







Remembrance Day celebrations.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our week 5 newsletter!

We are excited to invite you to celebrate the end of the year at our Concert, "*Christmas... It's Just the Beginning*". This year's production focuses on retelling the Christmas story in a creative, engaging, and immersive way, with a clear emphasis on the message of Jesus. Through a continuous narrative, each year level will contribute to the story, encouraging us to reflect on the significance of Christ's birth.

The concert will be presented in two identical performances on **Wednesday 2 December**:

Matinee Performance: 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Evening Performance: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Students will be dismissed following the matinee performance at **3:10** pm and are asked to return to their classrooms at **5:30**pm to allow time to prepare for the evening concert.

OSHC will be open as usual, and parents are encouraged to arrive by 5:30pm to sign out your child and take them to their classroom ready for the concert. Doors will open from 5:30pm for ticketholders.

Ticket Information

To ensure all families have the opportunity to attend, tickets were initially released on **Wednesday 4 November** with a limit of **four tickets per family**. Thank you to those families who have already secured their seats.

Any unclaimed tickets will be released in a **second ticket release on Wednesday 18 November**. Additional tickets will be available to families, subject to availability, and further details will be communicated next week.

Please do not book tickets for Bethany students in Reception to Year 6, as they are participating in the concert and do not require a ticket.

If your plans change and you are no longer able to attend, we kindly ask that you return your tickets through Humanitix so they can be made available to another family.

The concert will also be recorded and made available for families to enjoy after the event.

This week, we also held our Reception Transition Picnic to support students as they move confidently from ELC to Reception. Our Year 6 students have already visited Temple Christian College as they begin preparing for Year 7. These experiences help students feel ready, confident, and excited about the next stage of their learning journey.

This Friday is our **SRC Market Day**, with students operating stalls and selling products to other students. Opportunities such as these help develop creativity, initiative, and entrepreneurial skills while building community across the school.

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

Thank you for partnering with us. We appreciate all you do to make our community a place where children can thrive.

Warm regards,

Wendy Matear
Principal



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

Proverbs 31:8

DEPUTY'S CORNER

Welcome to Week 5!

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the term. Our students have enjoyed a busy and rewarding few weeks filled with learning opportunities, special events, and memorable moments. Thank you to our families for your ongoing support as we continue to partner together in helping our students thrive.

Car Park Safety Reminder
Thank you to the many families who consistently follow the traffic directions in our shared Bethany and Temple car park. Your cooperation plays an important role in ensuring the safety of all students and families during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

As a reminder, between 8:00am and 9:00am and 2:30pm and 3:30pm, all vehicles must enter the car park by turning right from Countess Street. This traffic arrangement helps maintain a smooth flow of vehicles and, most importantly, reduces risks for students walking to and from school.

We appreciate your continued support in helping keep our community safe.

E-Scooter Safety and Legal Requirements
Recently, we have become aware that a number of students are travelling to and from school on e-scooters. We have also received reports of unsafe riding behaviour in the local area, raising concerns for pedestrians, other road users, and the students themselves.

We would like to remind families that under current South Australian legislation, children under 16 years of age are not permitted to ride e-scooters. Information regarding these regulations can be found on the My Licence website: https://www.mylicence.sa.gov.au/roadrules/personal-mobility-devices

In addition to the safety risks involved, significant penalties may apply for both young riders and adults who allow children under 16 years of age to ride e-scooters.

As a school, student safety is our highest priority.

• Students under 16 years of age are not permitted to bring e-scooters onto school grounds.
• If an e-scooter is brought to school by a student under 16, parents or caregivers will be contacted and asked to collect it.
• Where staff observe students riding e-scooters in the vicinity of the school, families may also be contacted so that safety concerns can be discussed.

We understand that e-scooters can be enjoyable and convenient; however, these regulations have been introduced to reduce the risk of serious injury and to protect young people.

Temple Turning Circle Pick-Up Arrangements
We value the support many families receive from older Temple Christian College siblings who assist with after-school pick-up. However, we have recently observed situations where younger Bethany students are not being actively supervised while waiting for their older sibling. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our younger students, children who are collected by a Temple sibling must remain under that sibling's direct supervision. If an older sibling has other commitments after school and is unable to actively supervise their younger brother or sister, alternative collection arrangements will need to be made.

Where staff identify that a Bethany student is not being appropriately supervised, they will be directed to return to the Bethany Turning Circle and remain there until collected by a parent, caregiver, or nominated adult. Thank you for helping us ensure that every child remains safe and cared for at the end of the school day.

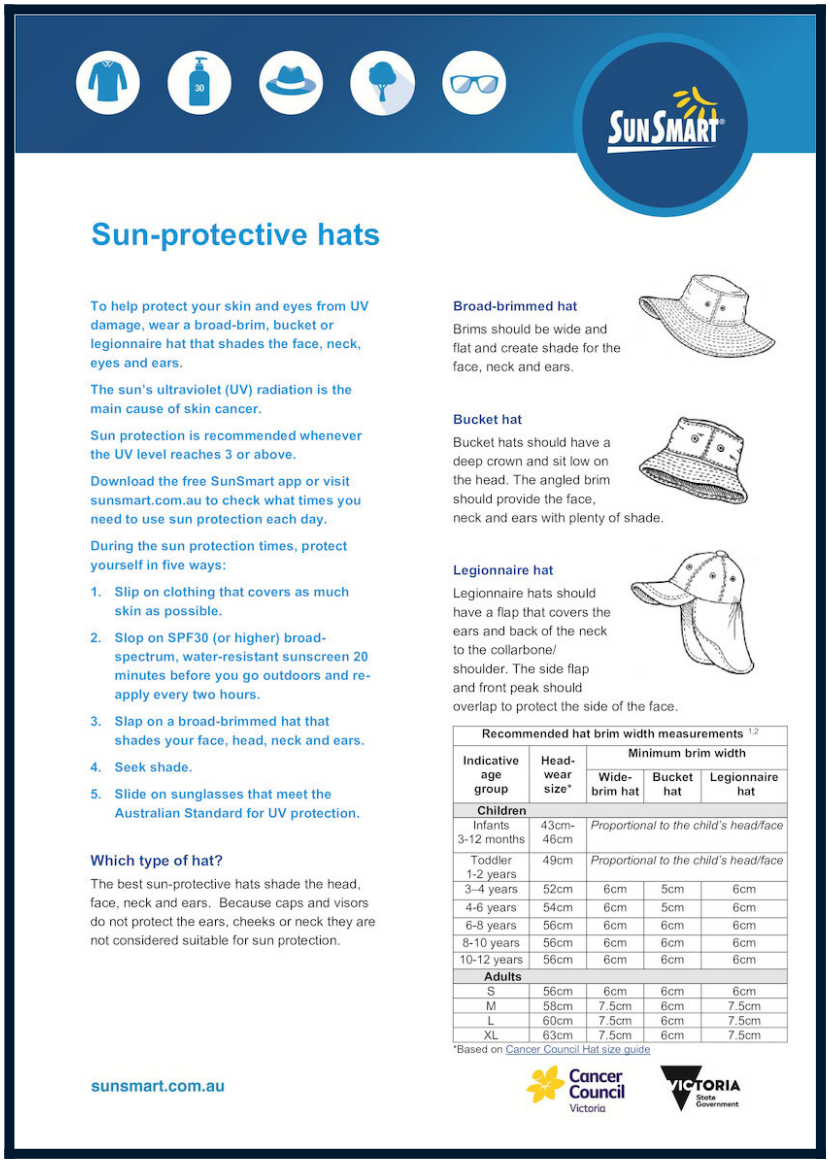
We pray that you have a wonderful week ahead.

God bless,

Deb Clifford & Melissa Taylor
Deputy Principals

HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTHCARE



SunSmart

Sun-protective hats

To help protect your skin and eyes from UV damage, wear a broad-brim, bucket or legionnaire hat that shades the face, neck, eyes and ears.

The sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the main cause of skin cancer.

Sun protection is recommended whenever the UV level reaches 3 or above.

Download the free SunSmart app or visit sunsmart.com.au to check what times you need to use sun protection each day.

During the sun protection times, protect yourself in five ways:

1. Slip on clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
2. Slop on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen 20 minutes before you go outdoors and re-apply every two hours.
3. Slap on a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face, head, neck and ears.
4. Seek shade.
5. Slide on sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard for UV protection.

Which type of hat?

The best sun-protective hats shade the head, face, neck and ears. Because caps and visors do not protect the ears, cheeks or neck they are not considered suitable for sun protection.

Broad-brimmed hat

Brims should be wide and flat and create shade for the face, neck and ears.

Bucket hat

Bucket hats should have a deep crown and sit low on the head. The angled brim should provide the face, neck and ears with plenty of shade.

Legionnaire hat

Legionnaire hats should have a flap that covers the ears and back of the neck to the collarbone/ shoulder. The side flap and front peak should overlap to protect the side of the face.

Recommended hat brim width measurements [1,2]

Indicative age group	Head-wear size*	Minimum brim width		
		Wide-brim hat	Bucket hat	Legionnaire hat
Children				
Infants 3-12 months	43cm-46cm	*Proportional to the child's head/face*		
Toddler 1-2 years	49cm	*Proportional to the child's head/face*		
3–4 years	52cm	6cm	5cm	6cm
4-6 years	54cm	6cm	5cm	6cm
6-8 years	56cm	6cm	6cm	6cm
8-10 years	56cm	6cm	6cm	6cm
10-12 years	56cm	6cm	6cm	6cm
Adults				
S	56cm	6cm	6cm	6cm
M	58cm	7.5cm	6cm	7.5cm
L	60cm	7.5cm	6cm	7.5cm
XL	63cm	7.5cm	6cm	7.5cm

*Based on Cancer Council Hat size guide

sunsmart.com.au

Cancer Council Victoria

VICTORIA State Government

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YEAR 6 SURF EDUCATION EXCURSION

On the 30th of October, the Year 6's went to Glenelg beach for a surf education excursion. To start the day, we caught a private bus to Glenelg beach. We were split into groups and had a Surf Life Saver as our instructor for the day.

On the beach we learnt how to use a paddle board and rescue tube. The water was nice and cold for using the paddle board and rescue tube. We also did some relays with the paddle boards and some races as well. Overall, the day was very enjoyable, but the weather was a bit poor. At the end of the day, we got to learn something new and explore the surf education club.

Tuyet M










PARLIAMENT HOUSE AND THE AUSTRALIAN SPACE DISCOVERY CENTRE

On the 20th of October, the Year 6s went to Parliament House and the Australian Space Discovery Centre. We first caught a bus to Mawson Lakes Interchange and then caught a train and then a tram to the Australian Space Discovery Centre. We learnt about the different robots on Mars and then explored Space Discovery Centre's interactive exhibition.

Then we travelled by tram to Parliament House and met The Honourable Mr John Fulbrook, who gave us a tour of Parliament House. We went into the House of Assembly Chamber which had green everywhere. We pretended to pass a bill about homework being banned and unfortunately for my group homework had to stay. Thank you, Mr Fullbrook, for your time and knowledge about Australia's government. We really enjoyed the day.

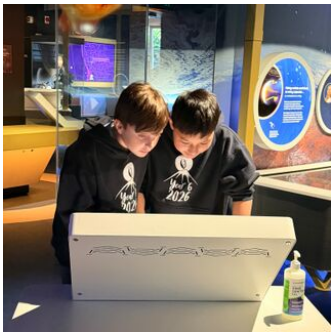
Neriah T











BACK TO SCHOOL DATES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP 2027

O Week Schedule

Wednesday 27th January	8.30 am to 12.00 pm
Thursday 28th January	8.30 am to 12.00 pm
Friday 29th January	11.00 am to 4.00 pm

Week 1 Schedule

Please note that Tuesday 26th January is a public holiday and the Uniform Shop will be closed.

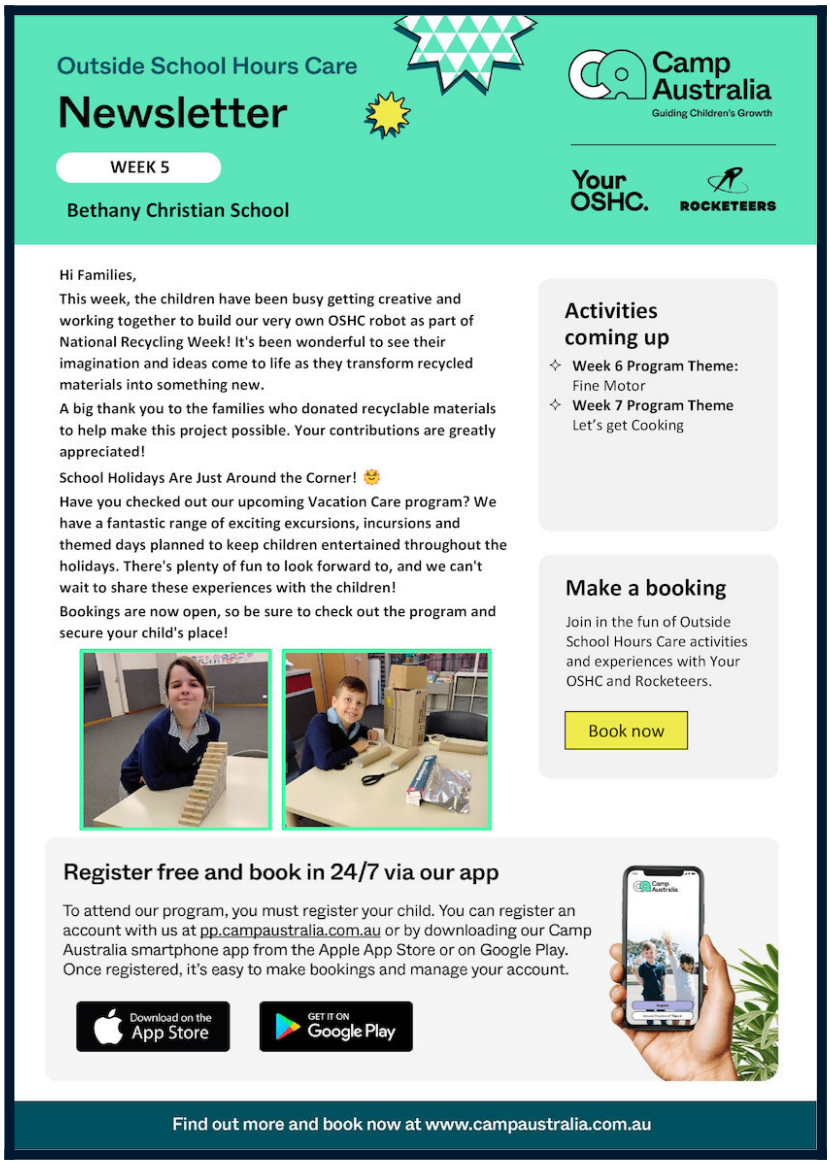
Normal trading times will commence from Monday 8th February 2027.

Monday 1st February	8.00 am to 11.00 am
Tuesday 2nd February	12.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Wednesday 3rd February	8.00 am to 11.00 am
Thursday 4th February	12.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Friday 5th February	8.00 am to 11.00 am

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

5M	5RW
Dhanveer P	Oscar S
	Elric S
	Aksh C

CAMP AUSTRALIA



Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

WEEK 5

Bethany Christian School

Camp Australia
Guiding Children's Growth

Your OSHC.

ROCKETEERS

Hi Families,

This week, the children have been busy getting creative and working together to build our very own OSHC robot as part of National Recycling Week! It's been wonderful to see their imagination and ideas come to life as they transform recycled materials into something new.

A big thank you to the families who donated recyclable materials to help make this project possible. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

School Holidays Are Just Around the Corner!

Have you checked out our upcoming Vacation Care program? We have a fantastic range of exciting excursions, incursions and themed days planned to keep children entertained throughout the holidays. There's plenty of fun to look forward to, and we can't wait to share these experiences with the children!

Bookings are now open, so be sure to check out the program and secure your child's place!

Activities coming up

- Week 6 Program Theme: Fine Motor
- Week 7 Program Theme Let's get Cooking

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.

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

Find out more and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAYGROUP



Open Playgroup Flyer.pdf (654.89 KB)

SPORTS NEWS

SACSA BASKETBALL | 3|4 BOYS - 3RD PLACE



Coach	Mr Nottle
Front Row (L - R)	**Back Row (L - R)**
Charlie R	Jabari S
Connor S	Mason O
Jameson M	Levi D
Nash P	Xavier B

The Bethany boys had a fun and successful day. The team continued to improve through each game and won 3 of their 5 group games and finished with a win in the 3rd/4th playoff match. The lads used their team well and their biggest celebration was when they ensured every player had scored in a single game. I'm proud of the way the team approached the day and they should be too!

Mr Nottle

SACSA BASKETBALL | 3|4 GIRLS - CHAMPIONS!



Coach	Mr Mertin
Front Row (L - R)	**Back Row (L - R)**
Esther M	Anna C
Ziara A	Mila P
Hannah M	Marina B
Pearl B	Esther D

It's always an exciting day out when you get to play basketball at the Lights Centre. The girls came in to the day eager to play and to give their all. Right from the first game, the girls played well together as a team, gave each other plenty of opportunities to score and encouraged each other. It was excellent to see each one of our girls focus on our values for the day of honour, love and effort. They supported each other and encouraged the other teams to have a go while also playing with a relentless attitude and desire to win every game by as much as they possibly could. In the end, they finished the day winning the carnival and remaining undefeated after what was a heartstoppping, edge of your seat, grand final. Well done on a fantastic day of basketball girls, you did amazing and should be proud of your effort.

Mr Mertin

SACSA BASKETBALL | YEAR 5|6 BOYS - 3RD PLACE



Coach	Mr Tothil
Front Row (L – R)	**Back Row (L – R)**
Micah F	Riley W
Oliver P	Ashton S
Tyler R	Ethan Y
Michael S	Elijah T

The boys had a day of highs and lows, learning to make adjustments to their game and improve communication. The boys learnt more about themselves as each game passed, demonstrating their growth in the final match for 3rd place. The team was encouraging, pushed themselves and I am very proud of how they represented Bethany Christian School.

Mr Tothill

SACSA BASKETBALL | YEAR 5|6 GIRLS - RUNNERS UP



Coach	Mr Hall
Front Row (L – R)	**Back Row (L – R)**
Amelia C	Zoey G
Nakisha C	Elise B
Harper F	Scarlett R
Daisy S	Amelia J

The girls did a great job the whole day showing great skills and sportsmanship each and every game. Zoe handled the ball amazingly displaying grit and perseverance throughout the day. Shout out to Nakisha who showed incredible sportsmanship as she encouraged and supported her teammates. The girls finished runners up and we are thrilled with the result.

Mr Hall

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:

[Nomination Form (Open)]

SAPSASA Para District Swim Meet [10 - 12 year olds] on Monday 1st March, Week 5, Term 1, 2027

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.

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 31 | 10

Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	W | D | L	Bethany	Opposition
Wolves	Stingrays Little Hoopers	Theo H	L	6	18
Warriors	SFX Dunkers	Charlie F	L	6	8
Rockets	Kings Scorpions	Evander H	W	24	9
Thunder	Glenunga Rams 10a	Lachlan M	L	11	31
Raptors	Heccies 10G Gold	Tiara N	L	3	17
Breakers	The Redbacks	Mason N	L	15	16
Ballers	Hope Valley Heat 12 Red	Mabior	L	17	23
Celtics	Hope Valley Heat 12G White	Chelsea M	W	38	18
Lakers	Punjab Lions BC 12	Elijah T-F	W	12	41

SATURDAY 7 | 11

Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	W | D | L	Bethany	Opposition
Wolves	Wings FLyers	Zachary B	W	8	6
Warriors	Heccies 8 Gold	Faith K	L	1	21
Rockets	SFX Boomers	Lennox P	W	46	4
Thunder	GGLP Golden Stars	Flynn B	W	29	15
Raptors	Wings Finches	Anaya B	W	32	6
Breakers					
Ballers	Wings Flames	Ronaldo L	L	11	41
Celtics	76ers Cosmic Crushers	Siena P	L	10	24
Lakers	76ers Piranhas	Blake H	W	38	21

WEEKLY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Year 6 Blessing Chapel	Wednesday 18th November
Year 5 Adelaide Zoo Excursion	Friday 27th November
Magor-Klimionok Cup - Year 6	Friday 27th November
The BFG Movie Year 2 Incursion	Monday 30th November
End of Year Concert	Wednesday 2nd December

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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