## CATHOLIC EDUCATION BALLARAT

# Mathematics Leaders' Newsletter - March, 2021

Dear Mathematics Leaders,

Our ongoing communication with Mathematics Leaders is going to move to The HIVE from the start of term 2. You will receive notifications in a Blog post on the <u>HIVE homepage</u>. This post will contain links to further documents (e.g. newsletter) as appropriate.

This information will also appear in the CEB Weekly Newsletter on Wednesday. Please contact your Principal to arrange access if you're not currently receiving these Wednesday bulletins.

#### What's in this newsletter

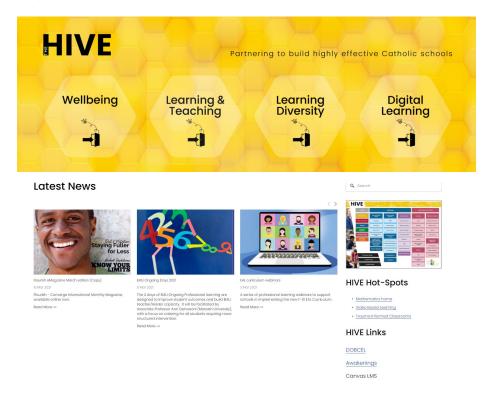
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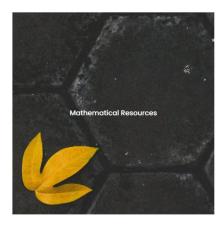
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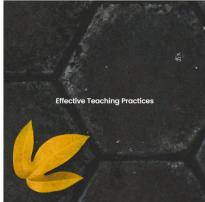
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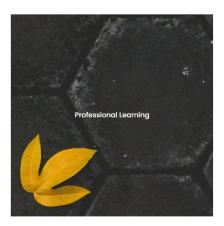
The Mathematics Weebly, which has been extensively utilised over the last 8 years, will be closed down from the start of term 2. If there are documents or resources which you have previously accessed from the Weebly that you can't locate on The Hive, please advise one of the Maths Team.

To access the latest information on the HIVE, you will need to scroll down the page, as shown in the diagram below. There are also arrows that allow you to access further news.









#### Latest Mathematics News



EMU Ongoing Days 2021
The 2 days of EMU Ongoing Professional learning are designed to improve student outcomes and build EMU teacher/leader capacity. It will be facilitated by Associate Professor Ann Gervasoni (Monash University), with a focus on actering for all students requiring more structured intervention.

9 Mar 2021 : Learning & Facching, Mathematics.



PAT Tests and Webinar Clarity re PAT test purchases 3 Mar 2021 - Literacy, Mathematics, Learning & Teaching



Professional Learning 2021 - Peter Sullivan Upcoming Mathematics Professional Learning 12 Feb 2021 - Mathematics

## PETER SULLIVAN - PROFESSIONAL LEARNING 2021

As the end of term is approaching, the CEB Mathematics team needs to make some decisions about the Peter Sullivan professional learning opportunities we have offered for 2021.

- The key Professional Learning in 2021 for leaders and teams of teachers is 2 different programs with Peter Sullivan *Learning Through Challenging Mathematical Tasks*.
  - O For those who worked with Peter in 2020, we are offering a 2 day *Continuing The Journey* program. Please access registration here: <u>registration link</u>
  - For those new to this professional learning in 2021, we are offering a 2 day Beginning The Journey Program. Please access registration and further information here: <u>registration link</u>

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## Mathematics Diocesan Leaders' Network Video Conference

On Thursday March 4th, we held a Video Conference showcasing the Mathematics learning and teaching from some of our schools.

- St. Mary's Warracknabeal shared their story on how their classroom practice has impacted on PAT data
- Shandell Moloney from St. Colman's Mortlake shared how the MAI is administered prior to learning cycles

• Chris Minney from St. Mary's Hamilton shared how they administer the MAI at the end of the school year, without taking testing days

As a result of this learning, these are some actions that participants identified that they would take:

- Can we fit in 90 minute maths lessons? Can we tighten up our pacing guide and scope and sequence?
- Implementing MAI at the end of the year, through specialists' week or as a buffer week

#### Other thoughts were as follows:

- It was great to get ideas about how others structure and present their program
- Interesting to see how different schools deliver their maths program. It made me think how we can rejig our own.
- I enjoyed sharing our school journey with others.
- Validates our current practices and gives ideas for renewing and updating.
- All schools reinforced how important the careful tracking of data and assessment is.



## **EMU ONGOING Professional Learning**

Associate Professor Ann Gervasoni will facilitate the EMU Ongoing days this year.

#### Day 1: Wednesday May 5th and Day 2: Friday June 4th, 9:15 to 3:30

These sessions will be held in the Glowery and MacKillop Rooms at CEB, 5 Lyons Street, Ballarat.

This is a link to the flyer on <u>The HIVE</u>, with an outline of the professional learning, costs and registration details.

We encourage you, and other interested teachers in your school, even if they are not EMU trained, to register on Eventbrite.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Maths Team.



## **Origo Professional Learning and Update**

Origo are offering New Professional Learning Programs, that are 10 Week Self- Paced opportunities. They are:

- Language and Literacy in Mathematics
- Problem Solving in the Classroom

You are also invited to express your interest for Professional Learning with Dr Calvin Irons and James Burnett. The review of the Australian Curriculum is due for release by the end of second term in 2021. As such, Origo are offering a professional learning academy to support mathematics leaders in primary schools who wish to become professional learning facilitators in their school. This proposed academy, led by Calvin and James, will dive into content that F-6 students need to be successful in mathematics throughout their schooling, career and life in general. Please contact the Mathematics Team for the registration form.



Our Victorian Stepping Stones representative is now **Bobbie Salalila**, her contact details are: Bobbie Salalila | ORIGO Education B\_Salalila@origo.com.au

Bobbie is looking at ways in which she can support both you in your role, and teachers within your school. Some ideas she is considering are webinars, network PD sessions and in school PLTs.

#### Pricing for Stepping Stones' Subscriptions for 2021 will remain unchanged.

Origo is offering the discounted price to Ballarat Diocese schools of \$122 per subscription for schools not using Student Books and \$79 for those using the books.

#### **Slate Subscriptions**

**Premium Subscription** – Includes Stepping Stones Foundation to Year 6, Flare IWB tools, Fundamentals games, Big Book Tools, Mathedology and Staticware.

Standard Subscription – Includes Stepping Stones Foundation to Year 6 and Staticware.

**Zupelz and Thinking Caps** – Can be added to either subscription.

If you have any queries regarding anything mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Maths team.

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