



Our Year 6s on their excursion to the Space Discovery Centre and Parliament House.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our new **Sports Centre** is almost complete—and it looks incredible! We can't wait to welcome you into this amazing facility before the end of the school year. Stay tuned for more information about when you can come and have a look.

I hope you've been enjoying the daily Advent stories from our classes. Each story reminds us of God's incredible love and the hope we have in Him. This season, we celebrate the gift of Jesus—born to fulfill God's plan to rescue us and restore our relationship with Him.

Bethany's Biggest Christmas Banquet

Wednesday, 3rd December
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Join us for a festive evening of **food, fun, and community!** Families are invited to bring a meal and share in the celebration. Students will host tables and provide activities for everyone to enjoy.

Evening Highlights:

- Christmas Parade
- Shared Banquet Tables
- Carols, Christmas Quiz & More!

It is essential to book your seats so we can secure a place at the table for your family. Bookings close on **Monday 17th November**. The link to book is below.

This week, we held our **Reception Transition Picnic** to help students move confidently from ELC to Reception. Several transition visits are planned to ensure a smooth start next year. Our **Year 6 students** also visited Temple Christian College as they prepare for Year 7. These experiences help students feel ready and excited for the next stage of their learning journey.

As we approach the end of the year, remember the words from the *Circle of Security Parenting Program*: Our role as adults is to be **bigger, stronger, wiser, and kind**. Providing calm and steady support helps children feel secure and face uncertainty with confidence.

Thank you for partnering with us—we appreciate all you do to make our community thrive.

[Book Now](#)

God bless you,

Wendy Matear
Principal

"Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless".

Proverbs 31: 8

HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTHCARE

Update Medical Information - Reminder

Thank you for helping us keep all students safe and healthy!
An email was sent last week requesting updates to student medical information.

Here's what you need to do:

- ☐ Complete the editable PDF form and return it to the school by 20th November 2025.
- ☐ If you require paper copies, contact the school office and we'll provide them.

Your cooperation ensures we have accurate information for every child.

Thank you!

Priya Wilson



YEAR 6 EXCURSION

On Friday 7th November, our Year 6 students embarked on their second excursion for the year to the Australian Space Discovery Centre and South Australian Parliament House. This enriching day out offered students a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding of both government processes and science in real-world settings, complementing their classroom learning in meaningful ways.

We began our day by navigating public transport, putting into action the maths that we have learnt about reading timetables and planning a journey. We caught a train from Mawson Lakes station into the city, and then a tram from Adelaide Railway Station down to the Botanic Gardens.

Our first stop was the Australian Space Discovery Centre where we learnt about Australia's role in space and were inspired by stories of opportunity, curiosity, and technology. We played a vigorous game of Fact or Fiction regarding a variety of space topics and we were able to see into the 'Mission Control' room.

The Space Gallery was a highlight, featuring interactive exhibits on satellite technology, space missions, and the future of space travel. Students engaged with hands-on displays that explained complex scientific concepts such as orbital mechanics, robotics, and space communication in fun and accessible ways.

After a quick lunch at the Botanic Gardens, we made our way by tram to Parliament House, where we were met by the Member for Playford, John Fulbrook and a couple of his staff. John led us all through a tour of Parliament House which included viewing both the House of Assembly & Legislative Council.

In the House of Assembly, students participated in a mock sitting of parliament. John encouraged students to be rowdy like real politicians and they certainly delivered! Rush had a tough job in his role as Speaker to keep order and threw a number of people out of the sitting, including Miss Whitby! Rumour has it that the Premier, Peter Malinauskas was in attendance at Parliament House at the time and inquired about the cacophony occurring in the room!

Throughout the day, our Year 6 students demonstrated outstanding behaviour, curiosity, and respect. Despite the large group of students in attendance, John congratulated them all on their interaction and behaviour, stating that he felt they were the best school group to have come through a tour. Well done Year 6! We are so proud of you.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the parent and caregiver volunteers who generously gave their time to support this excursion. Your help with supervision, encouragement, and care made the day run smoothly and safely for everyone involved. We truly appreciate your contribution to this memorable learning experience.



BACK TO SCHOOL DATES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP 2026

O WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday 27th January	12.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Wednesday 28th January	8.30 am to 12.00pm
Thursday 29th January	12.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Friday 30 January	8.30 am to 12.00 pm

WEEK 1 SCHEDULE

Monday 2nd February	8.00 am to 11.00 am
Tuesday 3rd February	1.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Wednesday 4th February	8.00 am to 11.00 am
Thursday 5 February	1.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Friday 6th February	8.00 am to 11.00 am

Please note that Monday, January 26 is a public holiday for Australia Day, and the shop will be closed.

CHANGE OF PROCEDURE

Keeping Learning Time Special: Helpful Tips for Drop-Offs and Pickups

At Bethany Christian School, we love creating an environment where every child can enjoy uninterrupted, high-quality learning throughout the day. Every moment in the classroom matters! Quick visits—like dropping off an item or picking up your child early—may seem small, but when they happen often, they can add up and affect the flow of learning.

To help us make every learning moment count, we'd appreciate your support by following these simple guidelines:

Item Drop-Offs:

Please ensure all essential items (e.g. lunch, homework, clothing) are packed in your child's bag before school. If you need to drop something off during the day:

- Sign in at Reception, remembering to sign out when leaving.
- Take the item directly to your child's classroom.
- **Placing the item directly into your child's bag should be the priority**, to avoid disrupting the class.

Early Pickups:

For appointments or family emergencies, sign in at Reception, collect a student sign-out slip, and take it to your child's classroom. If the class is not in their room, use the **"Where Can You Find Us?"** sign to locate them. Access to classroom items may be limited if the room is locked.

Communication with Teachers:

Our Reception team will forward your messages to teachers by email. Teachers are committed to keeping classroom time uninterrupted, so they usually read emails after school. If your message arrives after **1:00pm**, it may not be responded to until the following day so we can give it the attention it deserves.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us protect valuable instructional time and maintain a focused learning environment for all students.

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 the return the lost item to the correct owner.



CAMP AUSTRALIA

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

WEEK 5

Bethany Christian School



Your
OSHC.



Hi Families,

This week at OSHC children explored their imaginations through a range of different activities. Children have loved setting up cafes and restaurants, exploring different characters through dress ups and playing with Barbie dolls, superhero toys and baby dolls. All these playful moments helped the children share ideas, work together, and let their creativity shine.

Bookings are now open for our upcoming Rocketeers program, and we have some exciting experiences planned including gingerbread making, photography, a colour run, water play, creating our own burgers at Grill'd and an adventure to Santa's Wonderland!

Please note we will be closed at the end of the day on Friday 19th December and return on Monday 5th January to allow staff and families to have a festive season break.



Activities coming up

- ✦ Week 6 Program Theme: Animals
- ✦ Week 7 Program Theme: Board Game Bonanza

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

Open Term 4 2025 - Week 5 Newsletter.pdf (449.20 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!



AUTISM SA

School Holiday Program

Check out the programs available this school holidays.



December 2025 and
January 2026

Develop skills and have fun this school holidays

Autism SA's therapeutic school holiday programs are where children aged 3-17 are supported to engage in activities that can help with the development of life skills, social and communication skills and friendships.

The specially designed programs, led by multi-disciplinary team offer an enjoyable and educational way for kids to spend their school holidays.

Programs include:

- **Self-Care Spa Studio**
 - Tonsley and Elizabeth 5-11 years and 12-17 years
- **Building Connections - Social group**
 - Tonsley and Elizabeth 7-12 years
- **Transitions - It's all about the prep**
 - Adelaide metro
- **Festive Cooking Group**
 - Tonsley and Elizabeth 5-8 years and 9-12 years
- **Board Game Group for Teens**
 - Elizabeth 14-17 years
- **Dungeons & Dragons**
 - Tonsley 9-14 years
- **Play Your Way**
 - Tonsley and Elizabeth 3-6 years



Contact us

To learn more about the School Holiday Program at Autism SA contact us or scan the QR code to register your interest.

☎ 1300 288 476 ✉ contactus@autismsa.org.au



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South Australia 5112
1300 288 476

PO Box 556, Melrose Park DC
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FIRE DANGER SEASON

It is important to know which districts you live in, you may travel through and you work in, as restrictions may differ for each district on a day-to-day basis.

Each district has individual Fire Danger Season dates.

Dates and restrictions for each district may vary due to fuel loads, rainfall, ground moisture levels, and population densities.

To find which district you live in and the Fire Danger Season dates for your district, visit the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au and use the interactive map and map legend to find your location.

Alternatively, you can call the Information Hotline on 1800 362 361 (TTY 133 677).

Fire Danger Ratings

Fire Danger Ratings indicate the degree of difficulty of stopping a fire under the predicted weather conditions.

The Bureau of Meteorology, in partnership with CFS, determines the Fire Danger Ratings based on a combination of predicted weather conditions and current observations.

The official Fire Danger Rating for the following day is issued after 4:30pm by the CFS, and includes preliminary forecasts for the next four days.

The ratings do not predict how likely bushfires are to occur, but rather how a fire would behave if one started.

The higher the Fire Danger Rating, the more dangerous the fire conditions are in that district.

Fire Danger Ratings should be used to determine your Bushfire Survival Plan response for the following days.

Fire Danger Ratings forecast two to four days out should be used as a guide only and may change.



KNOW YOUR DAILY FIRE DANGER RATING

MODERATE	HIGH
Plan and prepare.	Be ready to act.
EXTREME	CATASTROPHIC
Take action now to protect life and property.	For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.



South Australian
Country Fire Service
cfs.sa.gov.au

Contact the
Information Hotline
1800 362 361 (TTY 133 677)
Facebook: @Countryfireservice
Twitter: @CFSAlerts



Open [cfs_fact_sheet_201_bushfire_behaviour \(1\) 2.pdf](#) (192.49 KB)

SPORTS NEWS

SACSA BASKETBALL | 3 | 4 BOYS GOLD - 3RD PLACE



Coach

Mr Mertin

Front Row (L - R)

Back Row (L - R)

Nash P

Elijah T

Michael S

Mason O

Daniel D

Blake H

Oliver P

Micah F

The boys had a fantastic day at the basketball carnival. They gave it their best effort all day and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. They played well in all their games and encouraged others, supporting each other whether it was a win or a loss. They were able to show some amazing skills and gelled well together as a team. In the end they finished 3rd overall and should be really proud of their efforts. Well done Bethany Gold.

Mr Mertin

SACSA BASKETBALL | 3 | 4 BOYS SILVER - 8TH PLACE



Coach	Mr Peterson	
Front Row (L - R)	Back Row (L - R)	
Wyatt H	Luca B	
Connor S	Jabari S	
Xavier B	Jesse B	
Charlie R	Lueth M	

It was great coaching this group of 3/4 boys. They're attitude at training and games was really positive. They learnt some great lessons along the way and were rewarded with a couple of wins. Congratulations on a great day boys!

Mr Peterson

SACSA BASKETBALL | 3 | 4 GIRLS GOLD - 4TH PLACE



Coach		Mrs Curtis	
Front Row (L - R)		Back Row (L - R)	
Amelia C		Harriet B	
Mila P		Scarlett R	
Anna C		Harper F	
Ziara A		Gemma K	

The girls played hard all day, with some excellent wins, along with some tough losses. It was so great to see their game improve over the day and their tenacity served them well. The girls finished 4th overall, with losses only to Kings & Prescott Northern. I'm so proud of their hard work, sportsmanship and determination. Well done girls!

Mrs Curtis

SACSA BASKETBALL | 3 | 4 GIRLS SILVER - 8TH PLACE



Coach		Mr Hannaford	
Front Row (L - R)		Back Row (L - R)	
Hannah M		Simar G	
Petra K		Esther D	
Elsie H		Marina B	
Pearl B		Esther M	

The team played five exciting games throughout the day, facing strong and challenging competition—often against Year 4 students.

From the very first game, the girls demonstrated resilience and determination, never backing down despite the tough matchups. As the day progressed, it was inspiring to see how they banded together as a team, showing incredible growth in their skills and confidence. By the final game, their improvement was clear, and every player should feel extremely proud of their effort and commitment.

Beyond the scoreboard, the team truly embodied our school values of Grace, Integrity, Respect, Humility, Service, and Excellence. Their sportsmanship and positive attitude shone brightly, making them fantastic ambassadors for our school community.

A huge thank you to the parents who came along to cheer and support the team—it made the day even more special! And a special shout-out to Yvonne, who generously scored for us throughout the carnival—your help was invaluable.

We are excited about the progress made and can't wait to see even more growth and success next year. Well done, Silver Team—you were amazing!

Mr Hannaford

SACSA BASKETBALL | YEAR 5 | 6 BOYS GOLD - CHAMPIONS!



Coach		Mr Tothill	
Front Row (L - R)		Back Row (L - R)	
Cooper J		Jon N	
Noah P		Callum O	
Jensen B		Eli C	
Charlie M		Samuel D	

The boys left it all out on the court today. A mix of big wins and tight games, the boys brought it all together with an undefeated run. They kept their composure in crucial moments, which paved the way for a steal and high pressure shot in the final seconds in the Grand Final, resulting in a one-point win. The boys certainly earned their win today, along with the respect of many. I am very proud of the team in how they represented our school and themselves as individuals. Thank you to the parents who came out to cheer on the boys and support them along the way. It was a pleasure coaching these young men.

Mr Tothill

SACSA BASKETBALL | YEAR 5 | 6 BOYS SILVER - 7TH PLACE



Coach	Mrs Moore	
Front Row (L - R)	Back Row (L - R)	
Ethan L	Deng A	
David O	Liam A	
Tyler R	Riley W	
Adam J	Ethaniel Y	

What a great day of basketball! The boys showed great teamwork, determination, and encouragement for one another throughout the whole day. Every player contributed with energy and a positive attitude, both on and off the court. It was great to see their skills develop and their sportsmanship shine through in every game. Proud of the way the boys represented our school. Well done boys!

Mrs Moore

SACSA BASKETBALL | YEAR 5 | 6 GIRLS GOLD - RUNNERS UP



Coach		Mr Taylor	
Front Row (L - R)		Back Row (L - R)	
Zoey G		Grace M	
Chloe H		Millie F	
Amelia J		Emily D	
Tino S		Annabel J	

What an amazing effort by the girls today reaching the Grand Final. Even though we finished 2nd (we only lost by 2 points) I was so proud of the way that you persisted and how you handled yourself. You are champions to me!

Mr Taylor

SACSA BASKETBALL | YEAR 5 | 6 GIRLS SILVER - 5TH PLACE



Coach		Mr Richardson	
Front Row (L - R)		Back Row (L - R)	
Annabell K		Lilly C	
Amali T		Ariana D	
Elise B		Aaliyah P	
Emma R			

What a great day of basketball! The Yr 5/6 girls silver had a day full of improvement and a lot of fun! With the majority of the team playing in their first actual game of basketball, the girls improved out of sight. They picked up their first win against Hope which put them through to finals. In their final game, which was the 5th vs 6th playoff, the girls showed their growth by finishing with a tie against a team they had previously lost to twice. I'm so proud of the girls who played the game in the right spirit and got some rewards for their effort! Well done!

Mr Richardson

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 1 | 11

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result
Netball	U10 Golden Stars	Angels	Emma N	15 - 1
Netball	U14 Bright Stars	Jets	Ariana D	8 - 29
Basketball	U08 Warriors	N/A	N/A	N/A
Basketball	U08 Rockets	GGLPS Supernova Stars	Mark S	18 - 0
Basketball	U10 Thunder	Hope Valley Heat Red	Hamish F	6 - 26
Basketball	U10 Breakers	Hustlesquad Spurs	Jabari S	27 - 8
Basketball	U10 Ballers	Punjab Lions	Lachlan M	7 - 8
Basketball	U10 Celtics	Hope Valley Heat	Elsie H	21 - 2
Basketball	U12 Lakers	76ers Sonics	Elijah T	27 - 20

SATURDAY 8 | 11

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result
Netball	U10 Golden Stars	Hurricanes	Keira C	10 - 5
Netball	U14 Bright Stars	Lightning Biltz	Emily S	41 - 9
Basketball	U08 Rockets	N/A	N/A	N/A
Basketball	U08 Warriors	6ers Blue Jetts	Lycharles I	29 - 9
Basketball	U10 Thunder	Heccies Yellows 10	Aryandeep S	11 - 23
Basketball	U10 Breakers	Glenunga Rams 10B	Charlie R	11 - 0
Basketball	U10 Ballers	Hustle Squad Warriors	Levi D	9 - 14
Basketball	U10 Celtics	Kings Skittles	Amelia A	23 - 1
Basketball	U12 Lakers	NE Lakers	Micah-Malachi F	30 - 35

WEEKLY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 14th November	SRC Market Day
Thursday 20th November	Year 1 Healthy Choices Incursion
Friday 21st November	Year 5 Adelaide Zoo Excursion
Wednesday 26th November	Year 2 Birdwood National Motor Museum Excursion
Wednesday 3rd December	End of Year Event

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 - 3.10 pm pick up

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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