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**TERM 3 - WEEK 4 - 14/8/17**

## Coming Up

**Friday, 18 August**

**NO BUSES RUNNING**

Canteen #2

**Tuesday, 22 August**

Family Maths Night 5:30pm

**Wednesday, 23 August**

K4 to Prep Transition

Information afternoon tea

2pm @ BCCS

**Friday, 25 August**

Book Character Dress Up

**Tuesday, 29 August**

Robotics Day

**Friday, 1 September**

Fathers Day Breakfast

**Monday, 4 September -**

**Friday, 8 September**

Grade 6 Camp

**Thursday, 7 September**

Assembly hosted by 3/4

## From the Principal

*Deuteronomy 5:33 Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.*

This week our school will turn its focus onto the character trait of obedience. The definition of obedience that the students will talk about is to cheerfully carry out the directions and wishes of those who are responsible for them.

'I don't want to!' can be an all too common response to a request from a parent or a teacher. Why is obedience so important? Immediately I'm reminded of the people of Israel. They were a people who often said, 'I don't want to, I want to do it my way.' Time and time again they disobeyed God, fell into despair when they realised that their way just got them into trouble, they repented and then they enjoyed God's blessings again. However, in no time at all, they disobeyed God again and the cycle started again.

I love the thought that obedience gives children freedom. Freedom to be creative under the protection of the authorities who want the very best for them. It is very frustrating to be constantly disciplining children who are constantly being disobedient. How miserable it must be for them to be constantly pulled up for poor choices. Those of us in authority know how much more rewarding life would be for them if obedience was a character trait they willingly displayed.

Let's help our children grow in their understanding of obedience so they can live their lives in a rewarding and enjoyable way.

Blessings,  
Steve McAllister,  
Principal

Look out for the Fathers  
Day Breakfast  
invitations making their  
way home this week.

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Do not let your hearts be  
troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

## PRAYER FOR

- The Stam and both Smith families
- Health in the school in wider community
- Mrs Eveleigh and Family
- Staff appointments for 2018

## PRAISE FOR

- Preps celebrating 100 days of school
- Productive Professional Development days for staff
- The sunshine

# CHARACTER TRAITS: OBEDIENCE

**Definition:** quickly and cheerfully carrying out the wise direction of those who are responsible for me.

## I Will:

- Obey my authorities immediately
- Have a cheerful attitude
- Complete all that I am expected to do
- Not complain
- Go the 'extra mile'

Students and staff across all the school are considering the character quality of OBEDIENCE. As teachers, we will spend valuable time in class discussing what obedience means and how it applies to us. We will then require students to put this learning into practice and then recognise and praise students when this vital character quality is shown.

## Obedience at home includes:

- Establishing practical guidelines of good character for the family
- Parents teaching children why an activity is right or wrong
- Children understanding the purpose of guidelines and the consequences of failing to obey them
- Sons and daughters having the boldness to reject wrong actions in order to obey parents, despite other pressures
- Parents being role models to their children by honouring their own parents

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**KIDSCLUB:** Bairnsdale Baptist Church invites all prep to grade 6 kids to join them on a Friday afternoon from 4:30pm-6pm to have some fun together. Remaining Term 3 dates are 18 Aug, 1 & 15 Sept. Location: 134 Princes Hwy Lucknow. Contact Yvonne Francis on 0410281668.

**Sisterhood of East Gippsland:** All women are invited to Princess' Purpose: Anointing & Affirmation. Monday 21 August 6pm-7:30pm in St John's Church Hall, cnr Francis & Service Streets, Bairnsdale. This encouraging session of our series on "Princesses" will explore a Princess' Purpose. All women welcome! \$2 entry donation, light supper provided. RSVP/Qs to Von Dubbeld (0400 321 670).

**East Gippsland Shire Library:** will be running an activity session and dress up competition for Book Week. Children aged 5 – 12 are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite book character, listen to stories, and then make a selection of crafts. A costume parade will be held, with prizes awarded for the best dressed. Saturday, 26 August 10.00am – 11.15am. Bookings are essential and can be made in person at the library or by phoning 5152 4225.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Please keep **Tronell Eveleigh** and family in your prayers as her father passed away on the weekend. Tronell is currently in South Africa and will be back next week
- **Canteen** orders due this Wednesday, 16 August
- Please RSVP for the **Family Maths Night** by Tuesday, 15 August
- Please keep collecting Woolworths **Earn & Learn** stickers. They can be dropped at the school or in the BCCS box at Woolworths
- Only 2 weeks until our **Book Character Dress Up Day**, have you thought about costumes?
- **Fathers Day Breakfast** is on Friday, 1 September, please RSVP by Friday 25, August

## FOUNDATIONS ELC

- Congratulations to Mrs Veale and her husband, who are expecting their first baby around Christmas time.
- We are having an afternoon tea at the School for our K4 families on Wednesday, 23 August to discuss Kinder to Prep transition. Invitations have been sent home.

## 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.*