



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



ISSUE 4 - 16 February 2017

Weekly Newsletter

From the Principal..

Mark 4:3 "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times."

This parable of Jesus tells of a farmer sowing seed. The seed being the word of God and the ground representing us and how we respond to that word. Every day we are sowing God's word into the lives of the students and our prayer is that those seeds will grow and flourish and produce a bountiful crop.

However, there are many sowers of seeds in our society that are not sowing the good seed. Pressures and influences to conform to society norms are constantly bombarding our students. I pray that we, as a community, can help our students discern the good from the not so good and make good choices about what they watch, read and say.

We had our first Board meeting for the year on Tuesday night and it was decided that we will be seeking some feedback from the community so watch out for a survey coming your way.

Di and I are looking forward to meeting you at the Dedication Evening on Friday at 6.00pm

Blessings
Steve McAllister
Principal

**Dedication and
Fellowship Night**
Tomorrow
6pm @ School
Don't forget: BYO Meal

**Apologies, there were a
few errors in the school
calendar sent home with
last weeks newsletter,
please see new calendar
attached.**

**Volunteers needed, our
school canteen is looking for
extra volunteers, if you are
able to give a couple of
hours on a Friday once or
twice a term please contact
the School Office. Thanks.**

Coming Up

Friday 17 February
Dedication & Fellowship
Evening, 6.00pm @ School

THURSDAY 23 February
Assembly - Hosted by 1/2

Monday 27 February
School Photos

Tuesday 28 February
Shrove Tuesday (Pancake
day)

Thursday 2 March
Foundations ELC
Official Opening

Monday 13 March
Labour Day holiday

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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Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday)

Pancake Day will be celebrated at recess on Tuesday, 28 February. Students will each receive a pancake to mark the day provided by the Parents and Friends Committee. The students are asked to bring a brand new, unwanted gift (perhaps a Christmas gift) as 'payment', if able to do so. These items will then be used as prizes on the Family Fun Day.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Funding is once again available in 2017 from the Victorian Government to assist Victorian families who are eligible "to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities". Families who are eligible are those families who "hold a valid, means-tested concession card or are temporary foster parents". The allowance will be paid directly to the school to use to help with expenses associated with camps, excursions or sporting activities your child is involved in. The amount of funding paid on an annual basis will be \$125 per primary student. **An application form can be obtained from the School Office.**

Digital Newsletter

In the very near future we will be transitioning from a paper based newsletter to a digital newsletter. The newsletter will be available to read and/or print from both our website (bccs.org.au) and from within your uEducateUs login. We will also be sending them out via email. If you could please complete the attached form with the best email for us to use for your family.

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Official Opening

You are invited to the Official Opening and Dedication of
Foundations Early Learning Centre,

Thursday, 2 March, 10am

101 Bairnsdale Dargo Road, Bairnsdale.
Morning tea will follow the ceremony.

Please RSVP to Kristen Brehaut by 22 February on
5153 0079 or email admin@bccs.org.au



MIXED ALL ABILITIES NETBALL

Bairnsdale Netball Association is running a 6 week Mixed All Abilities Netball program in Term 1. Ages 10+. Bairnsdale Netball Association courts (WORLD centre) on Thursday nights from 4.30-5.20. To register and for further information email:

allabilitiesbdale.n.a@hotmail

Instrumental Music Lessons

John Brehaut is available to teach drums at our school and a range of other instruments. For further inquiries contact him on 0428 579 295.

Piano & Woodwind Music Lessons

Interested in learning to play Piano, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet or Saxophone? Please contact Carryn Caithness on 5157 7669, places available to begin Term 2.



Prayer Initiative

- Pray for the **SUMMERFIELD** family this week

Prayer and Praise

- Praise for our students being able to participate in the District Swimming Sports
- Praise for the learning that is happening everyday
- Praise for new friendships being formed
- Praise for Emma and all that she has contributed to our school community
- Pray for a great time at the Dedication Evening
- Pray for our Board as they govern our school
- Pray for the P&F as they prepare for the year ahead

The Lord will guide
you always.
Isaiah 58:11



Family FUN DAY

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Saturday 18th March, 10am - 2pm
4 weeks to go!

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone who has volunteered their assistance and/or donated items so far for the Family Fun Day. We could not do this without you and are very grateful for everyone's help both before and on the day, big or small. God has blessed us with a great community of school families and when we all pull together we can really shine as a school community and be an example for our children. Thank you.

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET RETURNED YOUR 'GREEN FORM' PLEASE DO SO ASAP.

We are in urgent need for more people to put their hand up to organise stalls. We need your help and cannot do this day without you, there are written instructions for how to run all these stalls. If we all pull together the load will be shared and no one will be overloaded. Please consider organising a stall and let me know asap, thanks, Gloria.

NEW Talent Quest

We are hoping to have a talent quest open to students from Kinder-Grade 6. The entry fee will be \$5. Contestants may choose to sing, dance, play an instrument or other similar activity. There will be prizes organised. For this event to go ahead we really need someone to organise it, if you are interested please let me know asap. We hope to have two 1/2 hour time slots on the day, we have a judge but we need someone to oversee planning.
Contact Gloria 0437 829 823

PLANT STALL

We are looking for donations of plants for the Plant stall. All plants can be left at the school the day before the Family Fun Day.



PRIZES NEEDED

Prizes for games needed, valued around \$2 or less. Suggestions include: lollipops, toys, bracelets, soft toys, or bouncy balls for both boys and girls.

Organising a Stall:

If you volunteered to organise a stall, I (Gloria) will contact you shortly to confirm.

Helping with Setup & Food Preparation:

If you volunteered to help with setup, food preparation etc. once all the green forms are in you will be contacted by the relevant coordinator.

Roster for Stalls

The roster will go out with the Newsletter on Thursday 9th March.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

If you have items sitting in the shed or the house that you no longer need or use, perhaps you would like to donate them for our White Elephant Stall.

No large furniture items or electrical items please.

All goods to be in good, clean working order please. Items can be dropped off at the School Office.

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 details.

Donations Needed

Showbags:

7 x Multipack chips (pkt 20)
11 x Primas or similar (pkt of 6)

Chocolate Toss game:

We are in need of a variety of chocolate blocks and bars in assorted sizes. Blocks/bars* must be flat for this game to work properly. All donations can be placed into the box in the school office or ELC foyer, thank you.

*Aldi have 100g blocks for \$1
Reject Shop has 100g Cadbury blocks for 79c.

Paper Bag

Mystery Bags:

This year we are asking all families to fill a paper bag for the mystery bag stall. (attached to this weeks newsletter) Suggested items: lollies, small toys, pencils, note pads. Two bags will be given to each family, if you could please do one for boys and one for girls. Your help in this area is really appreciated. Each bag will cost \$2 on the day for children to purchase.

Please place all donations in the boxes in the school & ELC foyers.