



**BAIRNSDALE CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY SCHOOL**
'Wisdom for Life'



ISSUE 2 - 2 February 2017

Weekly Newsletter

From the Principal..

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.' 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This verse came to mind as we start off the new school year together. We rejoice because we have the opportunity to share Christ in our everyday learning. Let us pray continually for our children, their teachers and the school community and let us give thanks for the year ahead.

It has been a wonderful day today as we started another year at BCCS. It was lovely to see all the excited students greeting each other and catching up with friends.

The ELC commenced yesterday with students sporting their colourful new uniforms. It was a delight to see them enjoying their first day in the well-appointed Centre.

Thank you for making me feel very welcome as I find my way around the school community. It was wonderful to meet many of you this morning. As I reminded the students this morning, ahead of us is a whole year full of potential, let us make the most of the opportunities presented to us so that at the end of the year we can look back and praise our amazing God for a really productive year.

I'd like to welcome the new families to the school and pray that they will feel part of the community very quickly.

New families at Foundations ELC:

O'Keefe family, Beams family, Linford family, Overy family, Harley family, Ashwood family, Taylor family, Penglase family, Ashton family, Walker family, Brodribb family, Blair family, Nutall family, Bazley family, Dibley family, Wallace family, Morgan family, Elliott family, Milani family, Smith family, Chila family, Ciaglia family and the Hocking family.

New families at School:

McDonald family, Overy family, Ahchow family, Belford/Saletta family, Kronk family and the Holden/Siania family.

Please remember to put the Dedication Evening in your calendars for Friday, 17 February. I'll look forward to catching up with you there.

Blessings

Steve McAllister
Principal

Coming Up

Friday 17 February
Dedication & Fellowship
Evening, 6.00pm

Monday 27 February
School Photos

Tuesday 28 February
Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day)

Thursday 2 March
Foundations ELC Official
Opening Day

Saturday 18 March
Family Fun 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.





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Dedication evening:

Friday, 17 February from 6pm at Riviera Christian Centre.

This is a special event for all school families as we take the time to pray and ask for God's blessing on the year ahead of us. The event starts at 6pm with a fellowship picnic with formalities to follow. For this event please bring your own food and drinks. During the evening we will also introduce our new Grade 6 leaders to the School community and we will pray for them in their new roles.

Swimming lessons:

Swimming lessons start this year in Term 2 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Further details will be made available later this term.

Fee statements:

Will be sent out shortly. Please check your payments against the fee statement—if any payments are missing or you have any issues, please get in touch with the office. When making payments, please use your child's name or the invoice number as the reference. This avoids office staff having unidentified payments, ensuring the correct amount is credited to your account. At present, there are two payments, made on 9 January, that staff are unable to identify. Please contact the office if these payments are yours.

Foundations News

Foundations Early Learning Centre's 2017 kindergarten program has kicked off with much excitement, laughter and plenty of fun! Our four-year-old group attended for their first day on Wednesday this week and our three-year-old group start on Friday.

We are looking forward to a busy, fun-filled and fruitful year ahead as we commence operating with the two separate programs. Our team has again grown and is ready to flourish with the addition of Mrs Sally Stevens, Early Childhood Teacher (Mondays and Tuesdays) and Miss Miriam Tomlinson, Early Childhood Educator (Monday-Friday).

We have an amazing opportunity to help shape the future's of these precious and amazing children. We eagerly look forward to getting to know all of our kinder children and their families over the year ahead!



Prayer Initiative

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

Prayer Points

- Thank God for a great start to the school year.
- Thank God for a safe summer holidays.
- Thank God for new families and staff members at Foundations and at the School and pray they continue to settle in.

The Lord says, "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in Me".
John 14:1



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Family FUN DAY

Saturday 18th March, 10am - 2pm

Welcome to a new year of school. Plans are already underway for this year's Family Fun Day (school fair), which is **only 6 weeks away!**

This is a day when we all come together as a school family and put on a fantastic day for the Bairnsdale community to enjoy. **We are so excited about it and we hope you will be too.**

The fun day is a great family day and we would love for you all to be a part of it and there are so many ways you can do this.

A green form will be sent home with the newsletter next week asking for people to help in a variety of areas, including assisting on a stall, organising a stall, handing out flyers and donations. This is the only fundraising event for which we need everyone's help, especially on the day so please write this date in your diaries now.

We are also seeking sponsors for our event—if you or someone you know has a business that would be interested in supporting us, please get in touch.

We really appreciate everyone's help, big or small. It's at events like this, when we all work together, that we can really shine as a school community and be a great example to our children by getting involved.

Keep an eye out for more information about how you can be part of this great day in the following weeks' newsletters.

If you would like more information contact or text Gloria on 0437 829 823.

Gloria Paulus
Family Fun Day Coordinator

Become a Sponsor!

Sponsorship opportunities are now available for this year's Family Fun Day.

If you have your own business or know of a business that would like to sponsor our Family Fun Day please contact the School Office for more information.



**Where it's OK to get
messy at church!**

*Creativity, fun, worship,
meal & friends*

**Sun Feb 5th, 4pm-6pm
with dinner included**

Children please come with an adult

All ages and abilities welcome!

@ 'St John the Baptist' Anglican Church
Cnr Service & Francis St, Bairnsdale

KIDZ CLUB

For Kids in Prep to Grade 6

Friday 17th February

4.30 - 6.00pm

@ Bairnsdale Baptist Church

134 Princes Hwy Lucknow

Free program. Dinner not provided.

Contact: Yvonne 0410 281 668

East Gippsland Shire Library



LEGO Club is for children aged 5 – 12
Bookings are essential

Tuesday 14th February

4.00pm—5.00pm
Bairnsdale Library