



# BETHEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## 2020 Newsletter

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### Term 1 Week

#### Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Community Friends,

As we come into this new school year, in a new decade, we have commenced the year considering the nature of rhythm and time, reminded that it was created by God and he saw it was good. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and Summer season. A special welcome to our new families.

We are excited as Bethel Christian School staff about the many plans for growth that are in development and look forward to sharing plans soon for new facilities coming. As part of our review of our master strategic planning period, the overarching purpose and vision statement of the school has been adjusted, to reflect the community that we building together.

**Purpose Statement:** A Christian learning community seeking to establish Christ-dependent knowledge as a basis of service to others.

Across the school community we are focusing on 4 behavioural goals, to support learning and wellbeing:  
I am where I am supposed to be.

I respect myself, others and authority.

I care for others in my community and beyond.

I am ready to learn and participate.

Please speak about these goals with your child, to reinforce your support for their learning and wellbeing at school and beyond. We view each member of our school community as significant and special and desire to work together to guide and support everyone as a Christian learning community. This is best achieved in working partnerships between home and school.

*1 Peter 4:10: As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

*Bethel Executive Staff*



## Bethel Christian School

### School Pledge:

I will, with God's help, obey Him in all things, follow Him and be an example to those about me. I will live pure, speak truth, right wrong and follow my King, the Lord Jesus Christ. I promise to be faithful and loyal to God, His people, my Church and my Country. I promise to be a witness for God by sharing the Good news of Jesus Christ. This is my pledge.

### Motto:

'By God's peace, sanctified in Spirit, Soul and Body.'

## Emergency Contact Forms

It is a legal requirement that the school keep up to date records of students' residential details. Please ensure you have completed and returned your 2020 Emergency Contact Form along with permission for your child to participate in sport and activities at the local oval.

If your child has asthma, any known allergies or medical conditions please see the office asap to ensure we have up to date details to assist your child in an emergency.

## 2020 School Times

### Regular Office Hours

8.00am – 3.30pm

### Playground Supervision

**High School from 8.05am**

**Primary from 8.25am**

### Primary After School

2.55pm – 3.15pm

### After School Care Hours

3.15pm – 6pm

### School Times

#### Senior School

8.10am – 3.10pm

#### Year 7 - 10

8.30am – 3.10pm

#### Primary School

8.45am – 2.55pm

## 2020 Term and Holiday Dates

Period	Start	Finish
Term 1 <i>Kindergarten, Year 7, Year 11 &amp; Year 12</i>	Wednesday, 29 January 2020	Thursday, 9 April 2020
Term 1 <i>Year 1 – Year 6 Year 8 – Year 10</i>	Thursday, 30 January 2020	Thursday, 9 April 2020
School Holidays	Friday, 10 April 2020	Monday, 27 April 2020
Term 2	Wednesday, 29 April 2020	Friday, 3 July 2020
School Holidays	Saturday, 3 July 2020	Sunday, 27 July 2020
Term 3	Monday, 28 July 2020	Friday, 25 September 2020
School Holidays	Saturday, 26 September 2020	Monday, 12 October 2020
Term 4	Tuesday, 13 October 2020	Tuesday, 8 December 2020
School Holidays	Wednesday, 9 December 2020	Wednesday, 27 January 2021

Dates subject to change. Notice will be given as soon as possible.

### School Motto

**By God's Peace – Sanctified in Spirit, Soul & Body.**

## Invoices

Invoices have been sent home with students today. If for some reason you are unable to finalise payment by the due date please arrange a meeting with Mrs Ratnam, our Business Manager, as soon as possible.

Year 11 & Year 12 students are required to purchase additional textbook, lists available from subject teachers.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be available from next Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020. Students can purchase cheese toasties and fruits from 8.05am – 8.40am.

## Lunch Orders

Lunch orders need to be written on a brown paper bag. Please ensure you write your child's name, class, order and the amount in the bag. Primary lunch orders are to be placed in baskets in your child's classroom when they go to class. High School can place orders in the box located at the front office or before school directly to the canteen. Canteen price list has been handed to students along with this newsletter.

## Drop Off & Pick Up

We understand that the traffic and parking around school drop off and pick up times can be a challenge. We encourage parents to use Mount Druitt Road and Narelle Street to park and NOT to park on Ropes Creek Road. Ropes Creek Road is a bus route for the school buses and we, along with the other local schools, ask that parents assist in keeping it clear of vehicles and clear visual access to watch for pedestrians.

## Bus Transport

Busways conducts regular checks of School Opal cards.

**All students must be in possession of a valid Opal card or pay a fare. Students in possession of an Opal card must also tap on/off with their card when boarding our buses.**

To apply for a School Opal card or to report a lost or stolen card, go online to [www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/](http://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/) Students who are ineligible for School Opal will need to purchase a Child/Youth Opal card or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

## Safety

### HIGH SCHOOL

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct all leather footwear. This is a safety requirement for working in the Science Lab, Technology Room and Food Technology.

### INFANTS

### NUT FREE ZONE

Due to the number of students with allergies, we ask for parents help in making K/1/2 a NUT FREE ZONE.

This includes not bringing nuts, nutella and peanut butter. We understand that little people are often fussy eaters but as these allergies can be life threatening we ask for your assistance in keeping Infants a NUT FREE ZONE.

### Water Bottles and Hats

All students need to have their hat and water bottle at school with them each day. Hats need to be worn by all students when they are outside. Please ensure that your child has their name clearly printed on the inside of their hat. Students will be encouraged to drink plenty of water, especially during this extremely hot weather.

## Visiting Site

When visiting the school site during school times, please ensure you sign in at the front office before going to classrooms, hall or playground.

## Lockers

Lockers are available for High School students. A fee of \$20 a year can be paid at the front office.

## School Diary

Bethel has provided each student in Year 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 with a School Diary. Students are required to have this with them each day.

The diary is to be used as a means of communication between school and home, including homework, special events, behaviour and assignment due dates. Student diaries need to be sighted and signed by a parent each week.

## Sport Uniform Days

Primary: Wednesday & Friday  
High School: Tuesday & Friday  
(Uniform available at Lowes Mount Druitt.)

## Child Care

After School Care is available for students from 3.15pm – 6pm. Child care rebate and child care benefits are available for parents who enroll in after school care. Casual rates for after school care apply to those who are not booked in but access the school site during these times. If you would like further information about the Child Care programs available at Bethel please contact the office.