175 billion for not just 20 years, but amazingly 24 years.

Attending an award ceremony on Monday the 25th of October, these students, accompanied by their parents and supervising teacher, Mr Sheeky, received first prize in the Year 6 division for South Australia.

The students really enjoyed participating in the Talent Quest and it was great way for them to show student agency.



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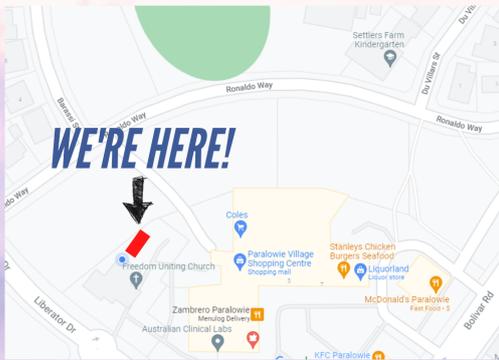


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SPORTS NEWS

WEEKLY NETBALL

[Netball Nomination Form](#)

Calling all students interested in playing Weekly Netball for Bethany! We are looking for a few players to participate in the weekly program played on Saturday Mornings at Parafield Gardens Recreation Centre. The current age brackets are U8 Mixed, U10 Mixed, U12 Separated.

We currently have a few on the waiting list, and would love to create new teams! We would also love to have some volunteer helpers as coaches for our weekly teams! If you are available to help please email sport@bethany.sa.edu.au



WEEKLY SPORTS RESULTS

MATCHES WEEK ENDING 16/10/21

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result		
Netball U8	Wild Stars	Blaze	Amity C			
Netball U10	Bright Stars	Blizzard	Ariana D	W	9	0
Basketball U8 Div Blue	Bulls	76ers Blue Jetts	Riley W			
Basketball U10 Div Blue	Blazers	SFX Rockets	Connor T	W	32	7
Basketball U12B Div 3 Blue	Lakers	Cedar G.O.A.T.S	Rossi C	W	25	24
Basketball U12B Div 4 Blue	Thunder	Brooke Pirates	Tyler M	L	12	21

MATCHES WEEK ENDING 23/10/21

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result		
Netball U8	Wild Stars	Mawson Lakes Pearls	Amelia J			
Netball U10	Bright Stars	Bulldogs 1	Isabella B	L	1	9
Basketball U8 Div Blue	Bulls	76ers Avengers	Blake H			
Basketball U10 Div Orange	Boomers	GGLPS Hotshots	Jensen B	L	13	15
Basketball U10 Div Blue	Blazers	Wings Blazers	Levi C	L	13	38
Basketball U12B Div 3 Blue	Lakers	Kings Jaguars	Brayden H	W	42	6
Basketball U12B Div 4 Blue	Thunder	Brooks Nuggets 12	Steven L	W	17	12

WEEKLY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
Friday 29th October	Mini Olympics
Monday 1st November	ELC Parent - Teacher Conversations
Wednesday 3rd November	ELC Parent - Teacher Conversations
Thursday 4th November	ELC Parent - Teacher Conversations
Friday 5th November	SACSA Touch
Monday 8th November	Online School Tour
Friday 12th November	Back Up day for Mini Olympics
Monday 15th November	2022 Reception Assessments
Thursday 18th November	ELC Transition Visits
Thursday 18th November	SACSA Table Tennis Yr 5 & 6
2021 Term Dates	
Term 4	Monday 11th October to Wednesday 8th December
2022 Term Dates	
Term 1	Monday 7th February to Thursday 14th April

PE TIMETABLE

Class	Days
ELC	Monday to Friday
RDW	Monday and Thursday
RK	Monday and Thursday
RHW	Monday and Wednesday
1TS	Monday and Wednesday
1D	Tuesday and Thursday
1P	Monday and Thursday
2HS	Tuesday and Friday
2R	Wednesday and Friday
2Z	Tuesday and Friday
3MS	Tuesday and Friday
3HR	Tuesday and Friday
3T	Wednesday and Friday
4G	Monday and Friday
4P	Monday and Wednesday
4W	Monday and Friday
5K	Wednesday and Friday
5R	Tuesday and Friday
5T	Tuesday and Friday
6S	Tuesday and Wednesday
6T	Monday and Wednesday
6W	Tuesday and Friday

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