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Dear BCCS Community,

As we come to the end of two terms, it is time to celebrate some of our achievements as a community. Across this semester we have seen our immutable principle of BCCS being God's school, a generous and serving community, in action through the commitment and participation of our parents, friends, partners and school staff. All for the purpose of growing and developing our children as individuals made in the image of God, who can learn with confidence and achieve great things, as they develop and grow God's purposed plan for their life.

In a school community such as ours, it is very evident that parents make a difference. The ways that each of our parents support their child's education through everyday activities are vital in improving our student learning, learning environment, resources, school image and ultimately our student's achievement levels. The investment in planning, organising and participating in activities by our parents, parents and friends team and teachers prioritises student wellbeing and benefits the school as a whole community as we improve facilities, resources and the community culture of our Early Learning Centre and school campus.

With our school leadership and staff partnering with parents and guardians we have been able to develop and purchase items on the priority list that benefit our children not only in classrooms but also in the playgrounds. Over the last two terms we have spent money on providing new play learning equipment in Kindergarten; improving and replacing lunchtime board games and play learning materials in the library; established four 'passive play' boxes which will be located around the school at lunch times to create quiet creative play zones as well as maintained our sponsorship and connection with our sponsor child.

Our Grandparents Day book stall has provided 20 new books for our library - 11 of these being purchased directly by Grandparents and Special Friends of our children and nine books were purchased as a result of the sales received over the two days. Thank you so much Grandparents and Special Friends, your investment has eternal consequence and we are truly blessed by your generosity and love. Thank you also to those who took the opportunity to purchase books personally and I hope that you receive double blessings from your purchases as we have received a blessing from your purchase. Thank you Helen from 'First Port of Call' bookshop who donated her time and skills to setup and staff this great service.



From Admin,

Next Week is a three day school week for students in Prep - Y6. Monday, 11 June is a public holiday and Friday, 15 June is Report Writing Day. Please note K3 runs as normal on this day.

School Swimming a reminder that the final two weeks of Term have three swimming lessons each, running Mon, Wed and Thur. Lessons for Yrs 3-6 at 12pm and Yrs P-2 at 12:45pm, parents helpers most welcome.

Cadbury Chocolate Boxes have been distributed. Additional boxes can be collected from the School Office, students will need a note from parents to do this. There is a massive 5kg box of Cadbury favourites as the first prize incentive, and a dozen other prizes for the children.

Canteen forms for Pizza on the last day of Term will be sent home with the last newsletter for this Term on Monday, 25 June - due back Wednesday, 27 June.

Scripture Encouragement

The Lord says, "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."

Matthew 6:33

Prayer Points

- Betts and Belford (Saleta) families
- A refreshing long weekend for our staff, students and families, and safety for anyone travelling at this time
- For staff as they prepare for and begin writing semester reports

Praise Points

- A wonderful time shared with the Grandparents and Special Friends of our students last Friday, and for our parent helpers on the day.
- A calm and successful emergency evacuation drill

Our Projects - Update

- ★ Our Sensory room is gradually being established. It should be fully complete and functional by the start of Term 3.
- ★ Our Learning Enrichment Hub continues to grow in supporting the teaching and learning of the classrooms. Our Year 1/2 students are shining in their learning growth, skill development and consolidation of essential skills and learning processes.
- ★ Our STEAM classes are continuing to shine with their projects and learning activities. With fashion hats, self propelling boats, robot designs, rockets reaching new heights, self growing flowers and a whole lot more, STEAM has become a favourite with students as they apply their learning skills to solving real world problems and projects.
- ★ Our creative free play zone is still a shell of empty space, as we have struggled to source and develop our ideas. Please see these sample photos below to understand why we would establish a jumble yard as a play zone.



- ★ Our Sensory Garden will be put into the STEAM program next semester, with each class designing a particular zone and then teachers, Parents & Friends and school leadership assisting them with sourcing, resourcing, construction and maintenance.
- ★ Growing an agricultural centre - from a munch and crunch garden, animal pen to plate and environmental sustainability as our core priorities in the centre, this will require some outside school volunteers and construction assistance for a future curriculum course for Year 6 students.

In the few short months of 2018, it is important to see how far we have come and how we as a community are like family in many ways. It has been a wonderful journey so far and one we will enjoy continuing. We are extremely proud of our children, our developing programs and everything that we have achieved. As a parent who has chosen BCCS as your child's school, your contribution large or small is greatly appreciated and has a large impact on the positive educational and personal outcomes for our children and our school community. Belonging to Community brings forward our Best!

Blessings,
Lynn Morrison

Fortnight Snapshot

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 9	11/6 Queens Birthday	12/6	13/6	14/6 School Swimming	15/6 Report Writing Day Prep - Y6	16-17/6
Week 10	18/6 School Swimming	19/6	20/6 School Swimming	21/6 School Swimming	22/6 Assembly 5/6	23-24/6

Foundations ELC News

What a Term! We've had a busy term and as we near the middle of the year we have the opportunity to reflect on the semester. To help facilitate this, we will be holding Parent / Educator interviews with our Early Learning Centre parents during the final week of this Term. For parents of K4 children, interviews will be held on Wednesday, 27 June and for parents of K3 children on Friday, 29 June. This is an opportunity to reflect on children's development during the semester and to discuss any concerns. Please see either Mim or Lynne to arrange an appointment.

The final day for K4 children this Term will be Tuesday, 26 June and for K3 children, Friday, 22 June.

Musical Afternoon - K4

To celebrate the end of Term and the things we've been learning, parents and friends are invited to our musical afternoon on Tuesday, 26 June from 2 - 3pm. Children will be showcasing their new musical skills and more. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parents & Friends News

The Chocolate boxes are flying out of the office with our Freddo Frog fundraiser. We have had 78 boxes sold, with money returned, so far and it has only been a fortnight, but don't worry, there are still plenty more boxes waiting for collection, so you can be in the running for those awesome incentive prizes. Who wouldn't like the chance to get a 5kg box of Cadbury Favourites to share with your family/friends for potentially just selling one box. Well done everyone!

Next P & F meeting is scheduled for Monday, 18 June at 7:30pm. Please consider being a part of this very exciting and motivated group. Food/chocolate is always available at the meetings to eat :)

Picture plates

What a refreshing activity the picture plates were, I can't wait to see all the kinder (and school) kids faces when they see their artwork actually on a plate. This has been a continual suggestion for us to organise, so thanks Christine for heading this up and everyone for allowing this activity to be organised so smoothly.

Pre Prep Program

Expressions of Interest are now open for our Pre Prep Program 2018, which will run in Term 3 for children not already enrolled in Foundations Early Learning Centre. The Program is designed to begin the transition process for children not currently enrolled at Foundations Early Learning Centre but whose parents are interested or planning for their child to attend Prep at BCCS in 2019. Pre Prep will be held for a few hours each week in Term 3, with a small per session cost. The dates and times for these sessions are still being finalised, and will be adjusted according to demand.



Expressions of interest now being taken

The Pre Prep Program is designed to begin the transition to school process and will run in Term 3 for a few hours each week.



To register your interest, contact us by Friday, 29 June.
We will then get in touch with further information about the program.

PRE PREP PROGRAM 2018

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A few photos showing some of the ways our Parents and Friends group support our School community through their donation of resources:

