



Donuts for Dad

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you for attending our STEAM Exhibition last Wednesday. We truly appreciate the time and effort that parents, caregivers and special guests took to join us and celebrate our students' learning.

It was wonderful to spend time with so many students, listening to their reflections, exploring their creations and seeing the pride they took in sharing their learning journey. It was equally rewarding to see so many families actively engaging with the exhibits.

One of the highlights of the day was watching adults work alongside our Reception students to solve problems. I was impressed by the creativity, innovation and critical thinking demonstrated in the projects on display, particularly the prototypes developed to address real-world challenges and the thoughtfully designed science investigations.

Thank you for supporting this valuable opportunity for students and families to learn together.

Mini Olympics

Next term, our Junior Primary students will participate in our Mini Olympics on Friday, 23 October.

Families are warmly invited to attend this special event and enjoy a day filled with fun, participation and encouragement as students showcase their developing skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. We look forward to sharing this exciting occasion with you.

New Play Equipment Coming Soon

We are delighted to announce that new play equipment will be installed between now and the end of the school holidays.

We know our students are excited about this addition and the opportunities it will provide for active play, exploration, creativity and social connection. We look forward to seeing students enjoy the new space when they return next term.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday, 17 September and Tuesday, 22 September.

These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate achievements and set goals for continued growth. We greatly value the partnership between home and school and look forward to these important conversations.

2027 Re-enrolment Process

Over the next week, you will receive an email with information about our new online re-enrolment process through the Veracross Parent Portal.

This new system has been introduced as a part of the new IT system we are now using. This new way of collecting information is to reduce the number of different forms you receive. We want to simplify the process of updating enrolment information, family and medical information updates, annual permissions, and fee account details together in one convenient online form. This will reduce the number of online and paper-based forms throughout the year.

Please review and submit the form, even if no details have changed, to help ensure school records are accurate and preparations for 2027 can begin. The submission deadline is Friday 30 October 2026.

End of Term and School Holidays

School holidays begin next Friday 25 September, with students finishing at the usual dismissal time of 3:10 pm.

Students will return to school on Monday, 12 October, refreshed and ready for a productive and enjoyable final term of the year.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. We hope you enjoy some quality time with your family and make the most of the beautiful spring weather during the holiday break.

God bless you,

Wendy Matear
Principal

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:6

DEPUTY'S CORNER

Welcome to Week 9 of Term 3. It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the final weeks of the term. As we reflect on another busy and rewarding week, I would like to congratulate all students, staff and families on their involvement in last week's Learning Exhibition. The effort and enthusiasm displayed by our students as they shared their learning was outstanding. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the exhibition such a wonderful celebration of learning and growth.

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) Casual Day was a fantastic success and provided students with some exciting lunchtime options. The highlight for many was the lunchtime disco held in the gym, led by our very own resident DJ, DJ Sheeks, also known as 'Mr Sheeky'. The disco was a high-energy event where students enthusiastically danced, sang along to the music and enjoyed spending time with friends. It was wonderful to see students from all year levels participating and having so much fun together. For those who preferred a quieter activity, a Bluey movie was shown in the gym's movement room. Many of our younger students appreciated the calm and relaxed environment where they could sit with friends and enjoy the movie. The total amount raised was \$692.15, with proceeds going to Hope Village to support their library. Through discussions in class meetings, the SRC has also decided to allocate funds towards the creation of a Butterfly Garden. This exciting project will provide opportunities for all members of our school community to appreciate and learn about the butterflies that visit our school. More information about the garden will be shared once the SRC has completed further planning and discussion.

The Year 6 dances have been nothing short of spectacular. Throughout the term, students have meticulously planned, practised and refined their performances, which were proudly showcased on stage for our Primary students during Chapel and MMP. Every year, our Year 6 students amaze us with their creativity, talent and commitment, and this year was certainly no exception. What I particularly appreciate is that performing in front of an audience can be a significant challenge for some students, yet they demonstrated incredible resilience and persistence in embracing that challenge. Watching the students overcome their nerves to perform with confidence and experience the joy of success is truly special. The smiles on their faces after their performances were priceless and serve as a reminder that these are the moments from which lifelong memories are made. Well done, Year 6s!

As we head into another busy week, I wish all our parents and families a wonderful week ahead. I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy some sunshine over the weekend and spend quality time with those who matter most.

Deb Clifford & Melissa Taylor
Deputy Principals

HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTHCARE



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INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

On the 17th of August, Indonesia celebrated 81 years of Independence. To mark the occasion, all classes joined in the fun during their Indonesian lessons in Week 5.

A highlight for most students was the chance to try *Kerupuk* (a crunchy Indonesian cracker). Many students wanted seconds! While enjoying the snack, students listened to Indonesia's national anthem.

Across the school, many games were played including:

- *Gajah, Orang, Semut* – an Indonesian version of Rock, Paper, Scissors
- egg-and-spoon races
- sack races
- relay races to put the Indonesian islands on the correct spot on the map
- Island Ball – where students threw an Indonesian Takraw ball into different containers "islands" to get points for their team.

Year 6 students had a go at walking on traditional Indonesian wooden planks – an activity that required

teamwork, coordination, and plenty of communication.

It was a joyful week of celebration, with students learning about Indonesian culture in a hands-on, memorable way. *Selamat Hari Kemerdekaan, Indonesia!*



YEAR 6 COOKING 2026

In Indonesian lessons this term, the Year 6 students have been learning about Indonesian food and cooking. In the first few weeks, students learnt about ingredients that are commonly used in Indonesian cooking, how to say the names of these ingredients, and what was needed for our recipes. The week before cooking, students were introduced to some Indonesian cultural norms around cooking and eating.

In Week 7, each class participated in a demonstration on how to cook nasi goreng (fried rice). Students then worked in groups to make a dessert called Dadar Gulung. These are crepes flavoured with pandan and filled with coconut and palm sugar. Students followed a recipe to make the batter, and each cooked their own pancake.

While students enjoyed learning new cooking skills and experiencing Indonesian cuisine firsthand, their favourite part was, of course, eating both dishes! There were many giggles as green batter splattered everywhere, and students discovered what happened when they added a little too much sambal (hot sauce) to their rice.

Thank you so much to all the staff members who helped organise the experience or adjusted their timetables to make it possible. A special thank you also to the ESOs, who were a tremendous help during the lessons!



STEM EXHIBITION

On Wednesday of Week 8, we held our first STEM Exhibition. Students shared and celebrated their learning

across STEM subjects and Brilliance, showcasing products created through the Design with Brilliance Process and reflecting on their growth through the Learning Badges.

The exhibition was about more than displaying finished products. It gave students an authentic audience and an opportunity to explain what they had learned, how they had applied that learning, the challenges they encountered and how they had grown throughout the process.

Reception students invited their families to join their learning about The Gingerbread Man, creating boats and bridges to help Gingy cross the river without getting soggy.

"I liked all the things that the school made. I built a boat for Gingy. My mum came and I liked it because she helped me."

Massimo

"I liked building bridges in our class. It was really fun having my family there."

Akur

Year 1 students shared slow-motion videos of their attempts to blow down Three Little Pigs-themed houses. They then worked with their families to decorate and construct paper buildings.

"It was fun to have our parents there. I just want to do that again! I liked reading the pieces of paper and making the paper buildings. My mum opened the apartment door. I was amazed."

Hallie

"I liked showing my slow-mo video. I liked building the three paper buildings. I liked the apartment the best."

Joshua

Year 2 students created shelters and presented them in their classrooms through their first exhibition-style experience.

"I liked making stuff, especially my shelter. I also liked seeing other people's creations."

Mach

"I liked that my parents got to come. My Learning Badge was Problem Solving. I solved a problem when the popsticks wouldn't stick together. Then I cut them up and put them down in a different way."

Vivian

Year 3 students designed dioramas showing how community spaces could be made more inclusive and shared their ideas in the Function Room.

"I liked that the parents gave a lot of feedback about my product. I liked how people tried their best and designed for the exhibition."

Hoinhu

"When the parents came, they gave us lots of feedback."

Aryan

After school, the Year 4 to Year 6 students showcased their learning, designs and prototypes in the Wyten Sports Centre.

Year 4 students created 'unuseless' inventions designed to solve a range of everyday problems.

"I liked people's creations. They were very creative."

Mason

"I also liked the feedback. The people were nice."

Xavier

Year 5 students demonstrated their learning about desert habitats and animal adaptations through dioramas, poems, information report brochures and biomimicry creations.

"I liked how there were lots of different people who came. My Learning Badge was Problem Solving. I needed to problem-solve a lot during my design."

Danica

"I liked when people were admiring my work. My Learning Badge was Persistence. I was trying to get it done and not get sidetracked."

Oscar

Year 6 students applied their understanding of circuits and switches to design and create a range of electrical prototypes.

"I liked that the parents could come and actually have a look. My Learning Badges were Time and Energy Master and Persistence. I used my time wisely and I got it done."

Gabby

It was fantastic to see so many families participate in the exhibition. The questions, encouragement and feedback from visitors helped students celebrate their achievements and reflect more deeply on their learning.

Thank you to the staff who supported students throughout the learning process and helped prepare and run the exhibition, and to the families who attended and took a genuine interest in students' learning.

As we look ahead to future learning exhibitions and community events, feedback from families will help inform our planning.

[If you attended the STEM Exhibition, please use the link to share your feedback:](#)



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

3M	4GT	4W
Makuei M	Amy C	Alexis W
		Simar G
		Ziara A
		Jason P
		Joseph G
		Alex N
5M	5RW	5T
Benjamin B	Gabriella M	Charlie M
	Grace W	Aria J
	Hannah P	Aurora S-E
		Deng N
		Wyatt H
		Danica T
		Sebastian C
		Kyle V
6SC	6T	
Xyrille L	Daisy S	

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

RHAY	1K	1PC
Lucas H	Elias H	Celeste B
1WC	2Z	4GT
Voraphot K	Abby T	Krishna B
Teddy L	Ly M	Evie W
5M	6SC	6W
Tina K	Ashton S	Tuyet M
	Xyrille L	Riley W

UNIFORM SHOP - SCHOOL HOLIDAY TIMES

During the upcoming school holidays the Uniform Shop will be open:

Wednesday 8th October 8:00 am to 12 pm

Thursday 9th October 8:00 am to 12 pm

Friday 10th October 8:00 am to 12 pm

CAMP AUSTRALIA

FUN AWAITS! YOUR SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Bethany Christian School

Address: 37 Countess Street PARALOWIE SA 5108

Phone: 0439 768 662 Program Times: 06:30 am - 06:00 pm

**Mon
28 Sep**

Big Art Day: Bloom and Discover

Step into a world where ideas grow! Paint, build and design as creativity blossoms all around you. What will you bring to life today?

Full Fee \$97.36 | After Max. CCS* \$9.74



Base Camp Day

**Tue
29 Sep**

Big Art Day: Wild Wild West

Saddle up for creativity! Design your own hobby horse with colorful manes and expressive eyes. Your imagination, your ride!

Full Fee \$132.36 | After Max. CCS* \$13.24



Project

**Wed
30 Sep**

Special Event: Grand Final Fever with Coles Healthy Kicks

Compete, cheer and level up your game in the ultimate AFL Max showdown! From fast-paced challenges to interactive activity zones, every moment is packed with movement, fun and excitement.

Full Fee \$153.11 | After Max. CCS* \$15.31



Excursion

**Thu
01 Oct**

Adventure: Dreamworks Animation Forgotten Island

Get ready for a magical cinema adventure! Step through a mysterious portal and into a magical world filled with unforgettable creatures, hidden secrets and an incredible friendship put to the ultimate test in Forgotten Island.

Full Fee \$152.90 | After Max. CCS* \$15.29



Excursion

**Fri
02 Oct**

Operation: Green Thumbs

Plant the seed of an idea and watch it grow! Explore, create, and discover what happens when imagination and nature work together.

Full Fee \$97.36 | After Max. CCS* \$9.74



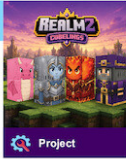
Base Camp Day

**Tue
06 Oct**

Project: Realmz Kingdom Builders

Build your own kingdom with our exclusive Realmz Cubelings magnetic building system. Then unbox a special surprise to discover which character will join your Castlelands adventure!

Full Fee \$127.17 | After Max. CCS* \$12.72



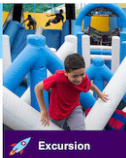
Project

**Wed
07 Oct**

Special Event: Ultimate Ninja Challenge by Proactivity

Race against the clock and tackle giant challenges in the ultimate Grand Final showdown packed with action, teamwork and high-energy fun!

Full Fee \$157.36 | After Max. CCS* \$15.74



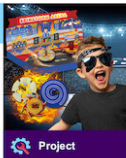
Excursion

**Thu
08 Oct**

Project: Spinstorm Showdown

Build three powerful spinning tops, battle it out in your own Spinstorm Arena, and discover which creation can spin its way to victory!

Full Fee \$129.36 | After Max. CCS* \$12.94



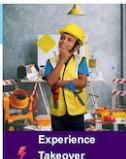
Project

**Fri
09 Oct**

Experience Takeover: Construction Crew

Grab your tools and get building! A special guest from Junior Tradies is coming to help you create a keyring, jewellery and a fidget spinner using real nuts, bolts and builder skills.

Full Fee \$129.90 | After Max. CCS* \$12.99



Experience Takeover

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAYGROUP



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 For children aged 5-10 years
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 Date - Friday October 9th
 Time - 9:30am - 1:30pm
 Ages 8 - 12
 Girls-only groups available

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SPORTS NEWS

SACSA TOUCH FOOTBALL TRYOUTS | 5 | 6 TEAMS

SACSA will soon be holding their annual Touch Football Carnival

Year 5|6 Carnival (Div 1) | Friday 13th November | Week 5, Term 4

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

Year 5|6 Girls Tryouts | BCS Oval

Monday| 14|09, 21|09 | Weeks 9 & 10, Term 3 | After School - 3.15 - 4.00pm

Year 5|6 Boys Tryouts | BCS Oval

Monday| 14|09, 21|09 | Weeks 9 & 10, Term 3 | After School - 3.15 - 4.00pm

Meet on the oval at the beginning of tryouts.

Please note: Only those students registered will be able to attend

As tryouts will take place after school, please ensure that all students participating in tryouts, as well as any siblings who may be present, are appropriately supervised. For the safety of all students, any siblings who are not supervised will be taken to the front office to wait until they can be collected by a parent or responsible adult.



[Nomination Link](#)

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 [Nomination Link](#)

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 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 5|9

Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	W D L	Bethany	Opposition
Wolves	SFX Dunkers	Zachary B	L	6	10
Warriors	Wings Floaters	Oliver M	W	14	12
Rockets	Wings Avengers	Mark S	W	16	14
Thunder	76ers Storm	Lachlan M	W	24	9
Raptors	Bethany Raptors	Mia M	L	13	16
Breakers	GGLPS Rising Stars	Aksh C	L	23	24
Ballers	Kings Dragons	Xavier B	L	14	21
Celtics	76ers Pickles	Elsie H	L	2	26
Lakers	Modbury Bobcats	Blake H	L	17	37

SATURDAY 12|9

Team	Opponent	Coach's Pick	W D L	Bethany	Opposition
Wolves	GGLPS Supernova Stars	Theo L	W	12	6
Warriors	Cedar Shooters	Faith K	L	6	15
Rockets	SFX Boomers	Arlo P	W	22	12
Thunder	Kings Wolves	Jacob B	W	27	13
Raptors	Wings Finches	Chelsea M	L	5	16
Breakers	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ballers	Stingrays Whiptail	Xavier B	W	18	14
Celtics	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lakers	Hope Valley Heat 12 Yellow	Michael S	W	39	24

WEEKLY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Parent Teacher Interviews	Tuesday 22nd September
Year 2 Incursion	Tuesday 22nd September
Year 6 Excursion	Friday 25th September
Last day of Term 3	Friday 25th September
First Day of Term 4	Monday 12th October
Year 4 Camp	Thursday 15th October
Year 4 Camp	Friday 16th October
SACSA Table Tennis Tournament Year 5/6	Friday 16th October

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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