



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



ISSUE 6 - 2 March 2017

Weekly Newsletter

From the Principal..

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Today has been exciting for BCCS as we officially opened Foundations Early Learning Centre this morning. It was lovely to have Richard and Jenny Boonstra with us for the occasion as well as Ken Greenwood, the State Executive Officer of Christian Schools Australia. Many others were also in attendance and we are thankful for the contribution they made to the Kindergarten's beginnings.

Felicity and Garry cut the ribbon, Garry and Claire unveiled the plaque and Richard dedicated the Kindergarten to God's glory in prayer. It was a great time of celebration and we want to thank all of those who attended.

Our school was founded on prayer and Foundations Early Learning Centre is no different. The Board sought God's direction, and after much prayer, followed God's leading to start a kindergarten. As the school and kinder grow, we continue to pray and seek God's direction for our future.

Felicity, Sally and Miriam have developed an excellent program where children are nurtured and equipped to the highest standard for school while beginning to understand that they are loved by God who has given them amazing gifts. The planning and energy of commencing Foundations ELC has been rewarded by very positive responses from families and a waiting list for the four-year-old program.

I pray that we will continue to see God grow the school and kinder for His glory.

Blessings
Steve McAllister
Principal

Girls Winter Skirt Order:

Next term we swap over to the winter uniform, we are about to place an order for the girls winter skirts. If you are planning on purchasing a winter skirt can you please let the office know what size you will be needing so we can order the correct quantities.
Thanks in advance.

Coming Up

6-10 March
Meals on Wheels
(Grade 5/6)

Friday 10 March
Canteen Day

Monday 13 March
Labour Day holiday

Saturday 18 March
Family Fun Day

Thursday 23 March
Assembly hosted by 5/6

Friday 31 March
Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 18 April
First day of Term 2

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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



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STAFF PROFILE: Mrs Sally Stevens

AGE: 30 YEARS

LIVES: BAIRNSDALE

FAMILY FAST FACTS:

MARRIED MOTHER OF ONE, SISTER TO TWO
BROTHERS AND THEIR WIVES

FROM MRS STEVENS

One thing that I love to do is curl up with a book and read all day. I love reading fantasy books like *Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis and books written for younger readers like *Ranger's Apprentice* by John Flanagan. I particularly love reading aloud and sharing some of my favourite picture books and short stories with my classes and now my little boy Hugo. My husband and I love to travel and have been to Thailand, New Zealand and the UK together. We are hoping to take Hugo to Ireland at the end of the year to visit my parents who are living over there. Together we attend Bairnsdale Baptist Church and we both love the Lord.

I have been a teacher for nine years and for seven of those years I taught in Primary School. I taught classes from Prep all the way up to Year 6. However, my degree is a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education which means I also get to teach pre-school aged children. I was blessed to have last year off work to be at home with my little boy Hugo and I am excited for the adventure God has in store for me this year as a part-time teacher of the four-year-old program at Foundations ELC



Summary of Parents & Friends Meeting - 20 February 2017 -

We had our first meeting for the year last week. There was lots of healthy discussion and we spent some time talking about what we do as a group to help inform Steve. Preparations for the Family Fun Day are coming along well and we are looking at doing some minor fundraisers throughout the year along with the BBQ's. We would encourage parents to help out with the fundraising as this helps provide lots of lovely resources for our children and helps out with them attending camps and other things. You are always welcome to attend our meeting, our next one is on **Monday 1 May at 7:30pm**. We will keep you informed by the newsletter as to up coming fundraising events and it would be lovely to have as many people involved as possible.

Thank you, Helen Ellett

Bairnsdale Redlegs Junior Football

U10's & U12's

Training Starts

Wed 8 March - 4:30pm

New Players Encouraged To Attend

Family BBQ following training

Call Phil East 0434 769 950

Bairnsdale Redlegs Auskick

Age 5 & up Starts 29th April

Register at www.aflauskick.com.au

Call Tim Morrison 0423 627 694

Hook in2 Hockey

Start: Sat 4 March 2017 for 5 weeks

Club: Bairnsdale Hockey Club

Location: World Fields, Wallace St,
Bairnsdale 3875

Call: Haylie Peacock 0419 339 018

Bairnsdale Hockey Club

2017 season registration

& come & try nights

8 March 2017 - 4-6.30pm

15 March 2017 - 4-6.30pm

Location: WORLD building, Wallace St,
Bairnsdale 3875



Prayer Initiative

- Pray for the **WALLIS** family

Prayer and Praise

Praise God for:

- Foundations ELC Official Opening
- Our P&F who provided our students with pancakes for Shrove Tuesday
- New families settling well in the school community

Pray for:

- Preparations for the Family Fun Day
- That God will bring many families to the Family Fun Day
- Our school Board as they govern
- Our teachers as they teach our children
- For our school families as we build community together

Be truly glad. There is
wonderful joy ahead.

1 Peter 1:6





Family FUN DAY

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Saturday 18th March, 10am - 2pm

2 weeks to go!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR PRE-SETUP & SETUP ON THE DAY**

Friday 17th March, 9am to 12pm

We will be dressing tables and trestles with plastic table cloths, blowing up balloons etc. If you can help at any time during the morning please feel free to just drop in! Any time you can give will be much appreciated.

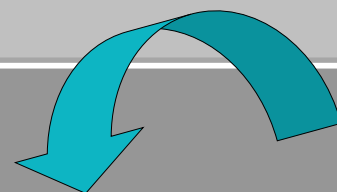
Friday 17th March, 2pm to 4pm

As we did last year we will be setting up as many of the marquees as we can (depending on the weather), putting up decorations, signs etc. The more we can get done on the Friday, the quicker it will be setting up on the Saturday morning and this worked really well last year. If there are any people available to help set up marquees at 2pm please let me know.

Saturday 18th March, 8.30am

Setup on the day will start at 8.00 am with hopefully just the finishing touches needing to be done.

If you are able to help in any of the above areas for any amount of time could you please phone or text Gloria on 0437 829 823 to let her know as it will help with planning. Thanks.



FAMILY FUN DAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Camel Rides
- Talent Quest
- Live Music
- Animal Show
- BCCS Tours
- Foundations
ELC Tours

GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS AT FAMILY FUN DAY



As we did last year, we will be offering Gluten Free food options. The lunch and café menu will both have a Gluten Free option.

CAR PARKING REMINDER

Could all school and ELC families please park their car in the Riviera Christian Centre front car park if possible to ensure there is parking available in the school car park for the general public. Thank you.

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.

Our Generous Family Fun Day

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NEW Talent Quest - Terms & Conditions

- Age Categories: 3-5yrs (Kinder/Prep) 6-8yrs (Grade 1-3) 9-12yrs (Grade 4-6)
- Children can enter as individuals or as duos, only one entry in each area.
- Backing tracks need to be appropriate music, ie no swearing or untoward language and will need to be approved prior to the day.
- Backing tracks need to be on an ipod and provided with the correct song at the start of your act, alternatively you can have someone play music for you on an instrument, ie if you are singing or dancing.
- The judges decision will be final.
- Entry fee is \$5
- Acts must be kept to a maximum of 5 minutes
- Some examples of acts might be singing, dancing, comedy acts.

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.

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:
0427 002 417

IMPORTANT

Please remember when you are on a stall you are required to stay there for your whole shift and not leave until the next person arrives to relieve you. If for some reason they do not arrive, please do not leave your stall, but let Steve or Gloria know so other arrangements can be made. **If on the day you are sick or running late please call Gloria on 0437 829 823 ASAP.** Thanks!

URGENT HELP NEEDED

Calling all grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends of BCCS or Foundations ELC students, we need your help. Just 2hrs on Saturday the 18th March for our Family Fun Day – please 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.

Please remember to bring small change to the FFD to prevent us from running out of change!

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



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: 0437 087 092

⇒5 Purple

⇒2 Green

⇒4 Blue

⇒3 Red

⇒2 Pink

⇒2 Gold

⇒1 Yellow

⇒2 Orange

⇒2 Silver glitter

⇒4 Gold glitter

⇒2 Coloured glitter

⇒2 Silver

⇒1 Black

Showbags:

6 x Multipack chips
(pkt 20)

9 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.