

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 3 Term 4 2025



Our Year 4 students recently went to the Botanic Gardens for their excursion.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our Term 4, Week 3 newsletter! It's wonderful to enjoy some sunshine this week as we head toward the end of the year.

We are excited to invite you to celebrate the Christmas season with us. Starting **Tuesday, 4th November**, each weekday a class will creatively share part of the story of Jesus' birth through our **22-Day Advent Calendar Project**. Photos and reflections will be sent home for you to enjoy.

We'll also celebrate with:

- Junior Primary Christmas Chapel (Years 1 & 2): **Wednesday, 19th November** at 12:10 PM
- Primary Christmas Chapel (Year 5): **Monday, 24th November** at 9:50 AM

You are welcome to attend these chapels, and recordings will be made available as a part of our advent and end of year event.

Our major community event this year is something new and co-created with staff and students:

Bethany's Biggest Christmas Banquet
Wednesday, 3rd December
5:30-7:30 PM

Families are invited to bring a meal and join us for a festive evening of food, fun, and community. Students will host tables and provide activities for you to enjoy. Highlights include:

- Christmas Parade
- Shared banquet tables
- Carols, Christmas quiz, and more!

Please RSVP by the 10th Nov so we can prepare



a place for your family.

[Book a table](#)

In the coming weeks, we also have a Year 6 Blessing Chapel, year-level excursions and incursions, Christmas celebrations, and graduations. Thank you for helping your children maintain regular routines during this busy season. We appreciate your partnership as we celebrate all the learning of 2025!

God bless you,

Wendy Matear
Principal

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

Welcome back for week 3 of term 4. It has been a very settled start to our term.

Market Day 2025 - Save the Date!

Friday 14th November - Week 5

We're thrilled to announce that our 2025 Market Day is just around the corner! Hosted by our enthusiastic Student Representative Council (SRC), this much-loved event will take place on Friday 14 November, during lunch break, and promises to be a highlight of the term.

Students in Years 3-6 will have the exciting opportunity to run their own market stalls, selling a variety of homemade or second-hand items to students from ELC to Year 6. Please note: food and beverages will not be sold at the stalls.

If your child would like to purchase an item or two, we kindly ask that you send them with cash in a sealed, clearly labelled envelope. Their classroom teacher will keep the envelope safe until Market Day begins. Prices will range from 50 cents to \$10, making it an affordable and fun experience for all.

Our SRC students have already begun planning and preparing to ensure the day runs smoothly. Their dedication and creativity are sure to make this year's Market Day a memorable one!

Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend the Market Day festivities. Stalls will be open from 1:00pm to 1:30pm, allowing plenty of time to browse and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere. We kindly ask that families support their children by allowing them to manage their own stalls and/or explore others independently.

Market Day has been a cherished tradition in previous years, and we're looking forward to another fun-filled afternoon of community, creativity, and student initiative.

We hope to see you there!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful week ahead.

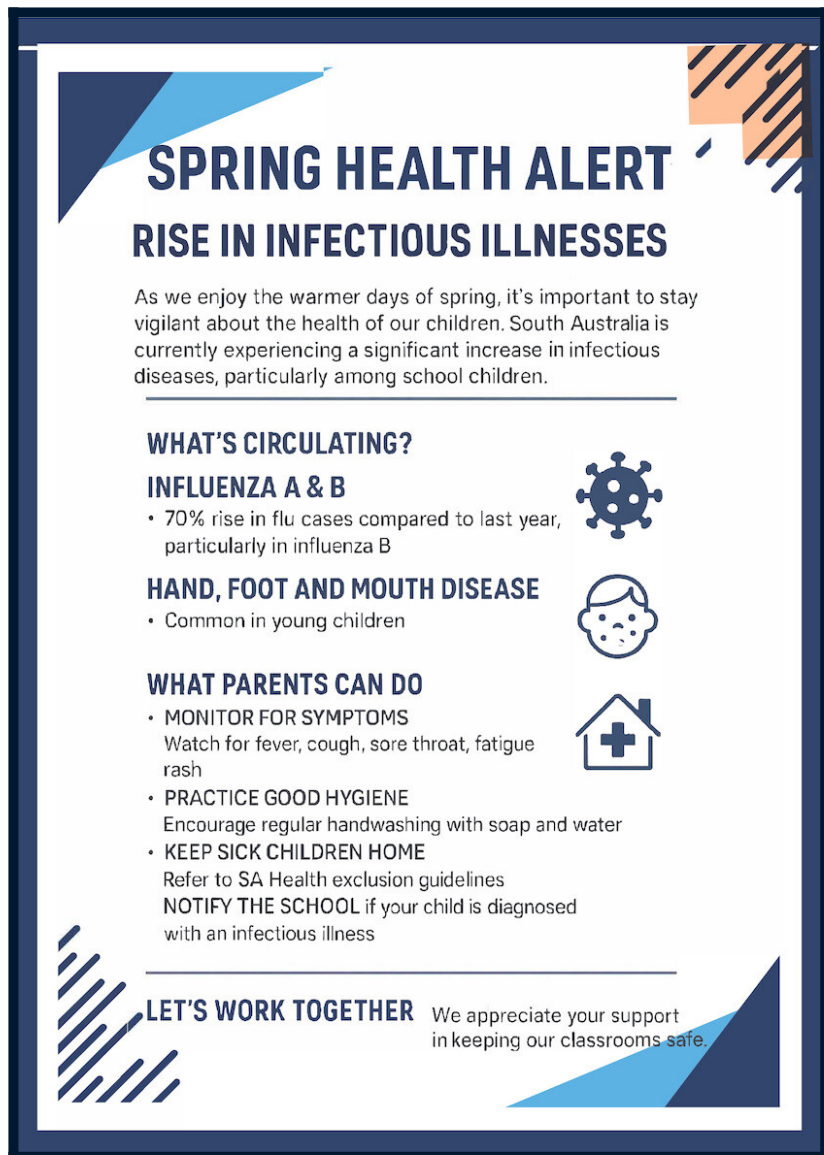
God bless you,

Deb Clifford

Deputy Principal

HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTHCARE

A poster titled 'SPRING HEALTH ALERT' with the subtitle 'RISE IN INFECTIOUS ILLNESSES'. It contains information about influenza and hand, foot, and mouth disease, along with advice for parents. The poster features a blue and orange color scheme with geometric shapes and icons for a virus, a child, and a first aid kit.

SPRING HEALTH ALERT

RISE IN INFECTIOUS ILLNESSES

As we enjoy the warmer days of spring, it's important to stay vigilant about the health of our children. South Australia is currently experiencing a significant increase in infectious diseases, particularly among school children.

WHAT'S CIRCULATING?

INFLUENZA A & B

- 70% rise in flu cases compared to last year, particularly in influenza B



HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

- Common in young children



WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- **MONITOR FOR SYMPTOMS**
Watch for fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue rash
- **PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE**
Encourage regular handwashing with soap and water
- **KEEP SICK CHILDREN HOME**
Refer to SA Health exclusion guidelines
NOTIFY THE SCHOOL if your child is diagnosed with an infectious illness



LET'S WORK TOGETHER

We appreciate your support in keeping our classrooms safe.

[Open Term 4 Week 3.pdf \(209.51 KB\)](#)

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. We were able to explore the ship's 3 levels and imagine what life would have been like on board from the sleeping quarters, to how the passengers prepared and transported their food during the voyage to just how much fresh air and sunlight they would have had. Everyone agreed they would have preferred to travel first class!

Following this, we headed to the South Australian Maritime Museum, where students 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 (a few students were selected to demonstrate how they dealt with things like headaches and broken legs on board!), and the reasons behind migration.

Throughout the day, our students demonstrated outstanding behaviour and a genuine curiosity for learning. Perhaps the biggest highlight of the day was the opportunity for our Year 6 students to explore and learn through play. The dress up corner of the Maritime Museum was very busy with students dressing in period costumes and acting out different scenarios to the delight of their audiences. Another hit was the grand adventure that many of our students embarked on together on the large inside ship – where there was plundering, fishing and a re-enactment of Titanic with an iceberg to avoid.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the parent volunteers who generously gave their time to join us on our excursion, and congratulate our Year 6 students on the way they represented Bethany Christian School throughout the day.



CHANGE OF PROCEDURE



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS

NEW PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT PICK-UP & ITEM DROP-OFF

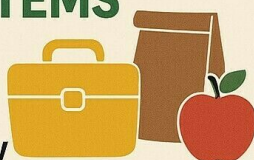


STUDENT PICK-UP

- All parents must sign in at the front office
- Proceed to your child's classroom to pick up

DROPPING OFF ITEMS

- Sign in at the front office
- Deliver the item directly to your child's classroom



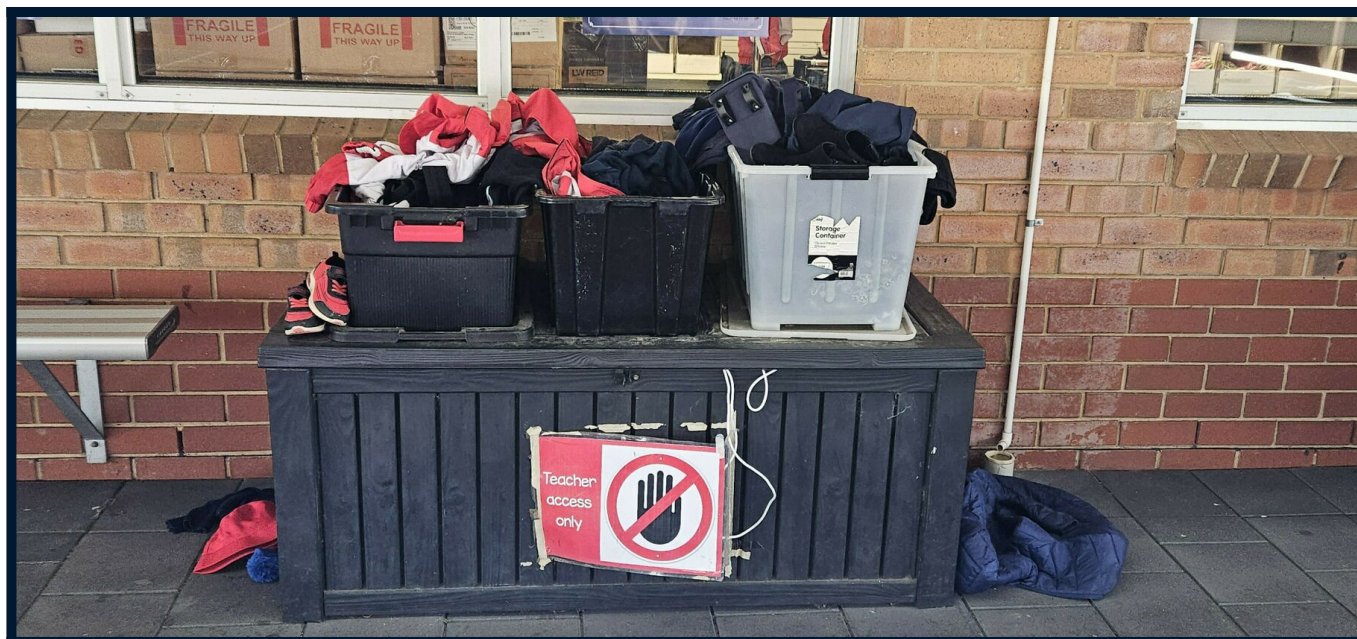
THANK YOU!
— SCHOOL OFFICE

LOST PROPERTY REMINDER

Lost property is cleared fortnightly. Please see the photo below showing the current shelf status. If the area overflows, clearance may happen more frequently.

Unclaimed drink bottles and lunch boxes are donated, and uniforms go to the Golden Coin Rack at the Uniform Shop which supports Hope Village. We understand uniforms are costly and time-consuming to manage—this system helps keep replacement costs low for families.

Please visit the lost property area outside the Uniform Shop if you see something familiar. Clearly labelling items helps us return the lost item to the correct owner.



YEAR 4 CAMP AND EXCURSION

To give the students the full experience of camping they were involved in putting all the tents up in the days leading up to camp. Many new skills were learnt.

Thursday started with arriving at school much earlier than normal for most students. Catching the bus into Botanic Park and experiencing an Indigenous Bush Walk with Trent in Botanic Gardens, working in small groups making sculptures out of nature and playing some games in the wide-open spaces were all things that were new experiences for many of our students.

Having lunch in Botanic Park and then walking to the tram for a ride to Bonython Park again was a new adventure for many and one that they handled very well. The Hamster Wheel at the park always brings much joy and laughter. The students were much quieter on the trip back to school as many had never walked so far or been active for so long before.

Arriving back at school was exciting as there was no-one else there. Tent allocation and putting their belongings in their tents happened then ice-cream with toppings for dessert. Yes, dessert before dinner???? Pizza for dinner and then students were responsible for washing their own dishes. (This happened throughout the camp). Lollies and a movie in the PAC before brushing teeth and heading to bed.

Camping in tents was a new experience for many of our Year 4 students. It was also the first time that many students had ever been away from their parents for a night, nearly half of the 76 students. So, all tents contained at least two students that it was their first experience. The students settled really well, considering the amount of first timers and all survived the night.

Pancakes for breakfast, throwing their boomerangs (that they had previously decorated), popcorn and fruit for recess, making damper, mini shelter building and indigenous games took us through to lunch. Oh, that's right we had a real fire evacuation thrown in as well, just to keep us all on our toes, and it was not from our damper.

Hot dogs for lunch and oval play, then the students did an excellent job of dismantling the tents. They were very efficient.

Overall, a lot of new experiences for many of our students and a camp that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the adults that made it possible.

Words from the students -: awesome, good, great sleep, fun, cool, exciting, good food, interesting, new experiences and made friends.



CAMP AUSTRALIA

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

WEEK 3

Bethany Christian School



Your
OSHC.



Hi Families,

This week our program's theme was construction, and we have seen some great building skills throughout the week. Children have been constructing with Lego, Connector Straws, Mobilo, Magnetic Tiles, Wooden Blocks and much more. Below are some photos of our children working together to create Noah's Ark out of pop sticks.

Are you interested in what foods are on offer for your children to eat at OSHC? Each week we plan a healthy and nutritious menu which includes a variety of fruits and vegetables on offer and an occasional treat. This menu is displayed in service on our service board for all children and families to see.

Our Rocketeers (vacation care) program will be available for you to view this week, check out what we will be doing these holidays.

Activities coming up

- ✦ Week 4 Program Theme: Arts and Crafts
- ✦ Week 5 Program Theme: Imagination Play

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.campaustalia.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.campaustalia.com.au

Open Term 4 2025 - Week 3 Newsletter Camp Australia.pdf (433.81 KB)

COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAYGROUP

Did you know we run a Playgroup every Friday during the school term?

If you have a little one aged 0-5, come along for a morning of fun, connection, and a free coffee on us!

Join us at Base Church from **8:45 am to 10:30 am**—we'd love to see you there!



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SPORTS NEWS

SACSA TABLE TENNIS | 5 | 6 BOYS 3RD PLACE & SILVER 6TH PLACE



Coach		Mr Huntley & Mr Grieger	
Front Row (L - R)		Back Row (L - R)	
Adam F		Jensen B	
Callum O		Riley W	
Jon N		Ryan C	
Lazar T			

Both the Boys Gold and Silver teams demonstrated a high level of table tennis throughout the day. They gave their best effort, maintained a positive attitude, and demonstrated great sportsmanship by supporting each other and acknowledging the skill of other teams. They were open to feedback and grew in both confidence and ability as the day went on. Well done boys!

Mr Huntley & Mr Grieger

SACSA TABLE TENNIS | 5 | 6 GIRLS GOLD 3RD PLACE & SILVER 6TH PLACE



Coach		Mr Huntley & Mr Grieger	
Front Row (L - R)		Back Row (L - R)	
Charlie L		Millie F	
Amali T		Chloe H	
Aaliyah P		Samantha C	
Grace M			

Well done today girls on the way you represented both yourselves and the school. You gave your best effort, showed great perseverance, and embraced every opportunity to learn and grow. Your support and encouragement for one another was fantastic to see and played a big part in achieving some great results. Well done girls!

Mr Huntley & Mr Grieger

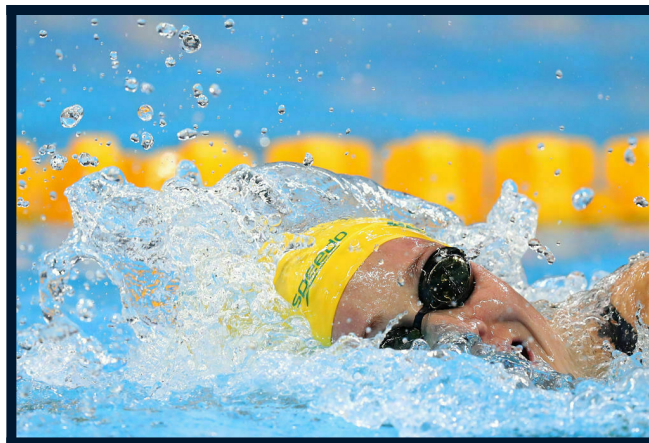
SACSA | SAPSASA SWIMMING TRYOUTS

SAPSASA and SACSA will be holding their annual

Swimming Meets in Term 1, 2026. Students who would like to trial, and are eligible please use the link to nominate. This is a competitive swimming event, so students trying out are expected to be able to swim at least 50m comfortably without stopping in their chosen stroke.

Below are the expected dates for the Swimming Meets:

SAPSASA Para District Swim Meet [10 - 12 year olds] - TBC (Most likely Monday 2nd March, Week 5, Term 1



Location - Waterworld, Ridgehaven

[Nomination Form \(Open\)](#)

SACSA Swim Meet [10 - 12 year olds] on Monday 2nd March, Week 5, Term 1

SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre, 443 Morphett Road, Oaklands Park

Please note that there may be a scheduling clash between these two events. If this occurs, we will attend the SAPSASA Para District Meet, as it can provide further opportunities for our students.

Swim Tryouts will be held this term on:

Tuesday Mornings at Parafield Gardens Swim School,
Crn Kings and Martins Rd
18|11, 25|11 | Weeks 6 and 7 of Term 4
7:00 - 8:00am

Students will need to be born in (2016 - 10 Yr Olds | 2015 - 11 Yr Olds | 2014 - 12 Yr Olds) to register for next year's swimming carnival.

You will be required to transport your child to and from the swimming tryouts.

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 18 | 10

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result
Netball	U10 Golden Stars	Bye	Bye	-
Netball	U14 Bright Stars	Bulldogs	Forfeit	0 - 20
Basketball	U08 Warriors	N/A	N/A	N/A
Basketball	U08 Rockets	SFX Dunkers	Jakub B	28 - 0
Basketball	U10 Thunder	Modbury Lynx	Elliott S	16 - 17
Basketball	U10 Breakers	Kings Cobras	Connor S	28 - 18
Basketball	U10 Ballers	Bye	-	-
Basketball	U10 Celtics	Bye	-	-
Basketball	U12 Lakers	Highbury Hornets	Jesse B	30 - 14

SATURDAY 25 | 10

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result
Netball	U10 Golden Stars	Hurricanes	Georgia V	13 - 3
Netball	U14 Bright Stars	Gem Opals	Forfeit	20 - 0
Basketball	U08 Warriors	N/A	N/A	N/A
Basketball	U08 Rockets	Brooks Nuggets		18 - 0
Basketball	U10 Thunder	76ers Storm	Luca T	22 - 28
Basketball	U10 Breakers	Heccies Yellow	Mason N	29 - 0
Basketball	U10 Ballers	Modbury Jackals	Benjamin F	14 - 18
Basketball	U10 Celtics	Heccies Gold	Esther D	21 - 0
Basketball	U12 Lakers	Modbury Bulls	Daniel D	42 - 12

WEEKLY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 4th November	Choir Concert 3.30pm to 4.00pm
Friday 7th November	Year 6 Parliament House Excursion
Thursday 13th November	SACSA Touch Football Year 5/6
Friday 14th November	SRC Market Day

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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