ASSESSING STUDENTS AT BETHANY......WHAT'S AN MAI?

We do many assessments of students at Bethany.

We assess each child to find out their strengths and areas of development to improve their learning growth and performance. It is targeted and ongoing.

This year we have introduced the MAI (Mathematical Assessment Interview) to assist teachers in diagnosing individual student’s Maths knowledge, skills and understanding of mathematical concepts.

It is comprehensive and research based yet is quite time consuming when we aim to interview ALL the students across the school. It gives explicit information about a student’s understanding of number, place value, addition/subtraction and multiplication/division.

Our next staff professional learning day on April 4th will be training teachers to implement the Mathematical Assessment Interview.

FRIDAY APRIL 4TH - STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY - PUPIL FREE DAY

Limited places are available at Bethany Catholic Out of School Care if needed
Please Phone – 0409133213

ST PATRICK’S ‘GREEN’ DAY FUNDRAISER

Congratulations to our Bethany students and their families for raising approx. $850 ($230 was from the green loom bands!) from last week’s fundraiser.

This will be part of our Project Compassion for 2014 and is directed to Caritas, the Catholic organisation which supports our efforts overseas in assisting the needy in our world.

SCHOOL COMPLIANCE AUDIT

Every school in Australia has numerous requirements from the Federal government, State governments and local authorities like the Catholic Education Office that need to be implemented AT ALL TIMES.

This includes processes, policies, programs, educational documentation, assessment plans, WHS procedures, financial audits etc. It is very comprehensive and thorough.

Bethany’s annual review comes up on Tuesday next week. The audit is changing this year so it will be interesting to be involved in the Peer Review to gain insight into the process. Schools are given 3 weeks warning of the audit date and one week’s notice of the core areas to be audited.

We are looking forward to presenting and learning more about how we might be able improve in our core business of education at Bethany.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:15am – 3:00pm

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www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au
ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

On Tuesday 25th March, we celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord. We read in the story of the Annunciation that the angel Gabriel announced that Mary was to be the mother of Jesus. We are blessed that the Son of God loved us enough to become one of us. We are thankful that Mary first, and then many others, accepted Jesus.

Reflection
The Annunciation is the beginning of the story of Jesus. How much do we remember about the life and work of Jesus? How do we accept Jesus into our lives, especially during this time of Lent?

The Angelus
Each day at Bethany we recall the story of the Annunciation during our daily praying of the Angelus;


Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women And Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.”

PROJECT COMPASSION UPDATE

Archie’s story - Philippines
A place where I belong
For most of Archie’s life, he lived with his parents and nine siblings in a one-roomed house beside a flood-prone river in the Philippines. In 2012, a resettlement program supported by Caritas Australia helped Archie’s family move to a safer house and take part in skills training.

“Caritas Australia has changed our lives. We are so thankful and happy that we are living in a safe community. I can see myself being able to send my younger brothers and sisters to school. Thank you Caritas Australia.”

Archie and his family were not affected but Project Compassion continues to support those lives disrupted by Super Typhoon Haiyan occurring in November 2013. Caritas tweeted to Bethany about their fundraiser last Friday “perfect for St Patrick’s Day! Thanks for all your support!”

CONFIRMATION – SAVE THE DATE

This sacrament takes place in Year 5 at Padre Pio following on from the sacrament of First Holy Communion in Year 4. However, some Year 6 students may need to complete this sacrament. The following dates have been approved by the Bishop and will occur later in the year;

♦ Saturday 30th August
♦ Sunday 31st August
♦ Saturday 13th September
♦ Sunday 14th September

Should you have any further enquiries about sacraments please contact Sr Helen at the parish. More information will come home to families after the Year 3 reconciliation program.

FIRST EUCHARIST PRACTICE

For children receiving their First Holy Communion on 29th March and 30th March 2014, there is a practice in the church on Friday 28th March 2014.

For the students who are making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 29th March 2014, practice starts at 4.30pm

For the students who are making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 30th March 2014, practice starts at 5.15pm

Please be in your allocated seat with your mass book to start on time. For this practice it is requested that siblings be minded elsewhere.

YEAR 1 WEEKEND MASS

Thank you to the family and friends of Bethany Year 1 students that were able to attend the Sunday morning parish mass at Padre Pio Church. Thank you to the teachers for preparing and organising for your students to participate.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews in preparation for Reconciliation Program 2014
Surnames beginning with I J K
- Tuesday 1st April 2014

Surnames beginning with F G H
- Wednesday 2nd April 2014

Email address - srhelen@padrepioglenmorepark.org.au
2015 SIBLING ONLY ENROLMENT INTENT

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Good luck to the Stage 3 girls who are representing Bethany at the Soccer Gala Day next Tuesday.

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Bethany encourages participation of all children and if there are any further concerns please address these with Ted or Jenny.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Have you had a chance to look at the Bethany 2745 Twitter page with its information for parents, students and teachers??

Search Bethany 2745 or @primary_bethany

MODE OF TRANSPORT

Please ensure you have clearly informed your child/ren of how they are traveling home each day as there is often confusion. This will eliminate any undue stress. Perhaps a small note with the date and travel preference in your child's bag.

UNINTERRUPTED LEARNING

Please be advised that the school gates are locked for security reasons between the hours of 8:40am to 2:40pm. This is to ensure the safety of the students and provide uninterrupted learning sessions. Any visitors should be pre-approved and signed in at the school office prior to entry. If your child has forgotten homework, hat, lunch etc. rather then interrupting the learning, parents can drop the item or message at the office and your child can collect it at the first available opportunity.

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TANYA DAVIS VISITS YEAR 5

Students from year 5 wrote a journal entry about their visit from Tanya Davis.

Olivia - Tanya Davis Visit
On the 7th of March Tanya Davis came to our school. If you are wondering who Tanya Davis is she is the state leader of Mulgoa. She talked about what its like to be a leader, she said it was awesome. Tanya also said they are making a new charity called little wings, where sick children around the state have to travel a long time to get to a hospital but little wings will come and pick them up.

Callum - Tanya’s Presentation
Tanya Davis visited Year 5 on 7th March to talk about her role and position in state government. She informed us about local, state and federal government. Tanya identified 3 issues/areas that state government is looking at – little wings, safer roads and eye watch. It was very interesting about how people are changing the statues and making it a better place and telling use what she does.

Callan - A visit from Tanya Davis
Tanya Davies came on the 7th of march to talk to year 5 about state, federal and local government. She talked about charities and safer roads. It was very convincing and interesting. I learnt a lot of things about government.
WEEK 9

Tuesday 25.3.14  Feast of the Annunciation
Saturday 29.3.14  First Holy Communion Mass 5.30pm
Sunday 30.3.14  First Holy Communion Mass 9.30am

CAROLINE CHISHOLM COLLEGE
Caroline Chisholm College, Glenmore Park
provides Catholic Education
for girls in Years 7 – 12

Enrolling now for 2015. Applications close 11 April, 2015.

For further information contact the College on 4737 5500.

CANTENE ROSTER - WEEK 9 - Contact Julie Pratsch—0412 114 524
LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS ONLY

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