



Year 5 Christmas Drama photos by Madelyn N.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our last full newsletter for the year! There's so much happening as we head into the Christmas season, and we can't wait to celebrate with you.

Bethany's Biggest Christmas Banquet

Our Christmas Banquet will be held on **Wednesday 3rd December from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**. 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.

The evening will feature a Christmas Parade, shared banquet tables, carols, a Christmas quiz, and activities to enjoy as a family. Bookings for table seating have now closed, but you can still attend. Simply bring a picnic rug or chairs, and we'll provide a space for you to join in. Please allow extra time to arrive and be seated for the parade. Seating is general admission, so you can sit near family and friends who have booked tables.

To help with parking, weather permitting, we will clear staff cars from our carparks, but you may need to park locally. Please respect our neighbours by keeping driveways clear and avoiding yellow council lines. Thank you for representing Bethany well.

Christmas Giving - Food Hampers, Hope Helpers

We are partnering with Revolution Salisbury City (Parafield Gardens Salvation Army) to provide food hampers for families in need this Christmas. If you would like to donate, please bring items listed on the flyer included in this newsletter. A dedicated space will be available for donations on banquet night.

A small group of students called 'Hope Helpers', will be selling some home-made Christmas goods at a stall on the Banquet night with all proceeds going to Hope Village. You may like to bring along some cash to support this venture.

A Season of Generosity

As we enter this season of giving, we are reminded of our memory verse:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

This incredible act of generosity continues to impact millions around the world today. At Bethany, we are

grateful for this precious gift and excited to spend time with you at the banquet table.

Important End-of-Year Dates

Next **Thursday, 4th December**, we will celebrate the year with a range of fun activities, including water based bouncy castles and much more. Please read the flyer in this newsletter for details on what to wear for our Celebration Day.

School finishes on **Wednesday 10th December at 3:10pm**. Our Final Awards Assembly will be livestreamed and recorded for you to enjoy. A link will be sent via email and the BCS App, where you'll agree to appropriate video use before viewing.

On the Monday of the last week of school, students will meet their 2026 class and teacher and reconnect with friends for next year's learning journey.

Our Year 6 Graduation will be Tuesday 9th December at 6:00pm with a formal ceremony followed by a dance party for them at school—a wonderful celebration of this milestone. Reception Orientation will be held on **Friday 5th December**.

Thank You for Your Partnership

Our Bethany community is filled with people who care deeply for children, love God, and want the best for one another. Our vision is to excel in Christian education and character, inspiring greatness, while serving communities and impacting nations.

I pray that you experience God's peace, love, and joy this Christmas season, and that His blessings overflow in the new year.

God bless you,

Wendy Matear
Principal

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

THE SALVATION ARMY

DONATE A GIFT THIS *Christmas*

Items needed:

LOGLIFE MILK | RICE | PASTA | PASTA SAUCE
PANCAKE MIX | CAN FRUIT | JELLY CRYSTALS
SWEET BISCUITS | SAVOURY BISCUITS/CHIPS
CAN VEG | MEAL BASE/SIMMER SAUCES
INSTANT COFFEE/TEA/HOT CHOCOLATE
INSTANT NOODLES | OATS
MUESLI BARS | JAMS/SPREADS

**PLEASE BRING TO THE BETHANY
BIGGEST CHRISTMAS BANQUET**

Wednesday 3rd December, 5.30pm – 7.30pm
All donations will be given to
Revolution Salisbury City

Open Red And Teal Playful Donation Drive Christmas Announcement Instagram Post.pdf (3.93 MB)

DEPUTY'S CORNER

What an incredible Market Day we had in Week 5! The event was a resounding success, with an impressive 54 market stalls booked and buzzing with activity. Each stall showcased the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of our students, offering a delightful variety of goods—from beautifully crafted candles and stunning jewellery to innovative 3D-printed items and even face painting! There truly was something for everyone.

The excitement among students was palpable as they explored the stalls, chatted with the young business owners, and picked out special items to take home. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and support for their peers' hard work.

A huge congratulations goes to our Student Representative Council (SRC) members, who were the driving force behind this event. They took on the challenge of planning Market Day from start to finish—organising stall holders, setting up tables, and ensuring everything ran smoothly, right down to the clean-up after lunch. Their leadership and teamwork were outstanding, and they should be very proud of what they achieved.

We also extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and families who came along to support Market Day. Your presence and encouragement made the day even more special for our students.

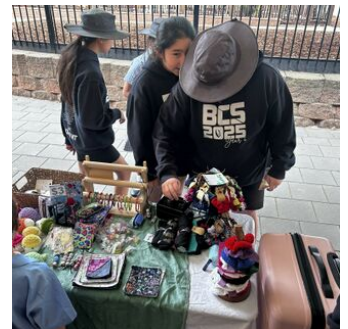
This year's Market Day has certainly set the bar high and sparked plenty of inspiration for what's to come in 2026. We can't wait to see what creative ideas our students bring to the next event!

I wish you all a lovely week.

God bless you,

Deb Clifford

Deputy Principal



HIGHLIGHTS

WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Celebration Day!

On **THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER** we are celebrating the end of the year on our oval with a **School Fun Day!**

During the day each year level will have an opportunity to participate in a range of fun activities.

THE FESTIVITIES

- Push Go Karts | Balance Bikes
- Nature Play | Water Play
- Sprinklers
- Picnic Games
- 9 Hole Mini Golf
- Bouncy Castles (water slide options)
- Movie (Function Room)

THE SCHEDULE

- Lesson 1 & 2**
Year 5 | Year 6
- Lesson 3**
ELC | Reception
- Lesson 4 & 5**
Year 1 | Year 2
- Lesson 6 & 7**
Year 3 | Year 4

WHAT TO WEAR

ELC TO Year 1 wear bathers to school under casual clothes to wear during water activities
Pack PE uniform & underwear to change into after the celebration

Year 2 to Year 6 wear bathers to school under PE Uniform
pack a set of clothes (short sleeve top and shorts) to wear during water activities

All Students will need a towel | school hat | goggles (if wanted)
Crocs and thongs can be worn during these activities

[Open 2025 Whole School Celebration Flyer.pdf \(5.34 MB\)](#)

YEAR 5 SCIENCE EXCURSION TO ADELAIDE ZOO

On Friday the 21st of November, our Year 5 students had a fantastic day exploring the Adelaide Zoo as part of our Science unit "Living things have structural features and adaptations that help them to survive in their environment." The excursion provided an exciting hands-on opportunity for students to apply their classroom learning to real-life examples in the natural world.

Students participated in a 45-minute program led by zoo educators, where they examined a range of taxidermy animals up close. This session helped them identify key structural features—such as specialised feet, teeth, skin coverings, and body shapes—and discuss how these adaptations help animals survive in their specific habitats.

Throughout the day, students walked around the zoo making observations of a variety of animals. Two clear favourites were the giant pandas and the giraffes, which sparked lots of great discussions about diet,

camouflage, and physical adaptations such as neck length and paw structure.

Of course, no excursion is complete without some time to play, and the students thoroughly enjoyed a break on the zoo's fantastic playground.

A huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who helped supervise and support the students throughout the day. Your time and enthusiasm made the excursion run smoothly and safely, and we truly appreciate your involvement.

Overall, it was a memorable and educational experience that brought our Science learning to life!



MARTY MCBUBBLE - THE SCIENTIFIC BUBBLE SHOW

Our super excited **Reception classes** were able to enjoy Marty McBubble's Scientific Bubble Show in Week 5. This delightful show brought science to life through bubbles—sparking wonder, laughter, and learning across the room.

Our students explored the following ideas:

- What makes bubbles form
- Bubble shapes and geometry
- Watching how bubbles reflect light and change form

Marty's vibrant performance was perfectly pitched at Reception-level curiosity and energy and we congratulate our students for showing excellent audience skills. They listened intently, supported their peers, and demonstrated fabulous behaviour throughout. The highlight of the performance was giving each child the opportunity to step inside a life-sized bubble!

Encouraging deeper inquiry and observation aligns beautifully with our inquiry-based learning approach. We encourage our students to keep asking questions, wondering and learning through play and a hands-on experiences.

Once again, well done to our young scientists for a memorable and educational event. A big thank you to Marty McBubble and Bright Spark Entertainment for inspiring us all!

Reception Teachers: Katie Haywood, Mahlah Hannaford and Rebecca Thomson



YEAR 1 COOKING EXPERIENCE - HEALTHY CHOICES AND FOLLOWING PROCEDURES

On **Thursday, 20th November**, our Year 1 classes enjoyed a hands-on cooking experience focused on two important learning goals: **making healthy food choices** and **following procedures carefully**.

It began with excitement as students rolled up their sleeves to create their very own pizzas. This activity was not only fun but also educational, as children explored how to select nutritious ingredients and understand the steps involved in preparing food safely. From spreading the sauce to adding colourful toppings, every child had the opportunity to practice independence and responsibility in the kitchen.

After the cooking session, students participated in a series of engaging games designed to reinforce thinking skills and teamwork. These activities encouraged collaboration and problem-solving.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 1 students for demonstrating **Bethany Christian School's values** throughout the day. Their enthusiasm, respect for instructions, and willingness to help one another truly shone. It was wonderful to see them apply classroom learning in such a practical and enjoyable way.

A heartfelt **thank you to our amazing volunteers** who generously gave their time to assist with preparation, supervision, and clean-up. Your support made this experience possible and ensured everything ran smoothly.

This event was a fantastic reminder that learning can be both meaningful and fun. Well done, Year 1, for embracing healthy choices and showing such care in following procedures!



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.

CAMP AUSTRALIA

WHAT'S ON THESE HOLIDAYS! →

FIND OUT MORE



Jet set on an Adventure



Get stuck into a DIY Project



Cause a racket



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



campaustralia.com.au



Open Rocketeers Summer 25-26 Poster.pdf (1.89 MB)

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!



SAVER PLUS



Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ
to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession 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 (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



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SPORTS NEWS

SACSA TOUCH FOOTBALL | 5 | 6 BOYS RUNNERS UP!



Coach		Mr Sheeky	
Front Row (L - R)		Back Row (L - R)	
	Ethan L		Liam A
	Bior A		Callum O
	Isaac D		Ashton S
	Riley W		Nathaniel M
	Noah P		Eli C

The year 5/6 Bethany boys touch team had an incredible SACSA tournament. After not losing a game in their pool matches, the boys finished top of the ladder and got the opportunity to play off in the grand final verse Kings. It was a tight match with both teams defending well. The boys put in their all, unfortunately going down, 2 - 1 as the final score. They can be proud of how they represented Bethany and will have a silver medal to remember a great tournament.

Mr Sheeky

SACSA TOUCH FOOTBALL | 5 | 6 GIRLS CHAMPIONS!



Coach

Mr Richardson

Front Row (L - R)

Back Row (L - R)

Elise B
Chloe H
Millie F
Zoey G
Madelyn N

Grace M
Amelia J
Annabel J
Loria C
Emily D

What an amazing day of Touch Football! The Yr 5/6 girls team played a wonderful tournament resulting in an undefeated day! The defence was rock solid and stood strong against waves of attack. In offence, the girls were creative which allowed them to show off their skills and speed to great effect. The grand final was an intense game that went right down to the wire - with the girls earning their 2-1 victory over Kings. I'm very proud of the way they adapted to different situations and how they pulled together, especially when faced with challenges. Well done girls, you deserved to be crowned champion!

Mr Richardson

HOT SHOTS TENNIS STATE FINAL | YEAR 3 | 4 - 8TH PLACE



Coach		Mr Grieger Miss Taylor	
Front Row (L - R)		Back Row (L - R)	
Blake B		Harper F	
Oscar M		Harriet B	
Isaac F		Tina K	
Ella S		Hunter R	
Jack M		Connor S	

It was a warm day for our State Hot Shots Tennis Carnival, but all of our students arrived well prepared and stayed hydrated, helping them perform at their best. It was wonderful to see so many schools from both metropolitan and regional areas represented on the day.

Our students showed fantastic attitudes and gave their all in every match. They supported one another, and many - even those who don't regularly play tennis - rose to the challenge and performed at a very high level. Their efforts earned us an impressive 8th place overall in the state for Year 3/4 schools.

Well done, Bethany team! It was great to see you embrace the challenge and enjoy the day!

Mr Grieger & Miss Taylor

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 15 | 11

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result
Netball	U10 Golden Stars	Lightning Blitz	Evie W	11 - 3
Netball	U14 Bright Stars	SNNC	Hannah H	20 - 21
Basketball	U08 Warriors	SFX Dunkers	Vorphot K	4 - 12
Basketball	U08 Rockets	Kings Sharks	Arlo P	13 - 8
Basketball	U10 Thunder	Heccies Gold 10	Jameson M	14 - 23
Basketball	U10 Breakers	GGLPS Dazzling Stars	Nash P	11 - 6
Basketball	U10 Ballers	Brooks Saints	Mason O	24 - 0
Basketball	U10 Celtics	Brooks Comets	Simar G	21 - 8
Basketball	U12 Lakers	Hope Valley Heat Blue	Michael S	27 - 10

SATURDAY 22 | 11

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result
Netball	U10 Golden Stars	Mawson Lakes	Elaina C	16 - 9
Netball	U14 Bright Stars	Angels	Chloe H	28 - 11
Basketball	U08 Warriors	Stingrays Little Hoopers	Mia M	3 - 14
Basketball	U08 Rockets	Heccies Blue	Makayo S	18 - 10
Basketball	U10 Thunder	76ers Rams	Jacob B	17 - 23
Basketball	U10 Breakers	Hope Valley	Siena P	33 - 2
Basketball	U10 Ballers	Hope Valley Heat	Zander N	23 - 16
Basketball	U10 Celtics	Heccies 10 Blue	Hannah M	16 - 0
Basketball	U12 Lakers	Modbury Vultures	Blake H	24 - 42

WEEKLY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 3rd December	Bethany's Biggest Christmas Banquet 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Thursday 4th December	Whole School Celebration Day
Friday 5th December	Reception Orientation
Tuesday 9th December	Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 10th December	Last day of school - normal dismissal time - 3.10 pm
Thursday 11th December	ELC Graduation

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES - DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

Monday	8am to 11am
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	2pm to 5pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	8am to 11am

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