

Bethel Christian School



Newsletter 4th March 2009 TERM ONE Week 5

Half way through the term already as we enter into week five. So far we have had a very smooth term. A lot has been achieved. School is a very fluid and changeable place. School numbers have gone to 302 from K to 10. It is great to have people joining our Bethel family and on behalf of the school I would like to welcome all new families.

Bethel Christian School has a new website: You can find it by typing in www.bethel.wa.edu.au. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jordan Sharp from Jetblack Creative for the work he put into the webpage. We have opted to keep the webpage simple and crisp. Access to newsletters and other school information will be available on the webpage. Newsletters will still be sent home as usual.

With the new webpage came a change in the school logo. Don't panic uniforms will not be changing. You may see a change in logo on some letters and correspondence.

I would like to thank the school Leadership team and the office management team for all their contributions to these new changes. It's great to have a new webpage to send people to with questions about our school.

Finally I will be out of the school this Thursday and Friday attending meetings for CSA and AISWA. The AISWA meeting is about the Building Education Revolution grants being made available to ALL Australian schools, some more exciting changes here at Bethel may result from this new government initiative. Apologies that I will not be at this week's assembly due to these meetings.

In closing I would like to focus on the words from **2Peter 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.**

With Love,

Mim Butler Acting Principal

Character Focus for this Week - Honesty

Honesty is the best policy. Continuing on from last week our whole school focus this week is the Christian character trait of honesty. Teachers will be doing devotions during the week and I think our Chaplains have something in store for us at this week's assembly.

Some words that describe honesty include: authentic, trustworthy, truthful, righteous, true, sincere, honorable, reliable, open, transparent.

Why should we tell the truth?

- 1.) Telling the truth lets everyone know what really happened.
- 2.) Telling the truth keeps people from being blamed for something they didn't do.
- 3.) Your friends, family and teachers will trust and respect you more if you tell the truth.
- 4.) It's easier to tell the truth. You don't have to remember a bunch of lies to keep your story straight.
- 5.) Telling the truth helps you feel calm and peaceful inside.

(These points taken from, What do you stand for? For Kids. A Guide to Building Character by B.A. Lewis)

Honest Hannah



Ephesians 4:15 (NIV) reads; "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ".

Bethel Christian School is committed to training and teaching our children to "Grow Up Into Christ" - Living the way God intends us to.