



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our Week 7 newsletter. I hope you were able to enjoy some quality time with your family over the long weekend.

Next week, our Year 5 students head off to camp. Camps are a wonderful learning opportunity, giving students the chance to spend time together, build independence, and create lasting memories in a different environment. We wish them a fantastic experience.

I am also excited to invite you to our **Week 9 Easter Chapels on Wednesday 1 April**. This year, Easter falls during the term, making it a busy time with two short weeks.

Our Reception and Year 1 classes will be celebrating with an **Easter Hat Parade**. We warmly invite families of these students to join us for a hot cross bun, a coffee, and some time to catch up with one another.

Easter is a very important celebration in the Christian calendar, as we remember the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus. We therefore invite all families to attend our usual chapels, where students will explore the meaning of Easter together on **Wednesday 1 April**.

- **Primary Chapel:** 10:50am – 11:30am
- **Junior Primary Chapel:** 12:10pm – 12:50pm

Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the chapel. These chapels will be recorded for those who are unable to attend in person or who would like to watch later.

Please note that **school will finish early at 12:10pm on Thursday 2 April** as we head into the Easter long weekend. We ask families to make the necessary arrangements for student collection on this day. OSHC is available for bookings.

Our **Parent-Teacher Interviews** will be held on Thursday 26 March and Tuesday 31 March. You should have received an email with a booking link to schedule a 10-minute meeting with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress. If you have not received this email, please contact the office so we can update your contact details.

I hope you have enjoyed the recent rain and that you are able to spend some relaxing time with your family this

weekend.

God bless you,

Wendy Matear  
**Principal**

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life".

**John 14:6a**

## DEPUTY'S CORNER

Welcome back to Week 7! A big shout-out to all the students who participated in the Primary Athletics Day, and to the many family members and friends who came along to cheer them on. We were blessed with perfect weather, and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the day outdoors. A special thank-you to our PE team for the many hours they spent preparing such a successful event.

This year, we have transitioned to Toddle as our learning platform, and it has already proven to be a valuable tool for open communication between families, class teachers, and the school. One significant feature is the enhanced visibility of our behaviour management system, which has evolved from the "Happy and Sad Steps" to "Merits and Resets." We have received excellent feedback from both parents and students—especially regarding the notifications for Merits earned during the day. Some students even enjoy the surprise of discovering their Merit only when their parents tell them after school!

One of Toddle's greatest strengths is its ability to provide immediate communication, allowing our behaviour management processes to be more easily tailored to each student. This helps us reinforce positive choices and support students in a constructive, encouraging way.

A small but meaningful change to our behaviour management approach is the introduction of the Reflection Room, previously known as "detention". We intentionally removed the punitive language and reframed the experience as a calm, supportive space available for 20 minutes during Wednesday or Friday lunch times. The Reflection Room provides an opportunity for personal reflection or co-regulated reflection with a staff member.

Students may be referred to the Reflection Room when it is considered the most effective and positive intervention to help shift behaviour. For many students, a short time to pause and reflect is enough to reset their thinking and plan for more positive choices in the future. For others, different strategies may better support their learning, and we will always choose the approach that aligns with their needs.

Students who attend the Reflection Room will still complete a reflection sheet, and some may write an apology to help repair a relationship that has been affected. These reflection sheets will go home with the child. However, unlike our previous system, parents do not need to sign and return them, as Toddle will notify you directly about your child's Reflection Room time.

A Reflection Room consequence is only one part of a Reset. The true learning happens through regulation, reflection, and relationship repair, all of which help guide students toward making more constructive choices. This aligns with our trauma-informed practices and the latest neuroscience around behaviour. As Dr. Ross Greene reminds us, "All kids do well if they can". It is our shared responsibility to create the conditions that allow children to flourish and be set up for success.

### **Attending Chapels**

We are delighted that our new Reception students are now joining us on Wednesdays and can participate in our Chapels! It has also been wonderful to see so many family members and friends attending. All parents are warmly invited to join us at either the Primary Chapel (Wednesdays 10:50am-11:30am) or Junior Primary Chapel (Wednesdays 12:10pm-12:50pm).

To make the experience as welcoming as possible, the entire upstairs mezzanine area is open to our visitors and offers an excellent view of the stage. If any family members have mobility needs, please speak with one of our staff, and we will ensure a suitable seat is arranged downstairs in the auditorium. Parents with prams are welcome to park them safely under the stairs. We look forward to seeing you at Chapel!

### **SRC Casual Day Week 8**

The SRC have organised their first Casual Day for 2026. This is a big event for our new Year 6 student leaders who make up the Student Representative Council.

On Friday 27th of March, your child can wear school appropriate casual clothing for just the cost of a gold coin donation. All money collected will go towards Hope Village Library and Bethany Christian School student resources such as more yard play games and sporting equipment.

Remember, students still need to learn and play, so the casual clothing should be suitable for school, and the shoes worn should allow your child to play safely outside. Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend.

God bless you,

Deb Clifford & Melissa Taylor

### Deputy Principals



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# HIGHLIGHTS

## DENTAL FOR SCHOOLS

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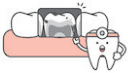




**DFS is scheduled to visit Bethany Christian School during:**  
**Term 2: Week 1 & 2, 2026**

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](http://dentalforschools.com.au) P. (08) 7225 8142

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## CHOIR



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[Please click here to complete the Choir Application Form](#)

## UNIFORM SHOP - SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING

Please note that in Term 2 students will be required to wear their winter uniform. The Uniform Shop will be open during the school holiday break. Here are the opening times:

**Tuesday, 21st April:** 8.30am - 1.00pm

**Thursday, 23rd April:** 8.30am - 1.00pm

## CAMP AUSTRALIA

Outside School Hours Care

# Newsletter

WEEK 7

Bethany Christian School



Your  
OSHC.



Hi Families,

Can you believe the school holidays are just around the corner? Bookings are now open for our Rocketeers program! These holidays, we have a range of exciting and engaging themed days and excursions planned, including a visit to an indoor obstacle course at SA Base Camp and a trip to the movies to watch the new Super Mario Galaxy movie. Don't forget to secure your child's place.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Foodbank donation drive. Thanks to your generosity, we have collected a large number of items to deliver on behalf of OSHC, helping support families in need.

At OSHC, we love seeing the wonderful creations the children come up with. Below are some photos of a shadowbox art activity, where children expressed their creativity and created a special keepsake to take home.

In collaboration with the children, we have also introduced a Creation Station, where recycled materials are readily available for creative projects. If you have any items such as empty boxes, bottles, or other recyclables that you could donate, we would greatly appreciate your support.



## Activities coming up

- ✦ Week 8 Program Theme: Creative
- ✦ Week 9 Program Theme: Easter
- ✦ Rocketeers (VAC Care) April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup>

## 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](http://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](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## PLAYGROUP



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## GAWLER & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

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# GDNA WINTER NETBALL



## THURSDAY NIGHTS

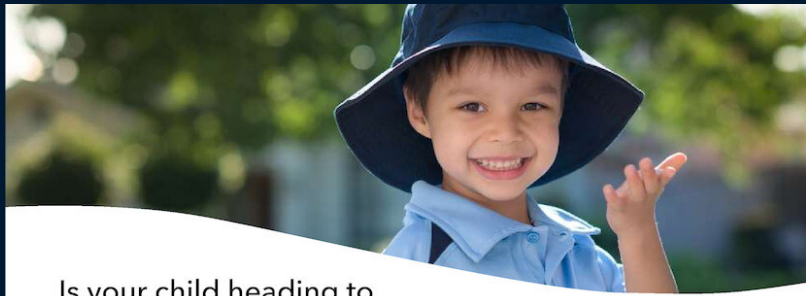
Commencing April 2026  
Juniors, seniors, boys, 9U-program



For more information:  
E: [secretary@gawlernetball.com.au](mailto:secretary@gawlernetball.com.au)

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Is your child heading to  
Primary School in 2027?

Could an **extra**  
**\$500** help with their  
education costs?

Join Saver Plus, Australia's longest running financial education and matched savings program. Saver Plus is a free program that has supported over 68,000 people to develop lifelong savings habits and receive up to \$500 to assist with education costs.

**The Smith Family**

is delivering Saver Plus

To support families at

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**ENQUIRE NOW**



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and the Department of Social Services.

**What is Saver Plus?**

A free 10-month program that helps you save for your own or your children's education.

- Build lasting savings habits
- Be better prepared for unexpected expenses
- Stay in control
- Improve personal wellbeing

**Who can join?**

To be eligible for Saver Plus, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Receive an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*
- Be studying yourself or have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (you or your partner)
- Be 18+ years old

\*Many income types and Centrelink payments may qualify. Not sure if you qualify? Just fill out the enquiry form and a Savings Coach will reach out to you.

To confidentially find out more, call Saver Plus or fill out the enquiry form in the link.

**1300 610 355** [saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au)

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# SPORTS NEWS

## BCS ATHLETICS REPORT

On Friday, March 6, students from Years 3 to 6 came together for our annual Athletics Day, held across the school grounds and at Fairbanks Reserve. The day was full of enthusiasm and excitement, with students proudly representing their houses and giving their best effort in every event. It was fantastic to see such strong teamwork, encouragement, and determination from everyone throughout the day.

The competition was close from the very beginning, with all teams sitting on very similar points in the morning. As the day progressed, the excitement continued to build before Meshach surged ahead, launching themselves to the top of the scoreboard and finishing the day as champions.

A special thank you to the Year 10 Physical Education students from Temple Christian College, Paralowie Campus, for their excellent support in helping to run the sporting events throughout the day. We also extend our sincere thanks to our teachers, volunteers, and staff for their dedication and organisation - the day would not have run so smoothly without your efforts. Thank you to the families and friends who came along to support our young athletes. Your encouragement helped create a wonderful atmosphere and motivated our students to give their very best.

Finally, congratulations to all our students for their outstanding effort and sportsmanship. Regardless of which team scored the most points, events like Athletics Day are only possible because of your enthusiasm and participation; you truly made this year's event a success. We are already looking forward to another great day of competition and fun next year. Will Meshach defend their title, or will Abednego or Shadrach rise to the challenge? Only time will tell!

## NEW SCHOOL ATHLETICS RECORDS

Congratulations to the students who broke previous school athletics records at this event!

| Age   Gender | Student  | Event     | Distance   Time |
|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 8 Girls      | Sakyrá W | 800M      | 3:47.00mins     |
| 12 Boys      | Ashton S | 800M      | 2:41:00mins     |
| 12 Girls     | Elise B  | Long Jump | 3.81m           |

## SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

Well done to those who showed great sportsmanship throughout the day, and were awarded the sportsmanship award.

| Age         | Female Sportsmanship | Male Sportsmanship |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 8 Year Old  | Esther N             | Tejas G            |
| 9 Year Old  | Hoih N-M             | Mason O            |
| 10 Year Old | Ava N                | Benjamin F         |
| 11 Year Old | Amelia C             | Micah F            |
| 12 Year Old | Sofia S              | Nathaniel M        |

## AGE CHAMPION

Congratulations to the individuals who were awarded the most points and won the overall age champion for their age-gender group!

| Age         | Female Age Champion | Male Age Champion |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 8 Year Old  | Skylaah W           | Jacob B           |
| 9 Year Old  | Mila G              | Nash P            |
| 10 Year Old | Harper F            | Charlie R         |
| 11 Year Old | Adalyn N            | Abraham G         |
| 12 Year Old | Elise B             | Ashton S          |

## HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to **Meshach** who were House Champions for 2026!

| House    | Points |
|----------|--------|
| Meshach  | 2016   |
| Abednego | 1753   |
| Shadrach | 1449   |





## 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 | Burrarah | 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 14 | 03

| Sport      | Team         | Opponent           | Coach's Pick | Match Result |
|------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Basketball | U08 Warriors | CFX Dunkers        | Jahzara N    | 7 - 20       |
| Basketball | U08 Rockets  | Kings Sharks       | Lennox P     | 24 - 15      |
| Basketball | U10 Thunder  | Kings Wolves       | Elliott S    | 3 - 27       |
| Basketball | U10 Breakers | Adelaide Dragons   | Krishna B    | 25 - 9       |
| Basketball | U10 Ballers  | Hustle Squas Spurs | Zander N     | 16 - 23      |
| Basketball | U10 Celtics  | Kings Skittles     | Elsie H      | 25 - 4       |
| Basketball | U12 Lakers   | Brooks Cavaliers   | Blake H      | 32 - 29      |

# WEEKLY INFORMATION

## IMPORTANT DATES

|                      |                                                   |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 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                                     |
| Friday 10th April    | Last day of Term 1 (normal dismissal time 3.10pm) |

## 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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