

# BethaniaNews

The Weekly Newsletter of **Bethania Lutheran School**

*"Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hands." (Isaiah 64:8)*

## Devotion

*Lord Jesus, come and refresh my drought-stricken life with your healing love. Amen.*

Australians understand very well what a drought can mean. We've all seen the effects that lack of rain has on the land: bare, dry paddocks; dusty sky; empty dams; and dying stock.

Australians also know the healing effect of rain, when it finally comes. It soaks the parched earth, settles the dust, and brings new growth.

Maybe there's a drought in your life. Maybe your heart and soul are cracked and broken like the bottom of a dried-up dam.

Well, there are rain clouds overhead. God once said that when Jesus came he would be like a rain after a long drought, like a soaking rain that heals the earth and makes things grow again.

The refreshing rain of Jesus Christ is falling on his earth. It can break your drought, and heal your heart.



## From the Principal

One of the wonderful things about sending your child to our school is that BLS belongs to a system of Lutheran Schools Australia wide. There are 80 Lutheran schools in Australia with 26 of them in Queensland. Interestingly Queensland educates the highest number of students with over 18 000 enrolments.

The advantages of belonging to a system is vast as we share information and knowledge regularly in order to grow our schools in every area of operation and education. Our school is recognised as a school that is leading the way in contemporary education and culture of staff collaboration, and we are often asked to hold professional learning sessions for other schools. We gladly do this, as we are happy to share with other Australian Lutheran schools our journey to this point. This Thursday we will host our second

school for the term as they observe our teachers in action and have rich discussions with staff.

Last Friday I went to Bethany Lutheran Primary School at Raceview to be the colleague principal for their accreditation panel meeting. Every five years all schools undergo a rigorous process in order to maintain their accreditation to operate as a school.

It was wonderful to see and hear the Lutheran education story being told in action and words at another school. The Christian values, with Christ at the centre of all we do, that you experience here is evident across all Lutheran schools and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing it at Bethany.

Every blessing to you all.

*Catherine Eyers*



**Bethania  
Lutheran School**

strong in **values**  
strength in **character** *living hope*

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## BLAYZ

BLAYZ for Year 5 & 6 students will commence for Term 3 on this Friday July 26th at 4:30pm.

Below is the schedule for the term.

26 <sup>th</sup> July	Chocolate Challenge
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Master Chef
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Outing – venue to be confirmed
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Mega Games
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Hawaiian Night

Come along and have some fun and hear and learn more about Jesus.



## School News

**Scholastic Book Club** catalogues have been issued.

Orders are due back by:

July 29 for all cash orders

August 5, 10:30am for online orders through LOOP.

### Prep Health Readiness Program

If you wish your child to visit the Primary School Nurse please return the consent form in the envelope provided by August 2nd.

## Student Awards



1GL	K Jacotine
1JM	C Skinner
2HR	Class 2HR
2RW	R Attygalla
3DW	O Johnson
3EJ	R Liddell
4BV	S Chand
4TM	J Hale
5JM	A Nixon
5MS	C Gleeson
6JR	Class 6JR
6SB	Class 6SB

### Bronze Award

A Pao

## Parent's and Friends News

**CREATE A MEMORY THAT LASTS A LIFETIME.....**



Don't forget to get your picture plate order in for your child to make a keepsake plate. These are due **tomorrow**. These are always a great keep sake over the years for your child's masterpiece. Complete the order form and send the money in a sealed envelope to the office.

### P & F Meeting

The P & F will be meeting for this term on Thursday evening 1st August at 6:00pm in the Staff Room.

All Welcome.

## From Deputy Principal

### Formative Assessment

Our students across the school are currently learning a range of new ways to give and receive feedback, as well as respond to dynamic questioning techniques for teachers to gain deep insight into students' understanding throughout lessons.

Our teachers have been exploring the most current research and theories on these formative assessment techniques and strategies, following a professional learning day during our student free week. Ask your child about "no hands up", "phone a friend" or "exit passes" today!

### BLS Edu-Chat Short Survey

We recently created a closed Facebook group as a space for us to share practical examples from our classrooms to give our families insight into the deep learning that is taking place within our school. Please join the group BLS Edu-Chat if you haven't already!

For those of you who have already joined, we would love your feedback on our posts so far. Please use the link below to share your feedback using a very short survey.

<https://forms.gle/cx618tnxgMc6DsVo8>

Mrs Sarah Schnetker, Deputy Principal

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## Recycling at Bethania



It has been wonderful that the school community has supported our Containers for Change campaign. So far, we have raised over \$250. The money will go towards buying more garden tools for students to use.

We are offering a new incentive to continue to recycle this term. The year level with the most containers recycled will receive a free pizza lunch at the end of the term.

Remember to wash out all eligible containers and take their lids off. We do not recycle glass. Write your year level and the number of containers on your bag and hand them into your teacher.

Thank you for your support.

Tanya Morris and Brittany Vangsness





## Uniform Shop

**Opening times** Monday to Friday 8 am to 9.20 am

**Email** [uniform@bethania.qld.edu.au](mailto:uniform@bethania.qld.edu.au)

### Hat Hero's

If you have purchased a hat clip and the ring has broken please return it to the uniform shop where it will be repaired.

### Team Sport Uniforms

There are still several team sports uniforms to be returned. If you have one at home please return it to the school so we can complete our stock take. Thank you.

### Lost Property

Thank you to all who have clearly named their child's belongings. The aim this term is to have nothing in the box at the end of term. Please ask your child to check the table outside the uniform shop on a regular basis.

### Just Arrived

Boys formal shorts in all sizes and hair accessories.

Lee-anne Brooks | Uniform Convenor

## Sport News Week 2 Term 3

### NGCAS

Students in Years 4-6 have nominated for their preferred sport for the upcoming NGCAS interschool sports season. At this stage there has been a high number of nominations for certain sports. In this case students will be allocated their 2nd or 3rd preference where needed. We would love to see students actively engaged in a new sport, rather than sitting on a bench of a preferred sport.

### Auskick

The team from AFL Queensland came to Bethania for the first of the Auskick sessions and we had over 30 students participating. For some it was a good chance to "come and try" and may now need to register. Anyone still wishing to register may do so, and will still receive their full pack. Go to [www.play.afl/auskick](http://www.play.afl/auskick), click on the red "Register for 2019" button at the bottom, then search for Bethania in the "Find a place to Play" box. On the right, click on "Bethania Lutheran College Auskick" and register your child.

## BRICKS 4 KIDZ is back in term 3 with Gadgets & Gizmos!

Students will be introduced to the world of ideas, creativity, inventions and gadgets.

Inventions and gadgets during this term include the typewriter, turnstile and an optical illusion. Each model is motorised for maximum fascination and engagement!

From Wed 14 Aug - Wed 18 Sept from 3:15 - 4:14pm.

Prep Students will be picked up from the Prep precinct by Mrs Layet.

Please pack a snack for afternoon tea.

All students are welcome to join us!

Register here -

<https://www.bricks4kidz.com.au/.../bethania-lutheran-school/>



## CALENDAR

July 24	Year 5 Incursion—Space Dome
July 25	Year 3 Excursion to Planetarium
August 1	P & F Meeting 6:00pm
August 12	Ekka Show Holiday
August 13	Year 6 Excursion— Qld Parliament House
August 15	Year 4 Excursion to Dreamworld

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