NEWS UPDATE

Next Tuesday evening at our Parents and Friends Meeting, the topic for discussion will be *Bullying and Student Management*. No doubt many of us have experienced bullying and intimidation in our lives and the memory and associated feelings stay with us for the rest of our days. We might find it at home, school, work, online or in other venues like teams/ clubs/ neighbours/ social groups. It can occur at any age and across cultures, genders and socioeconomic groups. We may experience it as the person being bullied, or as a bystander or as the bully causing the abuse.

It is a reality that we face in our society at many levels. The repeated, intentional, ongoing abuse of power over another or another group is bullying. It is NOT a one-off incident. Yet it should not be “just a part of life” or “a part of growing up”. It needs to be confronted everywhere and anywhere.

Bethany, like all Australian schools, is expected to deal effectively and rapidly with bullying issues and any other social issues as they arise. This is achieved partially by a range of positive preventative policies that try to create an anti bullying environment. Bullying is an exception rather than an ongoing reality for our students. However, we (like other schools) have a very small number of children with specific social disorders which may lead to unacceptable behaviours. We also have ‘follow up’/ ‘follow through’ on incidents, access to counsellors, social skills programs, police visits and a range of consequences for poor anti social behaviour.

**Why not come along to our P & F meeting next week and join the discussion?**

PUNCTUALITY

A gentle reminder that school starts at **8:30am SHARP**. We move into class and start working immediately. Not a minute is lost. If children are arriving late, they miss some work and disturb others and their learning when they arrive. Morning supervision starts at 8am.

SCHOOL AUDITS

No doubt you know that schools have a large range of accountabilities and responsibilities to various authorities - Federal and State governments, Catholic Education, NSW Board of Studies and others. We are audited annually on a variety of compliance issues with a more comprehensive audit every 5 years. The 9 main areas include:

- Staff
- Curriculum
- Premises and buildings
- Facilities
- Safe and supportive environment
- Discipline
- Attendance
- Management and operation of the school
- Education and financial reporting

Each area has a number of mandatory processes that need to be compliant at all times. Our next major audit for Bethany is in 2014.
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEETING
When: Next Tuesday
Time: 7:30pm
Where: Library
Topic: Bullying and anti social behaviour

SPORT UNIFORM DAYS
Kinder – Monday & Friday
Year 1 - Tuesday & Friday
Year 2 - Tuesday & Friday
Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday
Year 4 - Tuesday & Friday
Year 5 - Tuesday & Friday
Year 6 - Monday & Friday

GLENMORE PARK MONTHLY MARKET
PLASTER PAINTING
FACE PAINTING
Glenmore Park Community Centre
Carl Luttrell St & Town Terrace
Raffle - $2 or 3 for $5
All proceeds to the Sydney Children's Hospital
LAST MARKET NEXT MARKET
SUNDAY 28TH JULY 2013

A YEAR OF FAITH
“God is with us”
Every student should of received a prayer book last week.
Greg Whitby, the CEO of Catholic Schools in Parramatta Diocesan hopes that families may put God at the heart of their homes using this family prayer book.
You will find the ‘Angelus Prayer’ with this text, a prayer said at 12noon each day at school.

CANTEEN ROSTER - WEEK 3 - Contact MICHELLE 0404-580-636
LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS ONLY

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