



Weekly Newsletter

Appointment of a New Principal

Yesterday the news of the appointment of Mr Stephen Macalister as interim Principal for 2017 was shared with the school community in a letter from the Board. We are very thankful to God for His direction and provision in this. Mr Macalister will take on the position for a maximum of 12 months and will assist the Board as they continue their search for a principal beyond 2017. Stephen comes with a strong background in Christian Schools having been involved in Chairo Christian School for many years as a Board member and as a head of campus.

He will be here at school for four days per week, Mondays to Thursdays each week for up to 12 months. If in the meantime the Board successfully find someone to take the position permanently he will hand over the position sooner.

Garry Dunn will rearrange his time so that he will be here on Fridays. As a school we feel very blessed to have Stephen come and work with us and share his experience with us in Bairnsdale.

Please pray for Stephen and his wife Dianne as they prepare to make the move in the new year.

Congratulations

Last Thursday evening four of our Grade 6 students were awarded their Rotary Junior Community Awards; **Jordan Dobby, Hendrik Eveleigh, Jack McGrath and Samuel Turnley**. Congratulations to these students for their hard work and perseverance in completing this award. It is not always easy to complete and demands a great deal of planning and effort from both the students and their parents. Hendrik and Jack were chosen to speak on behalf of the School to those assembled there, presenting well thought out speeches. Well done!

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**.

Term dates for 2017

The term dates for the beginning of the 2017 School year are as follows:

School Office reopens: Monday January 23rd
Term 1 starts (Staff): Monday January 30th
Term 1 starts (Students): Thursday February 2nd
Term 1 ends: Friday March 31st

Dates for the rest of the year for 2017 will be confirmed with the new principal and sent out early in the new year with a more detailed calendar. As we did at the beginning of this year we plan to spend the afternoons of the 30th January - 1st February conducting individual testing of students. More information will follow as to how you can book your children in for testing/interviewing.

Coming Up

Mon 14th - Fri 18th November
Christmas Christian Bookstall

Friday 18th November
Prep/1 Stayover

THIS WEEKEND
Saturday 19th November
BBQ in the Mall

Friday 25th November
Report Writing Day
STUDENT FREE DAY

Saturday 3rd December
Bairnsdale Christmas Parade

Monday 5th December
Grade 6 Dinner

Tuesday 6th December
Orientation Day

Thursday 8th December
Family Night and Grade 6
Graduation

Friday 9th December
School finishes (students)

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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 Community Christmas Parade

This year the parade will be celebrating its 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. 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 can be of assistance, please call Emma and let her know.

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

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.

Classes and Staff for 2017

Classes for 2017 will remain largely as they are for this year apart from the plan to move to a straight Prep class.

Teaching staff will be as follows:

Prep:	Mrs Favero – 3 days & Mrs Hamer – 2days
1/2:	Mrs Brehaut – 4 days & Mrs Twining – 1 day
3/4:	Mrs Eveleigh
5/6:	Mr Bazley – 4 days & Mr Micallef – 1 day
Indonesian:	Mr Bazley
PE/Sport:	Mr Micallef
Foundations ELC:	Mrs Veale
Special Needs:	To be advised

Classroom support staff will be as follows:

Prep:	Mrs Libby Buurman & Ms Jennalyn Cunningham (Sem 2)
1/2:	Mrs Esther Dobby
3/4:	Ms. Charlotte McNeill and Mrs Ruth Radford
5/6:	Mrs Kathy Johnston

This is what is planned at this stage. We will communicate days and times early in the new year.

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.

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.

Richard Boonstra



Prayer Initiative

- Pray for the **Rose** family this week.

Prayer Points

- Praise God our Provider and Sustainer.
- Thank God for the provision of a principal for 2017.
- Pray for Jason Lyell and Izaak Butterman.
- Pray for those in our school community recovering from illness or surgery at the moment.
- Pray for the Board as they continue the search for a permanent principal.
- Pray for the Rose family.

Praise the Lord! The
Lord is my strength
and my shield; my
heart trusts in Him,
and He helps me.

Psalms 25:6-7



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Monday 14th - Friday 18th Nov

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

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