



Christmas Chapel 2025.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2025!

Thank you for supporting our **Biggest Christmas Banquet** last Wednesday evening. It was such a joy to see our community come together, slow down, and share meaningful time with one another. I was especially encouraged by the way each year level contributed—through Chapels, our Advent Calendar, and the Banquet—bringing to life the true meaning of Christmas.

Our **Year 6 Graduation** last night was another wonderful celebration, and we look forward to our **ELC Graduation** on Thursday morning at 9:30am. Today at 2pm, we will hold our **final assembly online**. Please find the livestream link here <https://www.bethany.sa.edu.au/stream-final-assembly>. You can join us live or watch the recording at a time that suits your family over the next week.

This season reminds us that growth and change are a natural part of life. It is in these moments that we learn to support one another and celebrate together.

Farewells

This year, we say goodbye to several valued members of our Bethany Christian School community:

- **Mrs Emily Bondarenko** has resigned to spend more time with her family. Emily was our founding ELC Director, and her leadership and care have shaped the foundation of our Early Learning Centre.
- **Mrs Nicole Row** has been part of Bethany for over 16 years, serving in a variety of teaching roles with kindness and willingness. We deeply appreciate her contributions to our community.
- **Mrs Sharon Andrews** is semi-retiring as she moves to the coast. Sharon began her journey with Bethany as a parent and has faithfully served in many roles over the years, leaving a lasting impact on students and staff.
- **Mr Peter Wyten** is retiring after decades of involvement with Bethany. Peter has been part of our story since 1981, when the school first began. He was a founding parent and board member, later joined our maintenance team, and continues to bless us as a grandparent in the school.

We are profoundly grateful for the dedication, love, and countless contributions these staff have made. Their legacy will continue to inspire us for years to come.

I pray that you and your family experience the love, peace, and joy of Christmas and find time to enjoy some fun together. I also pray for God's provision, safety, and a blessed start to 2026.

God bless you this Christmas.

Wendy Matear
Principal

HIGHLIGHTS

2026 TEACHING STAFF

Leadership	
Principal	Mrs Wendy Matear
Deputy Principal	Mrs Debbie Clifford
Deputy Principal	Mrs Melissa Taylor
IT Manager & Projects	Mr Jeremy Graetz
Operations & Sports Co-ordinator	Mr Ben Hannaford
Class Teachers	
RHAN	Mrs Mahlah Hannaford
RHAY	Mrs Katie Haywood
RT	Mrs Rebecca Thomson
1PC	Ms Donna Prenzler
	Mrs Rachael Chesson
1K	Miss Karkafiris
1WC	Mrs Sarah White
	Mrs Rachael Chesson
2EM	Miss Katrina Evitts
	Mrs Sandra Magiera
2N	Mr Joshua Nottle
2Z	Mrs Paige Zeccola
3HW	Mrs Alex Hall
	Mrs Lilliana Wegener
3NC	Ms Kelly Nesbitt
	Mrs Rachael Chesson
3M	Mr Michael Mertin
4GT	Mr Nathan Grierson
	Mr Joel Tothill
4K	Mr Glen Kempster
4W	Mrs Cheryl Wyten
5M	Mrs Chantal Moore
5RW	Mr Brett Richardson
	Mrs Lilliana Wegener
5T	Mr Steve Taylor

6SC	Mr Scott Sheeky
	Mrs Robyn Curtis
6T	Mr Simon Traeger
6W	Ms Rachael Whitby
Specialist Teachers	
Computing	Mrs Robyn Curtis
Indonesian	Ms Georgina Boucher
Media Studies (Yr 3-6)	Mr Aaron Mabikafola
PE (Yr 3-6)	Mr Nathan Grieger
PE (ELC to Yr 2)	Mr Alex Peterson
Curriculum Projects	Mr Nathan Grierson
Curriculum Projects	Mrs Amelia Chandra
Curriculum	Mrs Ashleigh Squire
Diverse Learning	Mrs Rebecca Ward
Diverse Learning	Mrs Juliet Schultz
Diverse Learning	Mrs Kirsty Harman
Diverse Learning	Mrs Rachael Lee

CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS SERVICE - BASE CHURCH

"AND HE WILL BE CALLED EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US."

carols service

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER
6.30PM

christmas service

CHRISTMAS MORNING
THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER
9.30 - 10.15 AM

AT BETHANY PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

 **BASE**
CHURCH

BETHANY'S BIGGEST CHRISTMAS BANQUET



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.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 2nd February

First Day of School (Year 1 - 6)

Tuesday 3rd February

First Day of School for Reception Students

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