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## Dear BCCS Community,

I am very excited to welcome you – new and old – to the 2018 school year.

Firstly, let me introduce myself as Principal of BCCS. I have only been here in Bairnsdale and the East Gippsland district for a short time but have experienced and heard wonderful things about our BCCS students, staff, parents and broader community friends and partners.

In case you haven't heard about me, please allow me to tell you a little about myself. I have been working in Christian education for 28 years now. Throughout this time, I have had the pleasure of working as a classroom teacher in years 5 through to senior secondary and have had the opportunity to lead, develop and coordinate both pastoral care and the academic department of Humanities and Social Sciences across a P-12 school. My role before coming to BCCS was as the Head of Teaching and Learning from Kindergarten to year 12. In my spare time, I love taking time to fulfil my passions of travel and photography in missions. My mission heart is to equip the next generation of teachers in a nation to reach and disciple their nation of children and young people.

I truly believe and pray that I can action – "It takes a village to raise a child". Therefore, my priority and objective for this first year of being your Principal is to support students, teachers and parents to ensure each student within our School grows in confidence academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually, so they each may be equipped to become all that God wants them to be. My heart is to work diligently with the amazing staff and the wisdom of the BCCS board to make my transition as the new Principal as seamless as possible.

Throughout this week I have worked with the staff team, met with parents, visited churches and quietly thought through what I believe God has called me to contribute to our school; I can only find one word to describe it – Community. As a professional community, we have worked enthusiastically this week to prepare a place where physically, academically, socially and culturally students feel safe, have a sense of belonging and where they can serve others. As a school community, we desire to provide a place where parents and friends feel welcome, informed and active partners.

Our school community desires to provide open and transparent communication where all members can be informed, have conversations and share stories of how each one of us can be involved and fulfilling God's purposes for our school. Please keep an eye on all school communications – Newsletters, Facebook and uEducateUs for invitations, notices and opportunities for volunteer positions, fund raising activities and support services that you may be able to fill throughout the school year.

Let's have a GREAT school year!

Blessings,

Lynn

**PLEASE NOTE:** Regarding morning line up, students will now only have line up on the first day of the school week. This will be a more formal assembly and provides the opportunity for students to be provided with the same consistent message regarding processes and tasks such as uniform guidelines, playground boundaries or behaviours, school values and responses etc. Every other morning of the week, students will line up outside their classrooms.

## From Admin,

Newsletters will now be sent home fortnightly on a Monday, where possible. Some exceptions being the first day of Term or Public Holidays.

Your Term 1 Calendar is attached, please note dates are always subject to change. We will communicate any changes at the earliest possible time.

Our first canteen for the year is next Friday, 9 Feb. Please find order forms attached and ensure they are returned with the correct money by 3:10pm Wed, 7 Feb.

The Family Fun Day Volunteer Form is attached, as is the first Bookclub for the year, please return both by Wed, 14 Feb.

Over the page you will find a snapshot for the current fortnight. We hope to use this to give you a clear visual of what is on or due in that newsletter period.

*To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the P&F Committee will be providing each school child with one pancake for morning tea, on Tues, 13 Feb with margarine and/or maple syrup topping.*

*If you are available from 11am-12pm to help serve and pack up on the day, or are able to do some cooking the night before, please let the office know.*

*If your child has dietary requirements or won't be participating, please also let the office know. There is no cost for the pancake.*

Regards, Admin Team

## Fortnight Snapshot

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
<b>Week 1</b>	29/1 Term 1 Teacher Start	30/1	31/1 P-2 Open Classroom 1:30-2:30pm	1/2 Term 1 P-6 Start P&F Welcome Morning Tea (after 1st bell)	2/2	3-4/2
<b>Week 2</b>	5/2 K4 Start	6/2	7/2 Canteen orders due by 3:10pm  Prep rest day	8/2	9/2 K3 Start P-6 Canteen #1	10-11/2

### From FFD Team,

The Family Fun Day is our main fundraising activity for the year run by the Parents and Friends committee with all profits going back into our school and your children. Please come along to the P&F meetings if you would like to see what we plan to do with the profit - its exciting.

Every year we ask all our families to take part in some way, especially on the day. It is a fantastic opportunity to show the wider community how great our little school is and the loving and supportive family environment that BCCS and Foundations ELC have created.

There are many ways you can help, the main being to give your time to man a stall on the day. **Attached to the newsletter will be a green form where you can indicate where you would like to assist.** Spots are usually given on a first come first served basis so get your forms in quickly to secure your favourite activity.

Our Family Fun Day team is brand new this year. Our passionate group of parents who have been meeting since last year consist of Cherie Kelly, Christine Carpenter, Claire Fuhrmeister, Cristil Moore, Helen Ellett, Ruth Radford and Carolyn Betts. Please feel free to chat to any of us regarding the day.

Regards,

Carolyn Betts



### Family Fun Day - Donation Requests

If you would like to also help in other ways see the following list of donations needs.

- ~ Second hand items for the White Elephant Stall (please no large furniture or electrical items)
- ~ Business Sponsorships (please contact School Office for more information)
- ~ Plants for the Plant Stall
- ~ Game prizes of varying value
- ~ Multi chip packets
- ~ Multi juice box packs
- ~ Sunny boy or zooper dooper icy poles
- ~ Flat chocolate bars

### Scripture Encouragement

*Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him, and He will help you.*

*Psalm 37:5*

### Prayer Points

- *Hartley & Hamer families*
- *Smooth transitions for students*
- *A great start to teaching for the year*
- *A smooth start for staff and students beginning at Kinder*

### Praise Points

- *Safe summer holidays*
- *The safe return of Garry Dunn*
- *Lynn Morrison's arrival, taking up the position of Principal at BCCS*
- *New families and staff at BCCS*