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So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.
Galatians 6:9

Welcome to our Week 3 Newsletter

Welcome to our Week 3 Newsletter. Our learning continues in and out of classrooms with students and teachers working together. We also encourage you to continue to join us through listening to reading, talking with your child about what is happening at school and ensuring that your child is rested and ready to learn each day. The changing weather has an impact on our health and so it is important to ensure that we are thoughtful about healthy eating, hygiene and early bed times.

Next week our Reception and Year 1 students have their Mini-Olympics day here at school. The day finishes at 12:15 pm and it is optional to take your child home by signing them out with their class teacher. They are most welcome to stay at school until the usual time. It is always a great day of celebration of the strengths of those who love to run, jump and throw and also is a chance to get outside and enjoy a different environment. Parents are welcome to attend and enjoy the day and we ask that you sign in at the front office and sign out when you leave to help us keep track of the visitors on school grounds.

Tickets go online for our Junior Primary Concert, "Christmas Unwrapped", soon and we will run this in the same way as 2017. The tickets are free but there is a limit to the number of tickets for the evening performance. The Matinee is run during school time and is attended by the Primary students. Tickets are unlimited for this event. The concert will be held on Wednesday 28th November at 1.30 pm and 6 pm. Please refer to page 3 for more details.

Our Learning Festival is building in momentum and we have a trial run coming up to

help us to work through the logistics and to clarify for students how to improve their products. It will be exciting to see how this event comes together with the support of Temple students and our Junior Primary. The graphics for the promotional material is being finalised this week as that has also been designed by a Year 6 student. This event does not need tickets as there will be a range of products being shown including performances, food, animals, games on computers and games outside, art pieces, photography and video displays. The event will be open from 5:30 - 7:30 pm on Wednesday 5th December and you are most welcome to invite family and friends to walk around and enjoy the festival. We will continue to give you more information as the team of students who are helping to organise the event, are able to share the details with you. There is so much learning happening as we work together and solve problems worth solving.

Our choir students continue to rehearse each Thursday after school and will be joining a national choir event called One Voice by Music Australia. It is an online event where choirs from all over Australia can join together to sing. Later this term they also have an excursion to perform for some senior citizens as well as at our Learning Festival.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Newsletter and to help your child to be prepared for the busyness of Term 4.

Have a lovely weekend,

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Principal

Deputy's Corner

Last year I wrote an article in the Newsletter in regards to student absenteeism in response to the media running a series of stories about Government action to curb truancy. Susan Close, Minister for Education and Child Development, was quoted to have said, "Children have a fundamental right to receive an education and this must be our primary focus. Educational success is central to lifelong achievement, wellbeing and social outcomes and prolonged periods of absence severely limit future options" (Australian Broadcasting Corporation, 2017).

Just recently again, attention has been given to student absenteeism with the Government raising fines for parents who fail to ensure that their child attends school, raising the fine from \$500 to \$2000 - \$5000. The Education Minister John Gardner has stated that the increase in fine follows unsuccessful attempts to engage with families to address the reasons behind their child's failure to attend school (Puddy, 2018, p. 1). While going to court would be the last resort, legal responses would be pursued should the formal family conferences fail to work.

Just recently, a father in Port Adelaide was fined \$2000 for offences relating to his son's non-attendance of school. The message is stressed that the purpose for the crackdown of attendance was not to penalise parents, but to get students to school. John Gardner was quoted to say, "Genuinely the intent for schools is to have children attend because we know that their life outcomes will be better, they'll have better access to employment and further study through actually attending school in the early years" (Puddy, 2018, p. 1).

It is a well-established and recognised fact that students who are persistently absent from school are at risk of harm and of being marginalised, therefore unable to fulfil their potential. It is also noted that persistent absence from school without satisfactory explanation can be an indication that the health, emotional wellbeing or safety of a child is not being adequately protected and can be reported to Families SA (Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement Between Department of Education And Children's Services & Department for Families and Communities Families SA & Department of Health, 2010, pp. 3-4). Any move to prevent absenteeism is to ensure the wellbeing of a child and to provide the support, care and protection is provided promptly.

At Bethany Christian School, we take school attendance seriously because we believe that every child has the right to educational success, and this cannot occur when a child misses substantial amounts of time from school.

As part of our daily morning procedure, our Administration staff are notified by the classroom teachers when a child has been marked as 'absent without reason' in the morning. A text message is then sent to the parent/caregiver of the child for each day the child is absent from school. Please remember to notify the Administration Office if your child will be absent. Parents who do not notify the office will receive a text message enquiring as to why their child is absent from school.

Regular attendance at school is important to your child's learning and development so that they have every opportunity to get the most from their education (SA.GOV.AU, 2017). Students may miss school when;

- The child is too ill to leave the house
- The child has an infectious disease/illness

- The child has a dental or medical appointment that cannot be made outside of school hours
- The school Principal has been provided with a genuine reason that prevents a child from attending school
- The child has been granted an exemption from school (forms to apply for school exemption can be provided at our Administration Office)
- The child has been sent home due to behavioural reasons (for example, being suspended)

Each school year has a maximum of 200 accountable school days. At Bethany, students are flagged to be of concern if they miss 10% of the school year, that is, 20 days absence. At a 90% attendance rate, students are at risk of missing an equivalent of two years of schooling between Reception and Year 10 should they continue with their rate of absenteeism each term.

For a student with 80% attendance, the equivalent of missing school jumps up to three years' worth of education between Reception and Year 10. Persistent rates of absenteeism each term makes it almost impossible for them to keep up with their school work or keep in touch with their friends.

For the students who have between 80%-90% of attendance rates will be issued with an attendance report to alert their parents/caregivers of the amount of schooling their child is missing out on. Students who are regularly late to school and need to sign in before going to class, or those who are persistently signed out from school early are also at great risk. While it may only seem like a small amount of time late or early departure, it all adds up and can be shocking for their parents/caregivers to realise that their time has amounted to a 10% absenteeism rate and now puts their child at risk. Even as little as getting to school by 9am each day is equivalent to 5 days of lost learning if it is added up. It is certainly food for thought!

If you experience difficulties getting your child to school on time, or find it is really hard to motivate your child to get to school, please make an appointment with your child's teacher and discuss your concerns. We are here to help!

I do wish you a terrific week with your families.

God bless you,

Deb Clifford

TERM 4 HIGHLIGHTS

JP Christmas Concert

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRESENTS

Christmas UNWRAPPED

BETHANY JP CONCERT

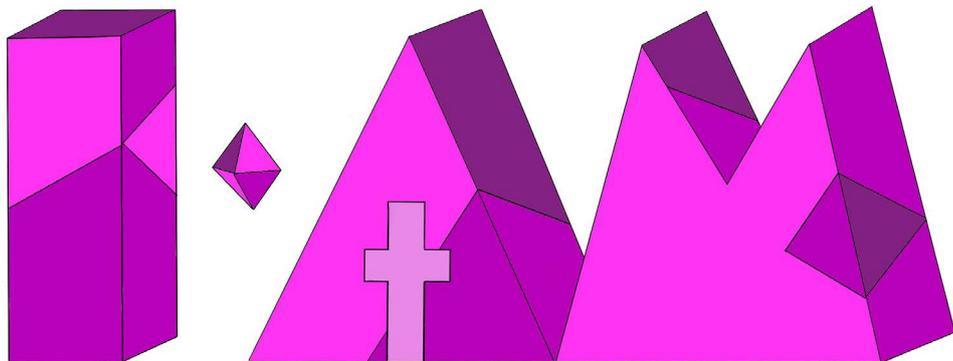
WEEK 7, WED 28TH NOVEMBER

1:30 AND 6:00PM

This year the Junior Primary End of Year Concert will be held on Wednesday 28th November. The Junior Primary students will be exploring the concept of what Christmas means to us. There will be two concerts, a matinee commencing at 1.30 pm and an evening session at 6 pm. Bookings will be via Eventbrite and more information will be sent home later to explain the process. Bookings will be open from

Wednesday 14th November (Week 5) for you to book and select your seats. There will be a ticket limit of 4 tickets per family for the evening session but unlimited seats available for the matinee. If you require more information about the concert please contact the front office.

Learning Festival



BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FESTIVAL

Please join us in celebrating the learning achievements of our Primary students who are keen to demonstrate and showcase all that they have learnt this year. The date for this event is Wednesday 5th December and the school will be open from 5.30 to 7.30 pm for you to enjoy this student led festival.

There will be many exciting displays as our students interpret the seven 'I Am' statements of Jesus.

TERM 4 HIGHLIGHTS

FIRST WORLD WAR ARMISTICE

Bethany Christian School has been successful in obtaining a grant from the Veteran Affairs Department to build a memorial to honour those that have fought and currently fight for freedom for us and our country and those who will fight for us in the future.

This year marks the 100 year anniversary of the signing of the WWI Armistice and the memorial titled, 'We Honour Them.' It will be erected by the rear staff car park.

This is a community project so we are asking all those that want to be involved in honouring our soldiers to join us by bringing in a rock that will form the structure. The rock must be bigger than a brick but not bigger than 8 bricks. It can be any colour or shape as this will represent the diversity among our school community.

As this is a community project staff, students, family and friends both past and present are invited to be involved.

The rocks will need to be at school as soon as possible to be included in the structure. They can be placed in front of the Year 4 classrooms on the dirt / grass area.

It is a real privilege to be trusted to complete this project so "happy rock hunting" and we are looking forward to seeing as many as possible involved.

Mrs Wyten

Uniform Shop Labels

In case you missed out last time, the Uniform Shop will be selling the clothing labels as it did last year. When you purchase 10 labels for \$3.00 you will receive 5 for free. Order forms have been sent home but if you require another form please ask at the Student Desk or at the Uniform Shop. Payment is required with all orders. This offer will only be available in Term 4.

For more information please see Leanne in the Uniform Shop.

iPad Information Night

If your child is in Year 4 this year and will be here for Year 5 next year, we will be holding an iPad Information night on Tuesday 13th November in the Function Room. Please come along if you have any queries about the program. More information including the 2019 iPad policy will be sent home shortly.

SPORTS NEWS

WEEKLY SPORTS RESULTS

SPORT	TEAM	OPPOSITION	COACHES PICK	SCORE
MATCHES WEEK ENDING: 20/10/2018				
BASKETBALL	U8 Blazers		Bye	
	U10 Raptors	Kings Hotshots	Jude Casey Elijah Richardson	28 . 12
	U10 Bulls	NWDC White	Maxx Shi Jeremy San	5 . 17
	U12 Bobcats	AFCBC Magic	Chadson Chhan King Batiancila	11 . 31
	U12 Rockets	Tyndale Tornados	Tir Anyang Jacob Karklis	48 . 10
	U12 Thunder	Tigers	Alex Tilley Sophie Cheadle	26 . 10
NETBALL	11 & U Shining Stars	Tyndale Tigers	Mackenzie Clinton Alyssa Brecknell	4 . 19
MATCHES WEEK ENDING: 27/10/2018				
BASKETBALL	U8 Blazers	AFCBC Vikings	Isaleli Togo-Fangaloka Elijah Yat	8 . 14
	U10 Raptors	TVCS Heat 10	Armstrong Hill Steven Lawton	12 . 19
	U10 Bulls	Tyndale Wolves	Saurabh Bista Mackenzie Conway-Halls	11 . 20
	U12 Bobcats	Kings Dragons	Lucian Ebert Max Zarnke	38 . 7
	U12 Rockets	Golden Grove Bulls	Nicolas Arruzzolo Josiah Haywood	16 . 20
	U12 Thunder	Kings Warriors	Braith Hickey Nathaniel Cope	10 . 32
NETBALL	11 & U Shining Stars	GS Lightning Bolts	Ella Starsky Eden Lyrtzis	5 . 3

WEEKLY PE LESSONS

RD:	Monday & Thursday
RH:	Monday & Thursday
RHS:	Monday & Thursday
1D:	Tuesday & Thursday
1T:	Monday & Thursday
1C:	Tuesday & Thursday
2ZH:	Wednesday & Thursday
2P:	Tuesday & Friday
2R:	Wednesday & Friday
3L:	Tuesday & Friday
3N:	Wednesday & Friday
3T:	Tuesday & Friday
4G:	Monday & Friday
4WH:	Monday & Friday
4WY:	Monday & Friday
5P:	Wednesday & Friday
5R:	Tuesday & Friday
5T:	Wednesday & Friday
6SH:	Tuesday & Wednesday
6S:	Monday & Wednesday
6T:	Monday & Wednesday

MONDAY MORNING PRAISE

WHOLE SCHOOL WORSHIP
10 - 10.30am

CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY
PRIMARY CHAPEL (Years 3 - 6)
10.50 - 11.30am
JUNIOR PRIMARY CHAPEL (R - 2)
12.10 - 12.50pm

UNIFORM SHOP 2018

MONDAY
8.15 - 10.30am
TUESDAY
8.15 - 10.30am
WEDNESDAY
CLOSED
THURSDAY
2.00 - 4.00pm
FRIDAY
8.15 - 10.30am

2018 TERM DATES

TERM 1

Mon 5th February - Fri 13th April

TERM 2

Tues 1st May - Fri 6th July

TERM 3

Tues 24th July - Fri 28th September

TERM 4

Mon 15th October - Wed 12th December

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 29th to Tuesday 6th November	ELC Inductions
Wednesday 7th to 8th November	ELC Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 9th November	Mini Olympics
Monday 12th November	School Tour
Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th November	ELC Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 13th November	SACSA Basketball Yr 6/7 Girls
Tuesday 13th November	iPad Information Night
Wednesday 14th November	SACSA Basketball Yr 4/5
Thursday 15th November	SACSA Basketball Yr 6/7 Boys
Friday 16th November	ELC Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 21st November	Reception Assessments
Thursday 22nd November	Reception Assessments
Thursday 22nd November	Temple Orientation for Year 6s
Friday 23rd November	Reception Assessments
Wednesday 28th November	JP End of Year Concert
Wednesday 5th December	Yr 3 - 6 Learning Festival
Thursday 6th December	Yr 5 Bowland Excursion
Friday 7th December	Reception Orientation
Friday 7th December	Yr 2 Excursion to Waterworld

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