



Weekly Newsletter

I was reading Psalm 37 recently and noting the contrast throughout between the righteous and the unrighteous or the wicked. God clearly states that the righteous will be blessed, saved, helped, delivered and will be lifted up while the wicked will find their plans fail or their plots frustrated. So, I wondered what does righteous mean? I always thought it meant piety or devoutness. But on closer inspection and research I found it doesn't mean this.

The original Hebrew word for righteousness is charity and social justice. The righteous are those who practice charity of heart, who work for the poor not in a condescending or patronising way but because helping the poor is actually an act of fairness and justice. It is very active not at all passive. Righteousness is about seeking the welfare and wellbeing of others before our own.

And God says that's how I want you to live!

God is on the side of the righteous and against the wicked. He blesses those who generously care for others and protects them in difficult times.

*The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;
He is their stronghold in times of trouble. Psalm 37:39*

So life will not always be easygoing but for those who seek righteousness as a way of living the psalm-writer, David, says God is their refuge and protection. He will be there to save them and promises a bright future.

As a School we try to seek righteousness, to help one another and put others before ourselves. We teach our students that this is how we should conduct ourselves in the classroom and in the playground.

Please pray for us as we do this.

Farewell

Last week we said goodbye to **Jacob** and **Levi Williams** as they left to relocate to Seaspray. We are sad to see them go but trust and pray that they will settle in quickly to their new home and school. Please pray for them as they adjust to new surroundings.

Run/Walk 4 Bibles

Thank you to all who joined us for this annual event. Your support and assistance is so valuable.

Please remember that **all forms** and any funds raised need to be returned to the school as soon as possible. This includes any unused forms. It is important that **all forms, used or unused are returned to the school.**

Coming Up

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW
Friday 11th November
Hosted by Grade 3/4

Mon 14th - Fri 18th November
Christmas Christian Bookstall

Friday 18th November
Prep/1 Stayover

Saturday 19th November
BBQ in the Mall

Friday 25th November
Report Writing Day
STUDENT FREE DAY

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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.



Bairnsdale Show

It was a successful day for our School at the Bairnsdale Show this year. Several of our students won various prizes for their craft work, photography and baking. Some of this work was completed at school under the direction of Mrs Brehaut. Mrs Brehaut also coordinated all the entries of the students and ensured their work was delivered to the show and then returned to the school. I would like to thank **Mrs Lynne Brehaut** on behalf of the school community for her tireless efforts on behalf of the students and the School.

This year we also had a promotional display for both Foundations ELC and the School. This was hugely successful with many good contacts made and many enquiries received for both the ELC and the School.

A huge thanks to **Felicity Veale** and **Emma Fuhrmeister** for their great work in planning and setting up the display. It was certainly a winner!

Results from the Bairnsdale Show:

Nick Dalton	1st - Decorated Marie biscuits
Aiden Hutton	2nd - Garden grown in container
Liam Johns	1st - Flowers in egg cup
Sophie Jones	2nd - Flowers in egg cup
Hollie Rawson	Highly Commended - Flowers in egg cup
Rebecca Stephens	1st - Wearable Art
	1st - Construction - Other medium
	1st & Best Exhibit - Photography
	2nd - Photography
Kasey Summerfield	1st & Best Exhibit - Garden grown in container
Naomi Turnley	1st - Drop scones
	1st - Small cakes, un-iced
	1st - Construction - Lego
	2nd - VAS Boiled fruit cake
Noah Turnley	1st - VAS Boiled fruit cake
	1st - Scones
	2nd - Construction - Other medium
Samuel Turnley	1st - Construction - Wood
	Certificate of Participation - Wearable Art

Camp Week

Our first Camp week was a big success with many tired but happy students returning full of stories. As one parent said to me, "My child has not stopped talking about the camp and what he did." This is good to hear and we would like to thank the team at Coolamatong for looking after our students over the week. They provided a wonderful venue and great learning experiences for our students.

Thanks also to **Alister Micallef** for taking the lead and coordinating the various groups and liaising with Coolamatong.



Prayer Initiative

- Please pray for Jason Lyell, one of our past students who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Continue to pray for the Watt and Buttermann families as they also battle with illness.
- Pray for the **Reeves/Carpenter** family this week.

Prayer Points

- Praise God our Defender and Protector.
- Thank God for our School community, for the way we support and encourage each other.
- Pray for Jacob and Levi Williams as they settle in to a new home and school.
- Pray for Jason Lyell.
- Pray for those in our school community still coping with illness at the moment.
- Pray for the appointment of a new principal for the school.
- Pray for the Reeves/Carpenter family.

It is God who arms
me with strength and
keeps my way secure.

Psalms 18:32



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. If your child/ren would like to participate, please fill in and return the attached form

The parade is always a good opportunity to promote the school as well as promoting what Christmas is really all about.

Orientation Day

This year we will have Orientation Day/morning on **Tuesday 6th December**. On this day students will move to their new classes for the morning and return to their current classes for the afternoon.

Family Night

Please remember to set aside the date for our end-of-year Family Night, taking place on **Thursday, December 8th**. Our Grade 6 students will graduate on this night and the classes will all present a small item as well some individual musical items. The focus is as always on giving thanks to God for the year. Once again it will be held in the auditorium in the Church next door.

Staff News

Some of our staff will be attending the annual Primary and Secondary Teachers' Mathematics Conference conducted by the Australian Catholic University on Wednesday November 30th. This is usually a great conference run by recognised leaders in the field of Mathematics teaching.

School Happenings

Here are a few things coming up this term:

- 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

Richard Boonstra



EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER (DEGREE QUALIFIED)

Foundations Early Learning Centre is seeking a degree qualified Early Childhood Teacher to join their team in the four-year-old kindergarten program on an on-going part-time basis. The position commences late January 2017.

Applicants are invited to submit applications together with a resume by close of business,

Friday 25th November, 2016

For a Position Description and Application form please contact Emma, admin@bccs.org.au



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**Monday 14th - Friday 18th
November**

Christmas cards, books, calendars, diaries, DVDs and books especially for 0-12 year olds

EFTPOS available (min. \$50)

For enquiries and orders contact
Helen 0431 996 627



KIDZ CLUB

For Kids in Prep to Grade 6
FIRE AWARENESS NIGHT
Friday 18th November

4.30 - 6.00pm

@ Bairnsdale Baptist Church
134 Princes Hwy Lucknow
Free program. Dinner not provided.