







Mini Olympics 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our Term 4, Week 3 newsletter!

It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the beautiful weather at our Mini Olympics last Friday. The day was filled with fun, enthusiasm, and friendly competition, and our students did a fantastic job participating, encouraging one another, and giving their very best.

We are excited to invite you to celebrate the end of the year at our Christmas Concert, Christmas: It's Just the Beginning. This is the first time we have included the entire school, from Reception to Year 6, in this special event. Each year level will contribute to retelling the Christmas story through music, movement, and storytelling.

The concert will be performed in two identical 90-minute sessions on **Wednesday 2 December**:

Matinee Performance: 1:30 pm
Evening Performance: 6:00 pm

Students will be dismissed following the matinee performance and we ask that all students return at 5:30 pm to allow time to prepare for the evening concert.

To enable all families to attend, we will initially allocate up to four tickets per family. A ticket booking link will be emailed to families on Wednesday 4 November. We kindly ask that you book no more than four seats in total at this stage. The concert will also be recorded and made available for families to watch afterwards. Please book your seats by **Tuesday 17 November** so that any unclaimed tickets can be released to other families.

Re-enrolment for 2027
Thank you to all those families that have already submitted their online re-enrolment forms for 2027. This allows us to continue to have the most accurate information to start the new year. These forms were emailed to all families and are due tomorrow **Friday 30th October**. If you are having difficulties with the process, please speak to our front office staff or come to a support session at the admin desk **Thursday 29th October 2:30pm - 3:30pm or Friday 30th October 8:30am - 9:30am.**

In the coming weeks, we will also celebrate a range of significant end-of-year events, including the Year 6 Blessing Chapel, year-level excursions and incursions, Christmas celebrations, and graduation ceremonies.

Thank you for helping your children maintain consistent routines during this busy and exciting season. We greatly appreciate your partnership as we celebrate the learning, growth, and achievements of our students throughout 2026.

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 to Week 3 of Term 4.

It has been a wonderful start to the term, with many exciting learning opportunities already underway. Last week, our Junior Primary students enthusiastically participated in a highly successful Mini Olympics. This week, our Year 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to take part in a Water Safety Program at Glenelg, delivered by Surf Ed Water Safety. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all, and it was especially wonderful to hear the excitement of students who caught their very first wave.

Market Day – Friday, Week 5 (13 November)

Our enthusiastic Student Representative Council (SRC) is excited to host the annual Market Day during lunchtime in Week 5 on Friday, 13 November.

Students in Years 3–6 will have the opportunity to operate their own market stalls, selling a variety of homemade and pre-loved items to students from ELC to Year 6. Please note that food and beverages will not be sold.

If your child would like to make a purchase, we kindly ask that they bring cash in a sealed and clearly labelled envelope. Classroom teachers will store envelopes safely until Market Day begins. Items will be priced between 50 cents and $10, making the event affordable and accessible for all students. Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend. Stalls will be open from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm, providing an opportunity to browse the stalls, support our students, and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere.

Market Day has become a much-loved tradition within our school community, celebrating creativity, entrepreneurship, student agency, and initiative. We look forward to another fun-filled afternoon and hope to see many families there.

Deb Clifford & Melissa Taylor
Deputy Principals

HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTHCARE



SUNSMART NOTICE



We are SunSmart
- a note for families

Too much of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide*!

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.

SunSmart membership

Our school is a registered member of Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Schools Program. We aim to protect children and staff from too much UV.

Sun protection and skin cancer prevention is a shared responsibility. Please help support our SunSmart membership and sun protection efforts by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy at school and at home.

During the daily local sun protection times (usually from mid-August to the end of April), ***use these* 5 SunSmart steps – *even if it's cool and cloudy*.**

1. ***SLIP* on covering clothing**
For free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.

2. ***SLOP* on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen**
Apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to reapply throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure children get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school. Under supervision, ask children to put a dot of sunscreen on each cheek, nose and chin and rub it in (avoiding the eye area) and sunscreen squiggles or dots on the back of the neck, arms and legs to cover these areas.

3. ***SLAP* on a hat that protects the face, neck and ears**
Choose a wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat. Peak caps and visors do not offer enough UV protection so please leave them at home. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved ***school hat***. Please keep this at school so they will always be ready for outdoor activities, outdoor learning and play during school days. For the walk to and from school and weekends, please have an extra ***home hat*** to help keep children protected at home.

4. ***SEEK* shade**
Choose shady spots for learning and play whenever possible.

5. ***SLIDE* on wrap-around AS1067 sunglasses**
When appropriate and practical, help protect the eyes with sunglasses.

Need information in another language? *Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language*

sunsmart.com.au

Cancer Council Victoria

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PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

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YEAR 3 EXCURSION TO ADELAIDE OVAL

On Wednesday 21 October, our Year 3 students enjoyed an unforgettable excursion to the iconic Adelaide Oval, where they immersed themselves in the excitement and history of cricket.

A highlight of the day was watching some of the men's Test match, featuring national players, giving students the opportunity to experience the atmosphere of live cricket. The excitement continued as they collected signatures, creating special memories to treasure.

Students also took part in engaging batting, bowling and fielding clinics, where they developed their cricket skills, learned new techniques and had plenty of opportunities to get involved. Another exciting part of the excursion was visiting the media room and discovering more about the behind-the-scenes action at this famous

sporting venue.

The visit also gave students the chance to explore the rich history of Adelaide Oval and learn about the players who have helped shape its proud sporting legacy.

It was a fantastic day filled with learning, laughter and sporting excitement. The students thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the experience, returning to school with big smiles, wonderful memories and a greater appreciation for the game of cricket.

YEAR 4 CAMP

As the Year 4 camp approached there were many nervous students (as well as many anxious parents) as this was the first time sleeping away from their parents for more than a third of our Year 4 students.

Once the bus was underway the excitement for the upcoming activities set in. A walk through parts of Botanic Gardens with Trent Hill explaining the connection to land for the Kaurna people and how they used many of the plants in their everyday lives. Creating nature sculptures in smaller groups and some free time with sports equipment were activities in Botanic Park.

After lunch we all walked to the tram and boarded. The students did themselves proud as they constantly got up and offered their seats to others as new passengers boarded. We stepped off the tram at the Thebarton stop and walked to Bonython Park. They explored the many different pieces of play equipment that the playground had to offer. Then another walk back to the bus. Very tired legs as many said that this was more walking than they would do in a week.

Back at school and the students were allocated their tents to sleep in. Then ice creams for dessert and free play while we waited for pizza for dinner. Later a movie in the PAC. Many students found it strange to be at school when it was dark. So many different noises at night.

After a night with not much sleep for teachers as well as some students we had pancakes for breakfast and then learnt how to throw a boomerang. The students had painted these in the lead up to camp. Fruit and popcorn for Recess and then they participated in making and cooking damper, building small shelters with resources from nature and games on the oval. Lunch was hot dogs and leftovers.

The students then did an excellent job of dismantling the tents and were rewarded with an ice block and some free time.

Talking to the students about their camp experience, these were some of their responses – amazing; super fun; noisy (when I was trying to sleep); interesting (because I got to do and learn new things); tiring; yummy food; good – spending the night with friends; didn’t like being in a sleeping bag; sleeping in the tent – fun for some and not for others; good – having dessert before dinner; fun – setting up tents while some found it boring; good at Botanic Gardens; loved the Hamster Wheel; didn’t like washing the dishes; watching a movie and throwing boomerangs.

The camp ended when parents came and picked up some very tired students who hopefully had some good and new experiences, that in the future, they can build on.










YEAR 5 SURFING EXCURSION

What a fantastic day our Year 5 students had at Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club for Surf Education!

The students had a wonderful time learning about beach safety, water awareness and surf lifesaving while taking part in a range of fun and engaging activities.

Throughout the day, students participated in beach games, flags and relays, had the opportunity to use nipper surf lifesaving boards, and practised mock rescues using rescue tubes.

Alongside the practical activities, students developed their understanding of beach signs and flags, identifying rips, wind and waves, marine creature awareness, emergency responses and the importance of SunSmart practices.

It was wonderful to see the students getting involved, challenging themselves, working together and building their confidence in and around the water. They represented our school beautifully, and we are so proud of their enthusiasm and positive attitudes throughout the day.

A big thank you to the team at Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club for providing such a valuable and memorable learning experience for our Year 5 students!



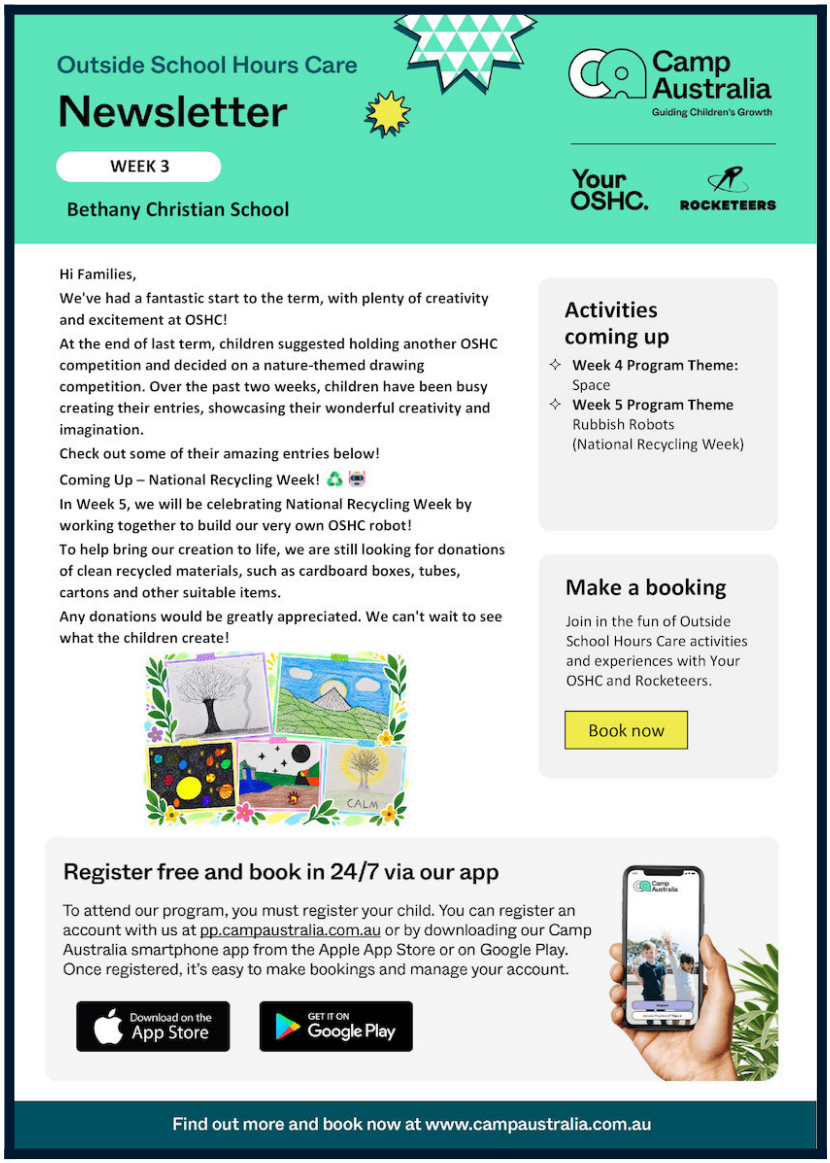









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COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAYGROUP



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SAVER PLUS

Saver Plus gives you down-to-earth money talk – and a $500 incentive to build your savings!

If you save up to $50 a month for 10 months (the length of the program), ANZ will double it.

What can the $500 be spent on?

- Laptops and tablets
- Uniforms and shoes
- Vocational education
- Lessons and activities
- Books and supplies
- Camps and excursions

To join Saver Plus

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a Health Care or Pensioner Card
- ✓ Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry St Yooralla. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

saverplus.org.au **1300 610 355**

SPORTS NEWS

MINI OLYMPICS (RECEPTION - YEAR 2) REPORT

On Friday 23 October, our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students came together for our much-loved annual Mini Olympics. The day was filled with sunshine, a little bit of rain, smiles and plenty of opportunities for our young athletes to get involved and have fun!

Students took part in a variety of athletic challenges, including the 70m sprint, vortex throw and long jump, alongside a range of exciting activities designed to build teamwork, coordination and confidence. Highlights included the water relay, jumping castles, mini golf, run the gauntlet, scooter board relays, tug of war and time on the playground.

One of the best parts of the day was seeing our students demonstrate wonderful sportsmanship, perseverance and encouragement towards their peers. Whether competing in an event or cheering on their classmates, everyone had the opportunity to participate, challenge themselves and celebrate each other's efforts.

We were also delighted to see so many parents and families come along to support the students and share in the excitement. Events like these are a wonderful reminder of the strong sense of community we enjoy at our school.

A big thank you to all the staff, families and helpers who contributed to making this year's Mini Olympics such a memorable and enjoyable experience for 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
5 Girls	Sarem F	Long Jump	2.27m
6 Girls	Joanna N	70m	13.70 sec
7 Girls	Ly M	70m	12.32 sec
7 Girls	Angela S	Vortex	12.93m
7 Boys	Evander H	Vortex	22.20m

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Abednego who were House Champions for 2026 Mini Olympics!

House	Points	
Abednego	1468	
Shadrach	1409	
Meshach	1216	

SACSA TABLE TENNIS | 5|6 BOYS GOLD RUNNERS UP & SILVER 3RD PLACE



Coach	Mr Huntley
Front Row (L – R)	**Back Row (L – R)**
Ryan C	Blake B
Nathaniel M	Oscar M
Ashton S	Hunter R
Elijah T	

The boys played well all-day finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. Very proud of how they represented the school with great sportsmanship and teamwork.
Mr Huntley

SACSA TABLE TENNIS | 5|6 GIRLS GOLD RUNNERS UP & SILVER CHAMPIONS!



Coach	Mr Grieger
Front Row (L – R)	**Back Row (L – R)**
Sienna M	Amelia J
Harper F	Scarlett R
Nakisha C	Gemma K
Lian G	

What a fantastic day for our Year 5/6 girls' table tennis teams!

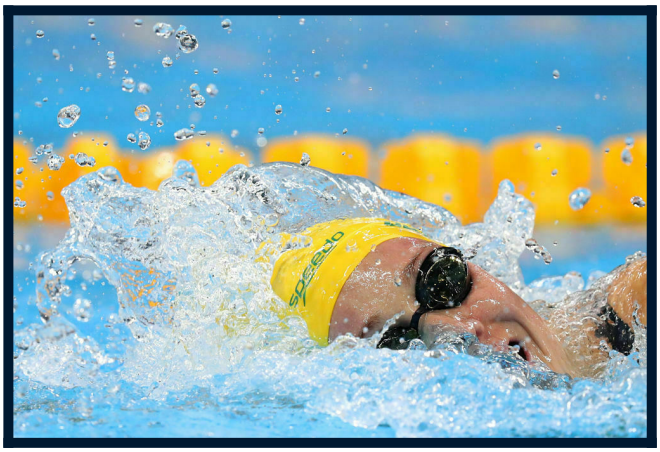
The girls played outstanding table tennis throughout the day, with their skills and confidence continuing to grow as the competition progressed. They supported and encouraged one another every step of the way, demonstrating awesome teamwork and sportsmanship from start to finish.

In an exciting finish, our Silver and Gold team faced off in the Grand Final. It was a closely contested match, with both teams playing at a very high level. In the end, our Silver team came away as champions!

Congratulations to all the girls on an incredible effort. You should all be proud of yourselves, not only for your results but also for the way you represented your team throughout the day. What an achievement!

Mr Grieger

SACSA | SAPSASA SWIMMING TRYOUTS



SAPSASA and SACSA will be holding their annual Swimming Meets in Term 1, 2027. Students who would like to trial, and are eligible please use the link to nominate. This is a competitve 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

Location - Waterworld, Ridgehaven

SACSA Swim Meet [10 - 12 year olds] on Friday 26th February, Week 4, Term 1, 2027

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

Swim Tryouts will be held this term on:

Friday Mornings at Parafield Gardens Swim School, Crn Kings and Martins Rd
20|11, 27|11 | Weeks 6 and 7 of Term 4
7:00 - 8:00am

Students will need to be born in (2017 - 10 Yr Olds | 2016 - 11 Yr Olds | 2015 - 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.

Nomination Form (Open)

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

Nomination Link

Golden Grove | Burragah | Turramurra | Ingle Farm | The ARC

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	Coaches Pick	Match Result	Scores	
Basketball	Wolves	Heccies 8 Gold	Callie R	L	7	18
Basketball	Warriors	Cedar Cubs	Noa T	D	6	6
Basketball	Rockets	Hope Valley Heat 10 Red	Arlo P	W	22	11
Basketball	Thunder	Modbury Sharks	Luca T	W	22	12
Basketball	Raptors			W (F)	20	0
Basketball	Breakers	Brooks Nuggets 12	Aksh C	W	26	6
Basketball	Ballers	Wings Swish	Roney L	L	15	16
Basketball	Celtics	Dynasty Stars	Ella S	L	0	50
Basketball	Lakers	Brooks Cavaliers	Daniel D	W	44	34

SATURDAY 25 | 10

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coaches Pick	Match Result	Scores	
Basketball	Wolves	76ers Warriors 8	Zachariah T	W	18	8
Basketball	Warriors	Stingrays Little Hoopers	Noa T	L	2	16
Basketball	Rockets	Stingrays Slam Dunks	Arlo P	D	16	16
Basketball	Thunder	Heccies 10	Rylan B	W	24	7
Basketball	Raptors	Kings Skittles	Ava B	L	5	11
Basketball	Breakers	76ers Rams		L	13	30
Basketball	Ballers	Hope Valley Heat 12 Yellow	Zander N	W	25	16
Basketball	Celtics	Punjab Lions 12 G		L	14	26
Basketball	Lakers	76ers Sonics	Hunter K	W	30	14

WEEKLY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Year 5 Dance Performance	Thursday 5th November 2.30 pm
SACSA Touch Football Year 5 & 6	Friday 13th November
SRC Market Day	Friday 13th November

SCHOOL TERMS 2026

Term 1	Monday 2nd February to Friday 10th April
Term 2	Tuesday 28th April to Friday 3rd July
Term 3	Wednesday 22nd 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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