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CALENDAR

Monday 13th March	Labour Day Public Holiday. STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL.
Tuesday 14th March	School Photos. STUDENTS TO BE IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM.
Friday 17th March	Responsible Pet Ownership. Foundation to Grade 4.

On Wednesday 22nd February we had a 'lockdown' at Bethal as a precautionary measure due to an event that occurred in the surrounding neighbourhood and outside of the school grounds. All students, staff and parents were asked to stay indoors for approximately 40 minutes. Our first priority is to ensure that everyone is safe in the school. We practice emergency procedures regularly to avoid anxiety and we will continue to run practice evacuations and drills at various time throughout the year to ensure we are best prepared for any possible situation. If you have any further concerns please come and see myself or Mr. Stafford.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Some children are excited about coming to school, whereas others are less enthusiastic. Here are some ideas to consider when talking to your children about school:-

- Be positive about the year ahead, even if your child is apprehensive about some aspects of the coming year. Children often pick up the cues of their parents so your attitude to school, your child's teacher and learning can set the scene for a positive year ahead.
- Often children's fears and concerns about a particular grade level or class disappear on the first day.
- Have children go to bed that little bit earlier – school can be very hectic and very tiring.
- Encourage discussion of school in a matter of fact manner and talk about possible friendships that they may form. Give children practice in becoming more independent at home particularly if they are in the early years of school.
- Be on time each day. This is important for children to help settle into class and not disrupt others or themselves. The start of the day is the most important part of the day.

SCHOOL VALUES

At Bethal we place great emphasis on the development of **positive relationships** through the adoption of our agreed school values. We promote three basic values **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST**. We believe that these are important to develop in children if they are to achieve their best, build positive relationships and learn to stand on their own two feet.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Most children are now coming to school in full school uniform. However there are still a few children wearing leggings with decorations or very short shorts. Black tracksuit pants and school shorts or skorts form part of our uniform. Children should not be wearing dangling earrings and necklaces to school as this can be a safety issue.

It is inappropriate for children to wear make up, nail polish, tattoos to school. Please help us by making sure all these are removed before children come to school.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 8th March before the School Council meeting.

2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the 2017 School Council will be held on 8th March after the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for school council will closed today, 24th February. Thank you to those parents who have nominated.

Every Day Counts

Unfortunately there are a number of students who are either absent, arriving late or being picked up early. It is a parents' responsibility to ensure children attend school every day. We realise that when children are not well they must be kept at home. If this is the case, a doctor's certificate is required. Please assist us in ensuring that children attend school each day. **Students can not be taught if they're not at school.** All absences are entered on CASES and reported to the Department. You must advise the teacher in writing or a phone call to the office, explaining the reason for the absence.

If you have an appointment and need to pick up your child early, you will need to provide evidence of the appointment. Appointments can be made later to avoid children missing out on valuable school time. If you are taking your child on an overseas trip you must get approval from the school prior to the trip.

SCHOOL TIMES

School starts at 9.00 am and finishes at 3.15pm. **Please ensure all students arrive at school by 8.55am and are picked up promptly at 3.15pm.** Students will not be supervised in the playground prior to 8.45am or after 3.30pm.

CAR PARK SAFETY

The car parks are for staff parking. Please do not drive into the car parks to drop off children. Some parents stop to let children off and walk through the car park. This is quite dangerous as many staff are driving into the car parks at that time. **PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR CHILD AT THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL GATES AND ENSURE THEY WALK OUT ONTO THE FOOTPATH.**

Traffic in Rockbank Court is a major concern especially at kindergarten and school drop off time at 8.50am. Parents need to park in appropriate parking bays and not across driveways.

Unless parents start behaving when dropping off children, we will have a serious accident.

Mrs T. DeMercurio

Principal

From the Assistant Principal:

It has been a very busy and productive start to the year at Bethal Primary. Classes are now well and truly into the swing of 'teaching and learning' and there are already wonderful displays of student work presented around the school.

New roller blinds are currently being installed on the south facing windows of all classrooms, keep an eye out for them, they look great

Meet the teacher interviews.

Thank you to all families who attended 'Meet the Teacher' interviews last week. A big thank you to all staff for staying back late to allow this to occur. These are a great opportunity to set your child / children up for a successful year at Bethal and if you weren't able to attend on the day, please contact your child's teacher to arrange another meeting time.

Attendance.

Only three more school days in February and then I'll be crunching the data and working out which class in the school has had the best attendance for the month. This class will be awarded with an out of school uniform day.

I have been looking at student attendance so far and have noticed that lots of students have been absent for 2 or more days already. This doesn't sound like much, but with only fifteen school days in total so far, if this continues:

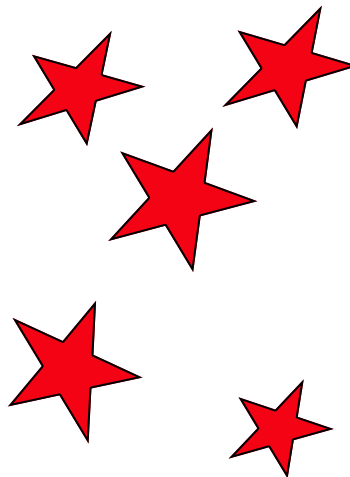
- 2 days absence now will finish the year with 27 days absence (6 weeks of school)
- 3 days absence now will finish the year with 40 days absence (8 weeks of school)
- 4 days absence now will finish the year with 53 days absence (11 weeks of school)
- 5 days absence now will finish the year with 66 days absence (13 weeks of school)
- 6 days absence now will finish the year with 79 days absence (close to half a year)

Every day does count, please make sure all students are at school every day.

Thanks,

Mr S. Stafford
Assistant Principal

Pupil of WEEK 9	
Prep A	Zayan
Prep B	Ayyan
1/A	Teresa
1/B	Abbey
2/A	Hayder
2/B	L.T & Olga
3/4A	William & Tania
3/4B	Rosemary
3/4C	Joseph
5/6A	Nikhil
5/6B	Samayah
5/6C	David
Sport	Hawazin 1B
Spanish	Bhagavada 2B
Science	N/A
Art	Lilly Rose FB
EAL	N/A



Pupil of WEEK 10	
Prep A	Tepora
Prep B	Jessica
1/A	Marrisha
1/B	Abubakar
2/A	Snteya
2/B	Anjelina
3/4A	Yousif
3/4B	Edmond
3/4C	Kiara
5/6A	Sushma
5/6B	Leah
5/6C	Rima
Sport	Furkan 3/4C
Spanish	Yasmien 3/4A
Science	N/A
Art	Siennah 3/4B
EAL	Sarkis

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