



# Weekly Newsletter

***The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?***

***The LORD is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?***

***Psalm 27:1***

This psalm has been of great encouragement to me lately. Written by King David most likely during the time after the rebellion of his son Absalom. This period of time in David's life was a dark one, his own son was trying to depose him and even to kill him. It really rocked him to the core and I guess during this time he desperately cried out to God. As he reached out to God he remembered what God had already done for him and this gave him confidence and courage. He was able to face his fear knowing that in the end he belongs to God, the world is under God's lordship and that ultimately he will 'see the goodness of the LORD'.

He makes several bold declarations: *I ask from the LORD...; I will sacrifice...; I will sing and make music to the LORD; I call...; Your face, LORD, will I seek; Teach me...; I remain confident; Wait for the LORD, be strong...and wait.* David deliberately chooses a mindset and follows it up with definite action.

So for us today we can face whatever causes us to be fearful with the same confidence. God is our rock, the light in our lives and He has made a way for us to be restored to a relationship with Him as He intended.

Nothing in our lives or on this earth can beat that, no army, no political leader, no social upheaval, no government decisions, no betrayals, no wrongs committed against us or that we have committed. With David we can confidently say:

*I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.*

*Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.*

***Psalm 27:13-14***

We need to deliberately choose to set our minds on God, to trust, to wait, to seek, to ask and then to back it up with actions that follow our mindset.

## Regional Athletics

On Tuesday this week three of our students, **Luke Radford, Will Triplett** and **Rebecca Stephens** competed in various events in the Regional Athletics held in Newborough. By all accounts they competed very well and achieved good results. Congratulations to them for their effort and also for enduring what was a cold and windy day.

Thanks to Mrs Radford and Mrs Triplett for transporting them and looking after them for the day.

## Coming Up

### TOMORROW

**Friday 14th October**

Enrichment Activities

**Monday 17th October**

Parents & Friends Meeting

**Friday 21st October**

Assembly - hosted by Grade P/1

**Friday 28th October**

Enrichment Activities

**Tuesday 1st November**

Cup Day Public Holiday

**Wed 2nd - Fri 4th November**

Camp Week (Gr 1/2, 3/4 & 5)

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## VISION STATEMENT

*Our School is a vibrant community partnering with parents to educate, nurture and equip their children to the Highest standard so they shine wherever they are, discovering their unique gifts and serving God significantly and passionately in a complex world.*



## Condolences

This week we were saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs Irma Hutton. She was the much loved grandmother and great grandmother to Craig and Alisha, Mark and Rachel and their children; Aleka, Cooper, Aiden, Abbey and Joshua.

She was also the mother/mother-in-law of two of the founding Board members of the school, Ian and Ann Hutton. Ann also taught with us for the first three years of the school's life.

Please pray for the family as they grieve and as they gather together to remember and celebrate a life well lived.



## Appointment of a New Principal

The Board have been busy in the last few weeks and are very close to making an appointment. It is expected that an announcement will be made in the next week or so.

## ICAS Spelling & English / AMC Mathematics Competitions

Recently several of our students participated in the ICAS Spelling & English competition and the AMC Mathematics competition. These are academic competitions conducted by the University of New South Wales and the Australian Mathematics Trust respectively. The students all gave of their best in completing these challenging activities. Following are the results achieved by our students.

### ICAS Spelling:

Milena Tuck-Lee	Participation Award
Connor McGrath	Participation Award
Jonathon De Kock	Participation Award
Aleka Hutton	Participation Award
Luke Radford	Participation Award
Seth Barton	Participation Award
Jordan Dobby	Credit Award
Rebecca Stephens	Distinction Award
Deklan Tuck-Lee	Participation Award

### ICAS English:

Jobe Paliew	Credit Award
Connor McGrath	Participation Award
Melinda Wood	Credit Award
Jonathon De Kock	Credit Award
Aleka Hutton	Participation Award
Luke Radford	Credit Award
Jordan Dobby	Merit Award



## Prayer Initiative

- Pray for the Hutton family this week as they grieve the loss of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother.
- Pray for the **Pulis** family this week.

## Prayer Points

- Praise God our Creator and Sustainer for being our rock and our salvation.
- Thank God for the blessings we receive each day from Him.
- Pray for State government as they continue to debate the proposed changes to the Equal Opportunity Bill.
- Pray for the **Hutton families** as they mourn the passing of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother.
- Pray for the impending appointment of a new principal for the school.
- Pray for the Pulis family.

Encourage each other  
and build each other  
up, just as you are  
already doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



Hendrik Eveleigh  
Rebecca Stephens  
Deklan Tuck-Lee

Credit Award  
High Distinction Award  
Credit Award

## AMC Mathematics:

Melinda Wood  
Connor McGrath  
Judah May  
Luke Radford  
Jonathon De Kock  
Aleka Hutton  
Rebecca Stephens  
Deklan Tuck-Lee  
Hendrik Eveleigh  
Seth Barton

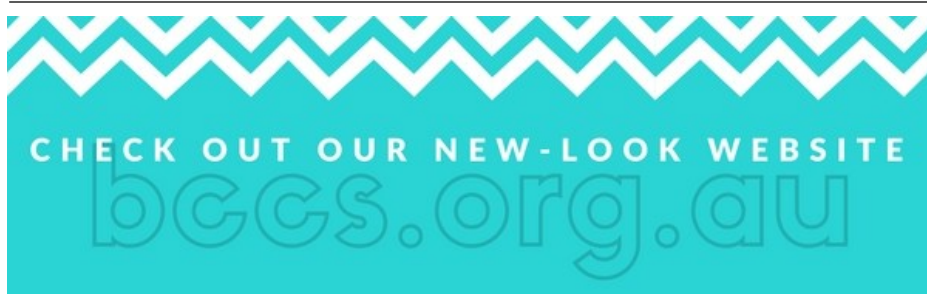
Credit Award  
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High Distinction Award  
Credit Award  
Proficiency Award  
Proficiency Award

## School Happenings

Here are a few things coming up this term:

- Camp week - Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>
- Run/Walk 4 Bibles – Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> **(Note change of date)**
- BBQ in the Mall – Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Report-writing Day – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November
- Grade 6 Dinner – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Family Night and Grade 6 Graduation – Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>
- School finishes (students) – Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>
- School finishes (staff) – Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>

*Richard Boonstra*



## New BCCS Website

We were very excited to be able to launch our newly designed school website last week! We hope that it will be a useful tool for current school families and provide perspective families with an overview of our school and kinder.

Thank you to **Anthony Hubbard** for his hard work in building the website, troubleshooting and providing us with ongoing support.  
Please contact the school office if you experience any errors on the website. Feedback is also welcome.

Bairnsdale Secondary College  
Chaplaincy Committee

## Open Garden Days

**Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd October**

10am - 4pm

Tickets \$15 p/person

## The Abbey

### Sustainability Festival

This festival celebrates sustainable living - displays, demonstrations, stalls, food and organic products, activities and much more!!

**Saturday 29th October**

10am to 3pm

1-25 First Parade, Raymond Island

info@theabbey.org.au

## ★ THE ★ BAIRNSDALE ★ SHOW ★

### Junior Calf Rearing & Calf Parading for children aged 5-15

Children can either parade their calves, or enter the calf rearing class for calves they have genuinely reared.

Calves can be any breed and do not have to be registered. Entrants will be assessed for their skill in calf parading and rearing, not the animal itself.

The show booklet with more details and entry forms can be downloaded from [www.bairnsdaleshow.com.au](http://www.bairnsdaleshow.com.au)

## Messy Church

Messy Church is a monthly activity for the whole family to enjoy games, messy crafts, stories and songs

**Sunday 6th November**

From 4.00pm to 6.30pm

@ St John's Anglican Church Hall  
Service St, Bairnsdale

Light meal provided.

No cost, but donations welcome.

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.** Contact: Sue 5152 3333