



Our Reception students enjoying Pancake Day.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our Week 5 newsletter. We are now halfway through the first term of 2026, and it has been wonderful to see our Reception students growing in confidence and settling into full-time school. They have already learned so many new routines and skills. We are very proud of their progress and thank you, our parents and carers, for your support during this important transition.

Monday 9th March - Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

A reminder that **Monday 9th March** is the Adelaide Cup public holiday, which means we will begin Week 6 with a shorter week.

Friday - Primary Athletics Day

Our Primary students (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) are looking forward to Athletics Day this Friday. This is always a highlight on our calendar—an opportunity for students to enjoy the outdoors, challenge themselves, and shine in different events. You are warmly welcome to come along and celebrate this day with your children.

We extend a huge thank you to all families who support student participation in sport, especially our wonderful volunteer coaches. Alongside sporting teams, we also have a range of clubs and groups available during and after school, and we appreciate your encouragement in helping students get involved.

Next week, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit their NAPLAN tests. These assessments provide a snapshot of student learning on the day and help us identify trends, strengths, and areas for growth.

We encourage students to do their best while reminding them that NAPLAN is not something to feel anxious about. If your child is feeling worried, please let your class teacher know. Our student counsellor is also available to support children experiencing anxiety or other concerns—simply speak with your teacher if you would like to access this service.

Parent-Teacher Interviews - Thursday 26th & Tuesday 31st March

Parent-teacher interview information will be sent out soon, asking you to book a time to meet with your child's teacher.

If you have changed your email or contact details, please let us know.

Interviews will be held on:

- Thursday 26th March
- Tuesday 31st March

Wednesday 1st April – Easter Chapel Services (Week 9)

This year, Easter falls at the end of Week 9. We will celebrate this important event in our regular weekly chapel sessions on Wednesday 1st April:

- 10:50am – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
- 12:10pm – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Families are warmly invited to attend. For those unable to join us, we plan to record and share the chapel services.

Thursday 2nd April – Early Dismissal at 12:10pm

Please note that the last Thursday before Easter, Thursday 2nd April, will be an early dismissal at 12:10pm. This allows families planning Easter travel to begin their long weekend safely and smoothly.

Important Car Park information

We appreciate your assistance in keeping our school grounds safe during afternoon pick-up. Recently, the carpark has become blocked around 2:30pm due to cars arriving early and stopping in front of both school entrances. This creates a safety concern, particularly if emergency vehicles need access.

To help us keep traffic flowing safely:

- Please avoid arriving early and parking in the drop-off/pick-up zone. Students are dismissed at 3:10pm, so they will only be available for pick-up after this time.
- If you wish to arrive early, you are welcome to park in the front school carpark or on surrounding streets where there are no yellow lines.
- Thank you for following speed limits, observing parking signs, and driving respectfully around our school. Your cooperation helps ensure a safe environment for all our students and families.

We hope you enjoy the upcoming long weekend and find some time to relax and spend time with your family.

God bless you,

Wendy Matear
Principal

Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others.

Matthew 6: 12

DEPUTY'S CORNER

Welcome to Week 5 of Term 1! It has been wonderful to see how confidently and calmly our students have embraced the start of the school year. Classrooms are humming along beautifully, and it's clear that everyone has truly found their rhythm within their class communities and the daily routines of school life. A particular highlight has been the excitement surrounding the new gym—students are absolutely loving the fresh space and the opportunities it brings for movement, teamwork, and fun.

As we enjoy this positive start, it's a great reminder of how important regular attendance is in helping children feel grounded at school, build strong connections, and develop a real sense of purpose and belonging. When students attend consistently, they settle more easily, form meaningful relationships, and engage more confidently in their learning.

Giving Children the Best Opportunity: Why Every School Day Matters

At Bethany, we want every child to thrive spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally. One of the simplest and most powerful ways to do this is through consistent school attendance—because every day at school is an opportunity to grow into the person God created them to be.

Everyday Counts: Excellence in Action

Each school day is a chance for children to:

- Pursue excellence in learning and character
- Explore and exercise curiosity about God, the world, and themselves
- Build knowledge and skills for the future
- Strengthen friendships and relationships in a Christ-centred community

When students are present, they engage fully with these opportunities, laying the foundation for lifelong learning, faith, and service.

The Impact of Missing School

Even small absences add up:

- 90% attendance = 1 day missed every 2 weeks → 20 days/year → more than 1 full year lost over 13 years
- 80% attendance = equivalent to 2 full years of missed learning

Regular absences can limit children's potential to excel academically, socially, and spiritually. Research shows chronic absenteeism (below 90%) is linked to lower Year 12 completion rates, reduced chances of university access, and fewer opportunities to explore and grow their God-given talents.

A Biblical Perspective: Agency and Consistency

Colossians 3:23 reminds us:

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."

Faithful attendance is more than a habit—it is an exercise of agency, choosing to engage fully with the opportunities God provides. It allows children to practice discipline, curiosity, and excellence, and to live out their calling in community.

Working Together to Support Children

Families can empower children to thrive by:

- Establishing routines that foster consistency
- Encouraging curiosity and a love of learning
- Modelling perseverance and excellence
- Communicating promptly about absences

We understand absences sometimes happen and work closely with families to maintain learning continuity. If we notice patterns of high absence we will be in touch, to see how we can support you. Helping Children Flourish Giving children the best opportunity means making everyday count. Each day at school is a chance to grow in faith, knowledge, curiosity, and character—stepping closer to the future God has planned. If you need support with attendance challenges, contact either your child's class teacher, or the Wellbeing Team at Bethany. Wishing you a really refreshing long weekend.

God bless you,

Deb Clifford & Melissa Taylor

Deputy Principals

HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTHCARE



Camp Medication

Year Five Camp:
Week 8 - Wednesday 25th March to Friday 27th March

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.

All Medications MUST Have a Doctor's Note
(Including Over-the-Counter & Herbal Remedies)

IMPORTANT:
If medication is not provided by the due date,
your child may not be able to attend Camp!

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Scan the QR code to fill out an online consent form instead



DFS is scheduled to visit Bethany Christian School during:

Term 2: Week 1, 2026

Help us fight dental decay this year at Bethany Christian School by getting your child to participate in our annual dental check-ups. Dental consent forms can be filled in online via the QR code or the link that will be provided.

Forms need to be submitted by the 7th of April.



Check-up & Clean

Have your child's teeth shining bright again! We will provide a check-up & professional clean. Here we will identify any concerns and let you know if there are any areas that require further treatment.



Take home pack + Report

Participants will receive a take home pack with dental essentials as well as a written report of details of your child's oral health and any concerns.



Visit with friends

Take the stress out of your child's dental visit while they visit with their friends and classmates. Our clinics are fitted with movies to watch while they wait.



W. dentalforschools.com.au P. (08) 7225 8142

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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2026

4W was involved in the 2026 Clean Up Australia Day. On Friday 27th February they donned their yellow gloves and hats and, although it was rather hot, enjoyed walking and taking note of what others throw away. On returning to school we sorted and counted what we had collected. 10 full bags of rubbish including a car tyre, various pieces of clothing and metal cutlery as well as the usual plastic bags and drink containers. They also collected 188 cigarette butts and I believe that cigarette butts were the highest collected amount of all the different types of rubbish Australia wide in 2025.

Well done 4W for taking an active role in caring for our community.



CAMP AUSTRALIA - ROCKETEERS

THE ULTIMATE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ROCKETEERS
Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT ROCKETEERS

Take the stress out of the school holidays with Rocketeers. Featuring over 200 wonderfully unique experiences that will ensure your child's school break is extraordinary!

From excursions to the cinema to see The Super Mario Galaxy Movie and high-octane fun like ninja courses, inflatables and trampolines, to hands-on projects including building a terrarium and creating a classic jack-in-the-box – and everything in between! There's something for everyone at Rocketeers.

Plus, a Big Art Day double feature – two massive days of creative and social fun!

DID YOU KNOW?
You don't have to attend the school where we operate to use our awesome holiday programs. Simply book into any of our convenient locations.

SAVE WITH THE 3 DAY CHILD CARE SUBSIDY GUARANTEE!
Available for eligible families.

BOOK INTO SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN NOW!

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Build Friendships
Discover Adventure
Create Memories
Have lots of fun!

WHAT'S ON THESE HOLIDAYS!

FIND OUT MORE

Jet set on an Adventure

TENPIN BOWLING
HIGH-OCTANE FUN

Get stuck into a DIY Project

INTO THE WILD
PRANKSTERS PARADISE
PLUS U CREATIONS

Flex your creativity

DECK DESIGNER
JUNGLE JAMBOREE
BUDGET FRIENDLY THEMED DAYS!

Epic Base Camp Days!

Programs vary by location. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

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Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

WEEK 5

Bethany Christian School



Your
OSHC.



Hi Families,

We've been having lots of fun at OSHC with our recent competitions, and it's been wonderful to see so many children getting involved. They've shown fantastic creativity and imagination in their entries!

Our Ocean-Themed Drawing Competition brought in some amazing artwork — we were so impressed by the effort and detail in each piece. A big congratulations to Arwin and Mya for being our well-deserved winners!

At the children's request, we are now running a Lego Building Competition. The children have been enthusiastically designing and constructing their creations, both independently and collaboratively. It has been fantastic to see their teamwork, problem-solving skills, and creativity in action. Choosing a winner is certainly going to be a challenge!

Our community Foodbank drive is also underway. We are incredibly grateful to the generous families who have already contributed donations. Your support makes a real difference. Please continue to bring in any items you are able to donate — every contribution helps.

Activities coming up

- ✦ Week 6 Program Theme: Nature
- ✦ Week 7 Program Theme: Superhero
- ✦ Big Art Competition: February 20th – March 20th

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.campaustralia.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.campaustralia.com.au

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAYGROUP



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Bethany Christian School Playgroup Survey



Please note that the Bethany Christian School Playgroup is now meeting on **Wednesday** mornings. The attached photo shows some of the fun activities that the group has been enjoying.

For those who have been attending, we would love to hear your feedback. Please complete this brief survey to help us to continue to meet your needs.

SPORTS STAR ACADEMY



NEW TERM CLASS

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

3.20 PM - 4.20 PM.

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL,
PARALOWIE.



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Children in Reception to Year 9 are eligible to receive 2 x \$100 Sports Vouchers
(per calendar year) so you can save on costs and fees.

Talk to us about using your Sports Vouchers or for more info: www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au



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GAWLER & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

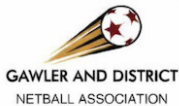
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GDNA WINTER NETBALL



THURSDAY NIGHTS

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



For more information:
E: secretary@gawlernetball.com.au

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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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Scan to register + learn more

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



SPORTS NEWS

BCS ATHLETICS | YR 3 - 6



Athletics Day (Years 3-6) Reminder!

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 or just after so families can access all relevant results.

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](#)

SWIMMING SAPSASA REPORT

On Monday, 2nd March, nine students travelled to Waterworld in Tea Tree Gully to take part in the annual SAPSASA Swimming Carnival.

The team had a fantastic day, filled with encouragement, teamwork and outstanding effort. There was plenty of cheering from the sidelines, several personal best performances, and special recognition for those competing at their very first carnival. It was wonderful to see every swimmer give their all and truly shine. Congratulations to everyone involved!



Coach	Mr Grieger & Mr Peterson
Front Row (L-R)	Back Row (L-R)
Amelia C	Jabari S
Roney L	Ashton S
Ronaldo L	Elizabeth I
Absent from Photo:	
Hylas C	
Samuel C	
Pippa A	

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 21 | 2

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result
Basketball	U08 Warriors	Brooks Thrillers	Noah B	2 - 18
Basketball	U08 Rockets	BYE	-	-
Basketball	U10 Thunder	Forfeit	-	-
Basketball	U10 Breakers	Glenunga Rams	Jason P	12 - 21
Basketball	U10 Ballers	76ers Comets	Lachlan M	30 - 10
Basketball	U10 Celtics	Heccies Gold	Hannah M	16 - 4
Basketball	U12 Lakers	NE Lakers	Daniel D	16 - 15

SATURDAY 28 | 2

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result
Basketball	U08 Warriors	Hope Valley Heat	Maddison M	2 - 21
Basketball	U08 Rockets	76ers Blue Jetts	Arlo P	16 - 2
Basketball	U10 Thunder	76ers Rams	Rylan B	15 - 16
Basketball	U10 Breakers	Hope Valley Heat	Nash P	19 - 13
Basketball	U10 Ballers	Hope Valley Heat - Blue	Jack K	26 - 4
Basketball	U10 Celtics	Hope Valley Heat	Esther D	9 - 8
Basketball	U12 Lakers			

WEEKLY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

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
Wednesday 25th March	Year 5 Camp
Thursday 26th March	Year 5 Camp
Thursday 26th March	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 27th March	Year 5 Camp
Friday 27th March	SRC Casual Day
Tuesday 31st March	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 2nd April	Early Dismissal for Easter 12.10pm
Friday 3rd April	Good Friday
Monday 6th April	Easter Monday

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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