

School Education Board - Principal's Report

November 28th 2017

Learning & Teaching

- A proposal for a Maths Collective has been written and sent in. We are hoping to receive \$37,000 to introduce new assessments and pedagogical practices in Number in all classrooms F-6. We will be working with staff at St. Mary's East St. Kilda and St. Joseph's Hawthorn as well as CEM staff and Bob Wright from Melbourne University.
- Staff are currently being trained in new interview assessments for Mathematics that will be used at the start of the year. The interviews are based on the Number dimension in Mathematics. Every student from F-6 will be interviewed during Term 1. The assessments are called SENA Interviews (Schedule for Early Number Assessment) and are used in NSW. Galilee have been asked to trail the assessments in 2018 with the view that they will be rolled out to other Catholic schools in 2019. The assessments will give teachers a greater understanding of what students know and what they need to learn next. The CEM will support us in using these interview assessments.
- Daily 5 and Cafe literacy program has been trialled in F-2 this year. All staff are currently receiving training and Daily 5 and Cafe Reading will be operating in all classrooms in 2018.
- STEAM Inquiry Units are being planned for 2018 with all staff mapping the Victorian Curriculum to ensure that they are able to cover all areas of the curriculum over the four terms next year.
- Staff are currently using the new reporting format. Staff have noted that it is more detailed and will give parents a more accurate indication of how their child is progressing. Staff are moderating work samples and working in CASL teams (Collaborative Analysis of Student Learning Teams).
- Classdojo app has been trialled in a number of classes this year and will be rolled out to all classrooms next year. The aim of the classdojo is to give greater opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's learning. The classdojo has the ability for teachers send photos, video and comments/information about students work to the parents.
- Staff will participate in a Mathematics focused closure day on the first day back next year. Jo Pringle from the CEM will work with staff to develop a yearly overview ensuring that students are receiving access to the curriculum that they are entitled to. Staff will also work to unpack the Learning Framework in Number (a developmental sequence of the stages in learning for the area of Number) and analyse the interview assessments that they will be completing on each student in Term 1 - making links to the Learning Framework in Number.

Leadership & Management

- Employment of another Graduate teacher for 2018, Charlotte Biggs.
- Employment of an experienced teacher Bianca Wallis for 2018. Bianca comes from St. Andrews in Werribee. She has experience in teaching Prep - Year 4. She held a leadership position at St. Andrews in the area of Prep - Year 2 Learning and Teaching

Leader. We will introduce Charlotte and Bianca to the school community at the Carols.

- School Closure day this Friday, working with CEM staff to write first draft of 2018 Annual Action Plan.
- Completed first draft of 2017 Annual Report to the Community.
- Final staffing decisions are being made for 2018. Staffing will be publicised in Week 10.
- Year 5 students completed public speaking course 'Speak With Power' and students presented their speeches to an audience made up of parents, students and teachers.
- Staff have started to restructure the reporting format for the end of the year. Staff have been unpacking curriculum documentation, ensuring that their comments have been moderated and follow a developmental sequence. The new reporting format aim to give families more information on the achievements of their child. We will be seeking feedback from staff and families after the reports have been published.
- *Can School Improvement Team meet to make suggestions on School Improvement & Parent Surveys and discuss homework? - Possible 2018 focus*
- Prep Information Night for parents was a success. It was very well attended. Holly and Sammy presented as did Jess and Chelsea, and parents were able to get to know each other over wine and cheese. Holly, Brighid and Sammy had prepared a packet of information for each family that included the Parent Handbook.
- Prep transition days have been very successful. A Mathematics and English parent information session was held for parents during the last transition day. Danielle and Amy presented tips and hints for helping students at home as well as an insight into the types of things that prep students will be involved in next year. We have had positive feedback from these sessions.
- The Leadership Team are in the process of being surveyed on their Leadership roles for 2017. The results are going to form the basis of goals that each member of the leadership team set themselves for 2018.
- Annual Review Meetings have been completed with all staff.
- Projection of slight increase in enrolments in 2018 from August census. We are currently full for Prep enrolments in 2018, which is not the case for all Catholic schools in the Southern Region.
- Two of our Learning Support Officers continue to complete assignments for Certificate IV in Education Support.
- One staff member is currently completing a Post Grad. qualification in Religious Education and two staff members are in the process of completing a Masters in Education (Allied School Psychology). These three staff members will continue to study in 2018.
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- New cleaning company employed: Danihers. We have had positive feedback on their service to date from staff with a projected saving of \$8000 pa.
- New photocopy contract has been signed that includes two extra photocopiers and a more reasonable rate for copies with a projected saving of \$20 000 pa.
- We are in the process of reviewing our current security company and have sort proposals from a number of companies to ensure we are getting the best service and price going forward.

- Three Pre-service teachers from ACU have been working in various classrooms: Prep F, 2C, 6C

Education in Faith

- The Reflection Day at Mary MacKillop Centre and St. Patrick's Cathedral was very successful with students attending the Mary MacKillop Centre and St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- Year 6 students who attend OLMC or St. Joseph's made their Confirmation on the 11th November. A number of students will make their Confirmation on Sunday 3rd December at Ss. Peter and Paul's. Many of our Year 6 students did not participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.
- Amy and Brittany have met with Michael, the Parish Educator from OLMC to begin setting Sacramental Dates for 2018 and review the program. They are due to meet with Fr. Dean tomorrow.
- Galilee Day was a success - the Foundation Mass was in the hall and Fr. Dean with the Year 4 students led the school in mass. Students participated in a disco dance session, SEL presentation and a free lunch. Many parents volunteered to make and distribute lunch.
- Upcoming events - End of Year Mass and Nativity and Graduation Mass.

Student Wellbeing

- Peer Mediation Program for Year 5, facilitated by Kids Matter, to deal with friendship/playground issues outside has started and the students have enjoyed the extra responsibility. Staff have noticed a decrease in minor conflict issues when they were on yard duty.
- SRC meet weekly with actions the SRC has now finished for 2018. Next year we would hope that the SRC focus on a project that they can follow throughout the year.
- The final PSG meetings took place earlier this term
- Transition Meetings for Year 6 are currently taking place with Joss and Kayla meeting staff from high schools.
- Whole school closure day planned for 2018 with St Anthony's Glen Huntly, Trinity School Richmond, St Joseph's Elsternwick - Implementing Berry Street Model to help engage challenging students. These strategies are currently being implemented in all classrooms.
- Year 5 students have participated in the Speak With Power program -building confidence to write and present speeches for leadership roles next year.
- Year 5 students are currently applying for leadership roles next year. They will present their speeches to students in year 3-6 and members of the leadership team next week. Student Leaders will be introduced to the community in week 10.
- Staff attended Respectful Relationships PD to begin implementing the framework early 2018.

School Community

- The Father/Child Camp in Queenscliff was a success.

- Year 3-6 students attended T-20 Dendy Cricket.
- The Art show was well attended and we had lots of positive feedback on the student's art as well as the food trucks was very positive.
- The Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow with a large number of parents supporting and assisting with the day and all students, P-6 participating in the day.
- The Prep-2 swimming program was more successful this year with a greater number of staff at MSAC available and appropriate swimming lanes available for students.
- Camp for Year 3 students was a positive experience for all students. The camping program has been very successful this year. Camp has been booked for 2018. Year 6 students will be travelling to Canberra, Year 5 will be attending Merrick's Camp, Year 4 will return to Anglesea and Year 3 will return to the Zoo snooze.
- Parent Surveys were sent home on Monday with 100 responses. See results below.
- Numerous functions including Dad's Association Christmas Function, Carols, End of year Mass, Graduation Mass and Dinner.
- Our School Choir - GaliGLEE will present on December 1st at Bayside Festival Christmas Carols for the first time.
- Secondary School Transition/Orientation days have commenced.