
Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are writing to tell you about an exciting project we are starting in Year 5. The students have been working extremely well so far and we are very happy with their performance and progress this term.

As you might know, at Bethany we use Project Based Learning, or PBL, to help students improve their learning. A project motivates students to gain knowledge and they remember the content longer. Projects give students the chance to apply the skills they learn in school to personally relevant and real-world situations. Your child also learns skills in PBL such as how to think critically, solve problems, work in teams, and make presentations. These skills will help students succeed in the future, both in school and in today’s work world.

Our project is called **MY OPINION MATTERS** and it will last about five weeks. Students will learn about state government and important issues that this level of government are concerned with. The project’s Driving Question, which focuses our work is:

**‘How can I have my say in state government?’**

Our students have been involved in discussions with the State Member for Mulgoa, Tanya Davies, researching a current issue on the Internet, interviewing community members and preparing an oral presentation with a group created handout or brochure. Your child will work as part of a team, guided by their teacher.

At the end of the project, students will present to their peers and parents. This presentation will take place in the school hall and is scheduled for Week 9 Friday, 27th March at 1:30pm – 2:15pm. We hope you will be able to attend.

Students will be assessed individually on their content knowledge and their collaboration skills. The group will also be assessed on their presentation skills and the brochure they produce for others.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions about the project!

Best wishes,

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