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Weekly Newsletter

From the Principal

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV) Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

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.

The vision of the school says that as a community we will nurture and equip our students. To nurture and equip is part of the core philosophies of a Christian school.

To nurture means that we will care and protect students during their school life. We will support and encourage them. The desire of the school community is that school is a safe place for children. Feeling safe and secure provides a wonderful environment for learning.

The school endeavours to equip students, preparing them mentally and emotionally for their lives and careers. We will teach them skills and personal qualities at an age appropriate level to help them learn academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually for the next stage of their lives.

It is one thing to write words into a vision statement but another to put them into practice. As I reflect on term one, it's been a great encouragement to come into the school and see the community putting into practice what has been written into the vision statement.

We have a strong community who want to see the best learning environment for our students. We have a dynamic Board who are looking at the ongoing improvement of the school. We have a passionate staff who desire to provide a learning atmosphere that will nurture and equip our students.

It's reassuring to know students at BCCS have every opportunity to grow and learn.

Blessings
Steve McAllister
Principal

**SWIMMING LESSONS
BEGIN WEDNESDAY
24 MAY**

COMING UP

Saturday 6 May
BBQ in the Mall

Tuesday 9 May
NAPLAN begins

Friday 12 May
Mothers Days Breakfast

Monday, 15 May
Meals on Wheels (G3/4)

Thursday 18 May
Assembly - hosted by 1/2

Friday 19 May
Canteen

Tuesday 23 May
AGM at BCCS

Tuesday 23 May
NO BUSES RUNNING

Wednesday 24 May
Swimming lessons begin

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VISION STATEMENT

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Dear Families,

Term 2 is going to be a busy term, please read through the following information to keep you in the loop. If you have any questions or concerns please contact either the office or teaching staff directly. Regards, Admin.

Term 2 Calendar:

Please find attached a new calendar for Term 2 there have been several date changes so please take note. At the beginning of each year we send out a calendar for the year however these dates are subject to change. Each week the newsletter lists coming events on the front page. You can also access dates via the school website at www.bccs.org.au, and within your uEducateUs login. We will also try to notify you via the Facebook community page of any changes.

BBQ in the Mall:

Our parents and friends committee are all set to go for this weekend's BBQ in the mall. Thank you to all those who have contributed both supplies and their time. A reminder that when we send out the form seeking donations please do not actually purchase any items until someone has confirmed with you, this prevents us doubling up on items.

NAPLAN Testing:

Next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our grade 3 and 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN testing. Letters were sent home to these families earlier this week explaining more about this.

Mothers Day Breakfast:

Next Friday, 12 May the Parents and Friends committee are organising a mothers day breakfast to be held at school from 7:45am. This event is for school and kinder families. Both Mothers and Grandmothers are welcome, please RSVP to the school office if you can attend. If there are any Dads who can assist with setup, cooking and pack up on this day can you please contact the office asap.

Assembly hosted by grade 1/2:

Our assemblies are held on a Thursday morning straight after the 8:50am bell next to the school at Riviera Christian Centre. Families are invited to come along and join us. Each assembly is hosted by one of the classes and it is great for parents to come along, if able, to see their children perform.

Swimming Lessons:

Beginning Wednesday 24 May, and each MONDAY and WEDNESDAY thereafter the students will be participating in swimming lessons. All grades will wear sports uniform on both these days once swimming begins. Please note there are no lessons on 12 June as it is a public holiday. Students will be getting changed at the BARC both before and after their lesson. If there are parents who can help with this please contact the school office.

Working with Children's Check:

Due to changes in the legislation ALL HELPERS at school are required to have a current working with children's check. If you help with readers, events, library or in any other capacity within the school can you please apply for a volunteer WWCC. A volunteer WWCC is free of charge and can be obtained from: <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>

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Dear school and kinder Mums, please join us for our

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Friday 12th May
From 7:45am at BCCS

Come and be appreciated and served.

Please rsvp to the school office by 9 May

**Breakfast will not be provided for students, they need to come along with their Mums however they need to have eaten BEFOREHAND as they will be serving.*

**Please dress warmly as we will be eating outside.*

BAIRNSDALE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL INC.

Please join us for our
Annual General Meeting 2017
Tuesday 23 May, 7pm

It is open to all members of the school community with the AGM being only a short meeting, followed by supper and fellowship.

Please come along and bring a plate of supper to share.

CROSS COUNTRY

Due to the disbanding of the Mitchell River Cluster the whole school cross country was unable to run this year, however, we were able to have the opportunity to send a small group of our older students through to the district cross country held at Nagle on Monday.

Congratulations to all the students who behaved and ran really well, and especially to Samuel Pike who made it through to the Regional Cross Country to be held in June.



Prayer Initiative

- Please pray for the BAZLEY & ASH families this week.

Praise Points

- The excellent behaviour of students who attended the district cross country.
- Grace has returned to school after a knee injury.
- Encouraging conversations between parents and staff at parent teacher interviews.

Prayer Points

- For the health of staff and students.
- For good support at Saturdays BBQ in the Mall.
- For the staffing interviews taking place within the school and ELC.
- For the students and teachers preparing for NAPLAN testing.
- For the mothers day breakfast next week.

**The Lord our
God is merciful
and forgiving
Daniel 9:9**



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Facebook Community Page

Most of our families are now using the Facebook community page. This is a great way for the school to communicate new information or changes to information during the week, during school hours.

The page is also a great way for parents to ask one another questions if they are unsure about the details of a school event outside of hours. Please note that BCCS Administration Staff may or may not see or respond to these posts outside of hours.

For matters that relate to teaching staff please contact them directly to arrange a time to discuss your queries and for urgent matters please contact the school directly.

If you are not a member of this page and would like to be please contact Alana or Kristen in the school office and we will 'invite' you to join the page via your Facebook profile.



KIDZ CLUB

Prep to Grade 6

Term 2 Dates:
5 AND 19 MAY
2 AND 16 JUNE

**Friday 4.30 -
6.00pm**

@ Bairnsdale Baptist Church
134 Princes Hwy Lucknow

*Free program
*Dinner not provided

Girls you are invited to:
"Blessed Daughters"
*A special evening for
Mothers & Daughters (5yrs+)
& all other women*
Including your free gift:
Mother-Daughter photo portrait
\$3 entry, light supper provided.
5:30pm-7pm, May 15th
@ the 'Sisterhood Haven',
St John's Church Hall
cnr Service St & Francis St, Bairnsdale
RSVP/Q&A Kate 0433 846 538
Brought to you by the
Sisterhood
of East Gippsland



Messy
CHURCH

*Creativity, fun, celebration,
meal & friends*

Sun May 7th, 4pm-6pm
with dinner included
features
"Hidden Treasure"
Children please come with an adult
All ages and abilities welcome!
@ 'St John the Baptist' Anglican Church
cnr Service & Francis St, Bairnsdale