



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



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Weekly Newsletter

From the Principal..

Matthew 18:12-14 (NIV)

¹² "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴ In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

On Monday mornings on my way to Bairnsdale I stop at Traralgon Maccas for a cup of coffee. While I was there I noticed a screen that had a missing person on it. I thought that's interesting a missing person screen. The following week I saw the screen again and surprisingly the same person was on the screen. I thought, look at that, the same person again.

Last Monday, to my amazement, again the same person was on the screen. I read the details, born 1952, missing since 1997. Why was he missing? A poor choice, wrong place wrong time, wanted to disappear? We may never know. Then I suddenly thought of the people close to this man who were still searching for him 20 years on. I was sad for them, but I couldn't imagine the heartache and trauma his loved ones must still be going through.

I didn't like to put myself in their shoes thinking of a family member or one of my students missing. The thought is just too distressing. Then I thought of this parable of Jesus. Imagine his distress when his children, the ones he created, are lost to him.

Every day we will be pointing our students towards Jesus so that they can see him and know him and trust him as their shepherd, friend and saviour.

Thank you for your attendance at the Dedication Night last Friday. It was a delightful time of fellowship. My wife, Di and I enjoyed meeting many of you. I was very proud of our student leaders as they led us all in prayer and I look forward to the contribution they will make throughout the year.

I attended my first P&F meeting at BCCS this week. It was wonderful to see the passion and enthusiasm parents have for our school. Please continue to support the P&F and read their report in this newsletter.

Don't forget school photos on Monday and the Foundations ELC Official Opening on Thursday.

Blessings
Steve McAllister
Principal

**School Photos
THIS MONDAY
27 FEBRUARY**

Coming Up

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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STAFF PROFILE: MISS MIM

AGE: 30 YEARS

LIVES: CLIFTON CREEK

FAMILY FAST FACTS:

THE YOUNGEST OF 10 - 7 BROTHERS & 2 SISTERS,

AUNTY TO 9 - 2 NIECES & 7 NEPHEWS



FROM MISS MIM

I love to travel and visit new places. I have been to Thailand, Koh Samui and China. I love being by the beach and spending time outdoors. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, camping, fishing, travelling, coffee and fellowship in the Lord. I love the Lord Jesus Christ and live by faith through his gift of grace through salvation.

I have been working in early childhood education for over 14 years and I have loved every minute of it. I hold a Diploma in Children's Services and plan to one day obtain my Bachelor in Early Childhood. God has blessed me through my work and I love being a part of children's lives and watching them grow.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know me a little. I look forward to getting to know you and your children in the coming year.

Dedication Evening:

Thanks to all who were able to make it to the dedication evening on Friday. The grade 6 group did a great job praying for the year to come. We also took the opportunity to say goodbye to Emma and wish her all the best.



Prayer Initiative

- Pray for the **TURNLEY** family

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the wonderful dedication evening
- Praise for our enthusiastic P&F Committee
- Praise for the school assembly today led by grade 1/2
- Pray that our Foundations ELC Official Opening will be a great day
- Pray for our school community as there is a lot of sickness with the changeable weather
- Pray for our Board as they govern the school
- Pray that the school photos run smoothly and everyone is well enough to be there
- Pray for the ongoing preparations for the Family Fun Day

Cast your cares on the Lord
and He will sustain you.
Psalm 55:22



Family FUN DAY

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Saturday 18th March, 10am - 2pm

3 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. **We are still in need of volunteers to help organise stalls**, it is really easy to do so if you feel you could help out please let us know asap.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

If you have items that you no longer need or use, perhaps you would consider donating them for our White Elephant Stall.

No large furniture or electrical items please.

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

Contact Yvonne Unthank:
0427002417

Organising a stall:

If you're organising a stall, Gloria will contact you to confirm arrangements.

Helping with setup & food preparation:

If you are helping with setup and food preparation the relevant coordinator will contact you once the volunteer forms have been finalised.

Roster for stalls

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

PRIZES NEEDED

Please help by donating prizes valued \$2 or less.

Ideas include: bouncy balls, toys, bracelets, soft toys.

Remember both boys and girls prizes are needed.

Need more information?

Contact our Family Fun Day Coordinator
Gloria Paulus on 0437829823.

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 Helen Ellett: 0407644565

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.

Mystery Bags:

This year we are asking all families to fill 2 paper bags for the mystery bag stall. If you could please do one for boys and one for girls.

Suggested items: lollies, small toys, pencils, note pads. Your help in this area is really appreciated. Each bag will cost \$2 on the day for children to purchase.

Donations Needed

CRAZY HAIR DONATIONS

We are looking for the following donations of coloured hair spray, please leave all donations in the boxes in the school or ELC Foyer:
Contact Rebecca McPhan: 0437087092

- ⇒ 6 Purple
- ⇒ 6 Green
- ⇒ 6 Blue
- ⇒ 4 Red
- ⇒ 6 Pink
- ⇒ 5 Gold
- ⇒ 4 Yellow
- ⇒ 2 White
- ⇒ 3 Orange
- ⇒ 2 Silver glitter
- ⇒ 2 Gold glitter
- ⇒ 2 Coloured glitter
- ⇒ 5 Silver
- ⇒ 3 Black

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.

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