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Some photos from the recent Year 2 Excursion

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our final newsletter for this term. As we head into the Easter long weekend, I am reminded of this central story to our Christian faith. The impact of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is still celebrated through Easter. We are so very grateful for the way our God has made a way for us to know Him personally and to experience His love, grace and care in our lives. This Easter, I would encourage you to attend an Easter service with your family. Base Church meets in our PAC and have a Good Friday service and an Easter Sunday service at 10am. You are welcome to attend.

School finishes early on **Thursday 6th April at 12:10pm** to allow those who need to travel on our roads time to get away safely. We will see your children back on Tuesday 11th April for our final week of term which finishes on Friday 14th April at our usual time of 3:10pm.

We have enjoyed a number of Easter celebrations this week with our choir singing a song at Monday Morning Praise, which they will share with families in a special concert later in the year. It was a great opportunity to have a practice run and they did a wonderful job. 6T led the Primary Chapel and 2Z led our Junior Primary Chapel on Wednesday. These were very special times of student led performances. We have included the videos of these for you to enjoy happy Easter. We also celebrated with an Easter egg hunt and an Easter Hat parade. All of these celebrations create a sense of celebration and fun as well as reflection and gratefulness and I was inspired as we saw student brilliance shining brightly.

We have now completed our Parent Teacher evenings and it was wonderful to see many of you at these events. Our teachers have enjoyed catching up with you and I am very grateful for the opportunity to meet together this term. If you were unable to attend, I would encourage you to make contact with your child's teacher to make a suitable time to stay informed.

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, we are developing a new feedback platform for ongoing feedback from the school community. It is a way that you can provide feedback regarding issues that fall outside of our usual procedures of speaking with the class teacher or the office. It is also a place for you to provide positive feedback on your experiences. Please refer to the article by Elise Ottens our Social Worker who is working in Community Relations for more information.

We have a pupil free day to start Term 2 and students return after the school holiday on Tuesday 2nd May.

I hope that you enjoy a safe Easter long weekend and then a week later, a restful school holiday break. May God bless you and your family.

God bless,

Wendy Matear Principal

LINKS TO THIS WEEK'S EASTER CHAPELS

The password for the videos is: BCSeaster2023

Please click on the link to view the videos

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

All your children will have God for their teacher - what a mentor for your children!

Isaiah 54: 13

DEPUTY'S CORNER

Welcome to week 9 of term 1. I am constantly amazed at how quickly time is passing! It is so important that we help our children by keeping a consistent bedtime routine, especially now when our body clocks are still set on pre-daylight saving hours.

Typically, our 3-5 year old children require 10-13 hours of sleep per night, our 5-11 year old children require 9-11 hours of sleep per night and our 12+ year old children require 8-10 hours of sleep per night. We all know what it feels like to function on very little or poor quality sleep. We end up feeling tired and irritable, and we find it tricky to maintain concentration. Our children also suffer when they are tired, and then we expect them to concentrate all day at school!

Establishing a calm, consistent routine before bedtime each night will aid them to get to sleep and remain asleep all night, which will help them get up the next morning ready to face the day enthusiastically. Part of this good bedtime routine is winding down at least an hour before bedtime. Reading quietly, listening to calming music or even listening to an adult read to them before bedtime is really beneficial to children. Very often, children take roughly 20 minutes to fall asleep. If you are finding your child takes longer, this may indicate that they need a longer wind-down before bed.

Using technology and watching a screen will actually affect the quality of sleep, and can even cause a person to take longer to fall asleep. Screen time stimulates the human brain, and the blue light tricks our brains into thinking that it is still daylight and will suppress our melatonin levels, causing issues in falling asleep. Technology is also the great temptation, and haven't we all been guilty of, 'playing that last game' or 'watching a little more'? Technology is a terrific time thief and is such a temptation to stay up later so that we can connect with friends or to play games. None of this is great for setting healthy bedtime routines. Switch off the technology and screen time at least one hour before bedtime. Removing technology from our children's bedrooms is not a punishment but is just good practice! We don't want notifications and messages to pop up all night and interrupt our children. Let them fully switch off!

Letting our children be physically active after school will also burn off any excess energy our children might have. This will help them also to drop off to sleep quickly and stay asleep. Remember, your GP can support you and your child if you are finding your child is having difficulties in getting to sleep, remaining asleep, or seems very tired during the day. Our Wellbeing Team is also a readily available resource, and if you think you might need some advice with establishing and keeping a great bedtime routine, please feel free to book a time with a member of the Wellbeing Team. You can contact us using the email wellbeing@bethany.sa.edu.au

Car Park Reminders

Just a quick reminder, please refrain from parking in the Early GoodStart Childcare Centre. Their car park is for their clients only, and these are parents of very little children. Let us make their day a bit easier by not taking up their valuable car parking space.

Please also use our car park wisely and kindly. Speak to each other nicely and be courteous to the other road users. Model safety, care and patience when you are driving around the school, as we share the road and car park with a lot of different people within the community, not just people who attend our school.

SAPOL are fast-tracking a campaign to encourage safer driving as our road toll has been quite horrific this year. Let's make every effort to keep our students safe by being safe road users.

I wish you all a safe and wonderful Easter long weekend. I pray that as you travel around, whether you are going away for the long weekend or just visiting friends and family for Easter, that you stay safe on our roads. I hope the time with your family is a truly blessed one.

God bless you all,

Deb Clifford

COMMUNICATIONS

At Bethany Christian School, we welcome ongoing feedback from our school community.

We recently conducted a survey with parents regarding the types and frequency of information they receive from our school.

The results were overwhelmingly positive and can be seen below:

- 95% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that the Newsletter provided accurate and timely information
- 94% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that they felt well-informed about school events and activities
- 94% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that teachers communicated important information regularly
- 92% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that they were well-informed about their child's learning progress
- 100% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that it was easy to contact their child's teacher when they needed to
- 92% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that they felt connected to the school community
- 97% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that they knew where to go if they had a concern they wanted to discuss
- 100% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that the 'Meet the Teacher' evening was informative

We thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us. We have noted any suggested changes and will discuss potential ways to address these. Moving forward, we have created a new feedback platform for the school community to raise issues that fall outside of our usual procedures of speaking with the class teacher or the office. It is also a place for you to provide positive feedback on your experiences her at Bethany. Please use the following link if you have feedback you would like to give: <u>Parent Feedback Form</u>

Should you have any further questions about this space, feel free to contact me via email at eottens@bethany.sa.edu.au or phone on 8283 0000.

Kind regards,

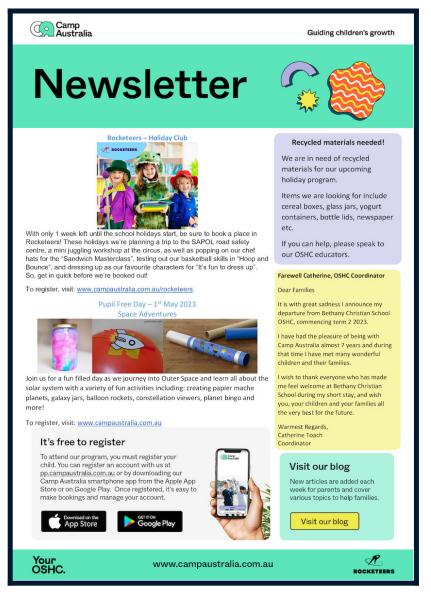
Elise Ottens
Social Worker and Community Relations

HIGHLIGHTS

BASE CHURCH'S EASTER SERVICES



CAMP AUSTRALIA



Open newsletter term 1 week 9 2023.pdf (622.63 KB)

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

RHD	3HR	4GT	5K	5RT
Jameson M	Etta-Hope S	Ariana D	Millie R	Nate N
	Neriah T	Kalea L		Logan L
	Maddison C	Lilly C		
	Nate A	Skye M		
	Guransh D	Kade M		

PREMIER'S BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Be Active Challenge.

3MO	6SC
Arjun S-L	Ethan H
Blake B	

AN EASTER POEM

At Bethany Christian School we want to encourage our students to explore their passions. Please read the poem below written by a Year 5 student who wants to become a published author and is currently writing her own book.

The Moment of Truth

we were so desperate to be separate but slowly we became unholy we needed to rescue Jesus thank you we prayed & prayed and found an aid to be healed we needed to find a shield so the evil would not touch us we must have a bust so God can heal and we can feel remember the loss at Jesus's cross he gave us a life it did not cost a dime I love Jesus Christ we were unpriced

By Aleesha B

UNIFORM SHOP

Here are opening times for the Uniform Shop over the school holidays:

Thursday 27th April 9am to 12pm

Friday 28th April 9am to 12pm

Please remember that students are required to wear the winter uniform from the start of next term.

YEAR 2 EXCURSION

Last week our Year 2 students visited Spicer Church in St Peters and experience their Easter production which included Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem through to his resurrection. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the production.

Afterwards, the students went to the South Australian Museum and had fun viewing the exhibitions.

Please enjoy the photos below.



COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAYGROUP



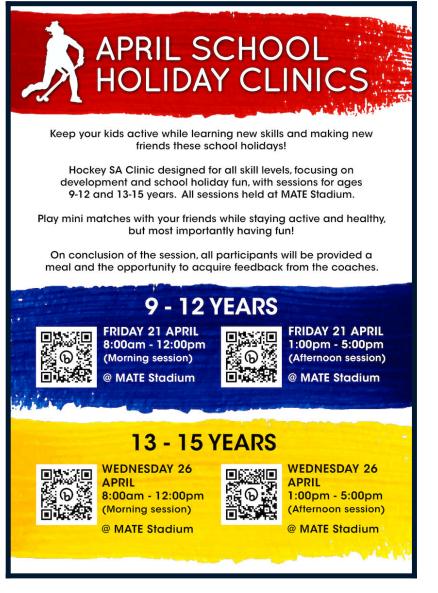
FOOTBALL STAR ACADEMY HOLIDAY CLINICS





Click here to register

HOCKEY SA SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS



Open April School Holiday clinics - flyer.pdf (352.81 KB)

Click here for session one

Click here for session two

Click here for session three

Click here for session four

CENTRAL DISTRICT FOOTBALL CLUB HOLIDAY CLINIC



Open CENTRALS Holiday Clinic 2023.pdf

SPORTS NEWS

REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS

SACSA SOCCER TEAM TRYOUTS

SACSA will soon be holding their annual Soccer Carnival

SACSA Year 3|4 Carnival | Tuesday 30th May | Week 5, Term 2

SACSA Year 5|6 Carnival | Wednesday 31st May | Week 5, Term 2

Students who would like to trial, and are eligible please use the link to nominate

Year 3|4 Tryouts | TCC Oval | Separate Boys and Girls Teams

Wednesday (3.30 - 4.30pm) | 05|04, 12|04 | Weeks 9,10 - Term 1

Year 5|6 Tryouts | TCC Oval | Separate Boys and Girls Teams

Monday (3.30 - 4.30pm) | 27|03, 3|04 | Weeks 8, 9 - Term 2

Students enrolled into tryouts may wear their PE uniform to school.

WEEKLY SPORTS

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 \mid Summer Season - Terms 4 and then 1



Nomination Link



Nomination Link

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 centers

Golden Grove | Burragah | Turramurra | Ingle Farm | The ARC

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 Two $\ \mid$ 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 The Gardens Recreation Centre.



Nomination Link

WEEKLY AFL FOOTBALL | YR 2 - 6

Bethany Christian School offers a Weekly AFL program. This is a user pay program staffed by approved volunteer coaches, with compulsory weekly after school trainings held at BCS.

It runs during the Winter Season | Term 2 and 3 (approx. 10 rounds)

Age Groups as follows

Yr 2 - 9 a side | **Yr 3|4 -** 9 a side | **Year 5|6 -** 12 a side (all mixed teams)

Saturday games are to be played at Ridley Reserve.

The OSRV voucher can be used towards the program, should it be unclaimed.



Nomination Link

MATCH RESULTS | WEEKLY SPORTS

SATURDAY 25 | 03

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	Match Result		
Netball	U08 Golden Stars	Mini Angels	Catalia B	Not Scored		
Netball	U10 Wild Stars	Hurricanes	Giuliana G	L	0	2
Netball	U10 Bright Stars	Kaleteeya	Isabella B	L	7	12
Basketball	U10 Bulls	Kings Panthers	Gabriel S	L	6	36
Basketball	U10 Boomers	Brooks Pirates 10	Annabel J	W	22	18
Basketball	U10 Warriors	Modbury Bulls	David O	W	22	5
Basketball	U12 Hornets	Kings Eagles	Levi C	W	20	4

SATURDAY 01 | 04

Sport	Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	k Match Result		
Netball	U08 Golden Stars	Salisbury North Hawks Green	Marina B	Not Scored		
Netball	U10 Wild Stars	Lightning Blitz 2	Elise B	L	0	1
Netball	U10 Bright Stars	Salisbury North Hawks Green		W	11	2
Basketball	U10 Bulls	Puzzles Blue	Jaxon C	L	10	17
Basketball	U10 Boomers	Brooks Bulldogs 10	Lazar T	L	13	35
Basketball	U10 Warriors	Brooks Cajuns 10	David O	L	16	19
Basketball	U12 Hornets	Brooks Cavaliers 12	Jake B	W	23	21

WEEKLY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
Tuesday 4th April	Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 4th to Thursday 6th April	School Dental Visits
Thursday 6th April	Early dismissal for Easter - 12.10pm
Friday 7th April	Good Friday
Monday 10th April	Easter Monday
Friday 14th April	SACSA Athletics
Friday 14th April	Last day of Term 1 (normal dismissal - 3.10pm)
Monday 1st May	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 2nd May	First Day of School
Thursday 4th May	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 4th May	ELC Hearing Screening
Friday 5th May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 5th May	SACSA Cross Country

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Wednesday	8.15 to 10.30 am
Friday	8.15 to 10.30 am

PETIMETABLE

ELC	Monday to Friday
RHD	Wednesday and Thursday
RH	Tuesday and Thursday
RM	Tuesday and Thursday
1D	Tuesday and Wednesday
1P	Wednesday and Thursday
1TC	Wednesday and Thursday
2R	Tuesday and Thursday
2WC	Tuesday and Wednesday
2Z	Tuesday and Wednesday
3HR	Monday and Thursday
ЗМЕ	Tuesday and Wednesday
ЗМО	Tuesday and Friday
4GT	Monday and Friday
4NL	Tuesday and Friday
4W	Monday and Friday
5К	Monday and Friday
5RT	Tuesday and Wednesday
5T	Tuesday and Thursday
6SC	Tuesday and Wednesday
6Т	Tuesday and Friday
6W	Monday and Thursday

SCHOOL TERMS 2023

Term 1	Monday 6th February to Friday 14th April
Term 2	Tuesday 2nd May to Friday 7th July
Term 3	Tuesday 25th July to Friday 29th September
Term 4	Monday 16th October to Wednesday 13th December

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