



Weekly Newsletter

For we live by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7

We considered this passage in Staff devotions this week and challenged ourselves to continue exercising our faith.

At times, we may feel overwhelmed by what is happening around us in terms of demands on our time or problems we are encountering. At these times it can be hard to see God at work amongst us. Here's where the verse above comes in. We remember again that even though we cannot always see it God is working in our school quietly changing, providing, sustaining, growing, reconciling...you get the picture. When we remind ourselves of this and in this way 'live by faith' trusting that God is active we begin to see things we hadn't noticed before.

God will often bring to our attention moments and events that demonstrate God is active and working in our community and the world at large.

The key is to make sure we get our priorities right and put Him first in all we do, personally and as a community. We have learnt that as a staff and so we start each day with a staff devotion and time of prayer before the busyness of the day. When we make that our priority we are ready to tackle what comes our way more positively, seeing glimpses of God around us. We find, as one of our staff put it, that things will take care of themselves, we needn't worry. That doesn't mean we sit back and coast and let God do it all. We still diligently go about our daily tasks but the worry and stress can disappear. King David said it well in Psalm 13:

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

I will sing the LORD'S praise, for he has been good to me.

Psalm 13: 5-6

After recounting his distress and struggles to God, David finishes with a wonderful statement of faith, I will trust and I will sing! There is no word as to his problems and struggles being resolved but he states emphatically that he will trust God!

As we enter or maybe have already entered a busy time of the year may we all see glimpses of God at work in us and in our community. May we live by faith and not by sight alone.

Report-Writing Day - TOMORROW 25th November

Just a reminder that tomorrow will be a pupil-free day as teachers spend the day writing, collating and correcting reports. Reports are due to be sent home on Friday December 2nd.

Coming Up

TOMORROW

Friday 25th November

Report Writing Day
STUDENT FREE DAY

Saturday 3rd December

Bairnsdale Christmas Parade

Sunday 4th December

Carols by the River

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)

Wednesday 14th December

School finishes (staff)

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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.



END OF YEAR FAMILY NIGHT

Thursday 8th December

Riviera Christian Centre
7.00pm SHARP

This is our special evening of celebration and thanksgiving for another year of blessing and growth.

The evening will be held in the Church auditorium next door. Following the formalities we will move back over to the school for a time of supper and fellowship.

As in previous years classes will prepare items and we will also have the graduation of our Grade 6 students. We aim to have the whole school community present for this event so please note the date!

To help with supper could we ask if each family could bring a plate to share. We are also looking for a couple of volunteers to help set up for the supper beforehand. Please contact the school office if you can help.

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.



Prayer Initiative

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

Prayer Points

- Praise God for blessing and providing for us this year.
- Thank God for enabling us to see results of his work this year.
- Thank God for the provision of a principal for 2017 and pray for Mr Steve Macalister as he prepares to take up the position for 2017.
- Pray for Jason Lyell and Izaak Buttermann.
- 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 Spanbroek family.

Everything else is
worthless when
compared with the
infinite value of
knowing Christ Jesus
my Lord.
Philippians 3:8



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.

A response form was sent home a couple of weeks ago and will be reissued today. We are still in need of some more volunteers so please consider coming along to participate and help out.

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

Richard Boonstra



14 have been **processed** and are awaiting despatch

26 boxes are **in transit** to Papua New Guinea

We packed a total of 40 shoeboxes at the end of last term and we are now starting to get updates as the boxes are processed and shipped to their destination.

Thank you again to everyone for your support of this project and we will continue to keep you updated as these precious gifts continue their journey!



RECEPTIONIST POSITION (Full Time)

Bairnsdale Christian Community School is seeking a full-time receptionist with high level computing skills in the Microsoft Office suite. The position commences late January 2017.

Those interested must:

- Be committed to and actively support the vision, philosophy and ethos of BCCS
- Be energetic and flexible
- Be able to work well as a member of a small team
- Work well with parents/guardians
- Have the ability to manage a website and social media platforms or at the very least a willingness to learn.
- Qualify for a Working with Children card.

Applicants are invited to submit applications together with a resume by close of business, **Monday 5th December 2016** via email to:

The Business Manager
g.dunn@bccs.org.au

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



TEAR AUSTRALIA

Included with this newsletter is a TEAR Australia Useful Gifts Catalogue. We received these in the mail to share with you. Families are not obliged to purchase anything but please consider supporting TEAR Australia as they reach out to communities living in poverty.



Bairnsdale makers market

Saturday 3rd December

8.00am - 2.00pm, Boucher Hall
Cnr Wallace & McKean Sts
Farmers Market next door

Quarterly Indoor Craft Market
Showcasing Makers, Designers,
Creators and Artisans from our great
region. Enquiries: 0490 341 053



Carols by the River

Sunday 4th December

Howitt Park, Bairnsdale
Festival • Carols • Fireworks
from 4.00pm

*BCCS & Foundations will be
having a display at the festival.
Come and visit us!*

Messy Church

Sunday 4th December

From 4pm to 6pm
@ 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