



Weekly Newsletter

Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.

Philippians 4:8-9 (Message version)

So what is the place of the Arts in a Christian School? Whether we realise it or not, creativity and the arts are integral to our lives. God is the Creator, He is supremely artistic and creative. He has given creative gifts to all of mankind Christian or non Christian. Why? He wants to enjoy a relationship with us and wants us to worship Him with our God-given creativity. In turn He wants us to enjoy His creativity and artistry through what He has created and in the use of the artistic gifts he has given us.

When you think about it the arts have a huge impact on our daily life. We like to see beautiful things, appreciate beautiful sounds and music and be satisfied when we create something ourselves. The arts affect our moods, our emotions and our whole outlook on life. They open windows into other lives and different perspectives and enrich our whole community.

Sadly people have distorted these gifts in various ways using the arts not to glorify God but to glorify themselves or other 'gods', sometimes even to actively oppose God. The arts represent society's values, practices, political views etc. Often this is not pretty or pleasant. Sometimes it is downright confronting. Sadly some of the arts today seems to draw people away from God.

Our task as teachers and parents then is to help students discern and critique the images and artistic expressions in society, evaluating them in the light of biblical principles such as found in Phil. 4:8 and the vision God has of His Kingdom restored on earth which is characterised by love, compassion, justice, charity, righteousness and peace all summed up in a word: SHALOM. We aim to set out to redeem the arts from sinful motives and tendencies and restore them to their rightful place as gifts used to glorify God and serve our neighbour.

The Arts redeemed and restored to the way God intended gives us glimpses of God's new Kingdom on earth giving hope for the future.

May you enjoy your creativity in whatever way you can, worshipping and enjoying God and find opportunities to see the beauty around us, by walking through a gallery, taking a bushwalk, climbing a mountain...

Welcome

A special welcome to our newest family, the Wattam family, who have recently joined our school, with **Robert** in Grade 4. We hope and pray that Robert and his family settle in to the school community quickly.

Coming Up

TOMORROW

Friday 28th October
Enrichment Activities

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 29th October
Foundations ELC Open Morning

Tuesday 1st November
Cup Day Public Holiday

Wed 2nd - Fri 4th November
Camp Week (Gr 1/2, 3/4 & 5)

Saturday 5th November
Bairnsdale Show

Thursday 10th November
Run/Walk 4 Bibles

Friday 11th November
Assembly 3/4

Mon 14th - Fri 18th November
Christmas Christian Bookstall

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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.



Run/Walk 4 Bibles

We are participating in this event again this year on **Thursday, November 10th**, in support of the Bible League with a whole school run/walk around the Mitchell River following the Mitchell River Walk.

Sponsorship forms were sent home last week for students to collect sponsors and raise funds for the Bible League in their goal to provide Bibles and study materials for children in South Africa enabling them to also hear the good news of the Gospel and the kingdom of God.

As usual we ask that students don't raise sponsors through door-knocking but look for sponsors from family and friends.

We ask also that **all forms** are returned with funds raised promptly. This includes any unused forms. It is important that **all forms, used or unused are returned to the school.**

Parents are welcome to join in the walk and to assist in supervising groups of children.

Bairnsdale Community Christmas Parade

This year the parade will be celebrating it's 10th consecutive year and our school has been a participator for each of those years. It will be taking place on Saturday December 3rd. Once again Mrs Lynne Brehaut and Emma will be coordinating our school's entry/float. At this stage we are looking for students to volunteer to be a part of the parade as well as some parents/adults to assist in various ways before and during the parade.

If you are able to be of assistance please contact Emma and let her know. The parade is always a good opportunity to promote the school as well as promoting what Christmas is really all about.

Camp Week

Next week our Grades 1 – 5 will be staying at Camp Coolamatong and enjoying some of the different activities on offer there. Grade 1/2 will be there for a day; Grade 3/4 will be there for two days and a night and Grade 5 for three days and two nights. Thank you to Mr Micallef for organising the camp with Coolamatong.

The students are really looking forward to this experience, please pray for their safety and that they will have a fun time learning together in a new environment. Please pray also for the teachers, helpers and staff at Coolamatong.

School Happenings

Here are a few things coming up this term:

- Foundations ELC Open Morning – Saturday October 29th
- Cup Day Public Holiday – Tuesday November 1st
- Camp week – Wednesday November 2nd – Friday November 4th
- Run/Walk 4 Bibles – Thursday November 10th
- BBQ in the Mall – Saturday November 19th
- Report-writing Day – Friday November 25th
- Bairnsdale Christmas Parade – Saturday December 3rd
- Grade 6 Dinner – Monday December 5th
- Orientation Day – Tuesday December 6th
- Family Night and Grade 6 Graduation – Thursday December 8th
- School finishes (students) – Friday December 9th
- School finishes (staff) – Wednesday December 14th

Congratulations
to Mrs Katelyn Favero
on achieving Full
Registration as a teacher!



Prayer Initiative

- Please pray for the **Butterman family** and especially for Izaak, after a tumour on Izaak's right tibia (bone in lower leg) has been growing causing a fracture. He is receiving treatment and doctors are closely monitoring him.
- Pray for the **Radford** family this week.

Prayer Points

- Praise God our Creator and Sustainer.
- Thank God for blessing us with art and creativity.
- Pray for those in our school community still coping with illness at the moment.
- Pray for Izaak Butterman and the Butterman family.
- Pray for the appointment of a new principal for the school.
- Pray for the Radford family.

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26