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Dear BCCS Community,

On Saturday just gone, I reached a couple of significant moments in the new chapter of God calling me to Bairnsdale Christian Community School. Firstly, it marked three weeks since my arriving in Bairnsdale, and secondly, I got the keys to my rental property and my household gear was delivered, which signified a point of new beginnings and commitment.

In the process of unpacking and re-establishing, I have been reflecting on what I believe God has been speaking to me, in regards to the school and my purpose in being added to this amazing community. This week is a significant week for the school as this Friday night (Feb 16) is our 2018 dedication night. I am not sure if you have realised, but this year (2018) is the 21st year of operation for Bairnsdale Christian Community School. Turning 21 traditionally was marked with celebration as recognition of a person's "coming of age" - moving from childhood to adulthood. In this year for BCCS, God has set a new direction with the foundations of our 2017-2020 strategic plan and then provided a new principal for the fulfilling of our new chapter.

I am thrilled to be a part of Dedication Night and celebrating our heritage, embracing our horizon for the future and recognising the people who have committed to building BCCS to being all that God wants us to be. I encourage you, with your family and friends, to bring along a picnic meal and join us for a time of celebration, offering everything we are and have as individuals and a school to God.

Grade 3 -6 Information night - On Tuesday, 13 February (tomorrow) evening, parents of our grade 3 to 6 students are invited to attend a special information night supporting you through caring for your children at the school this year and to receive some expectations and general information about the class/year level. The evening will commence at 5:30 pm in the respective classrooms, but each teacher will provide you with a memo sheet of what are the priorities to assist those parents who have both classes to glean information from. Children are welcome but because teachers will be busy presenting information, parents are asked to adequately and safely supervise their own children.

Students at school - Please remember the school does not provide supervision for students prior to 8:30am and the school day STARTS when the 8:50am bell has sounded. We are very

From Admin,

Grades 3-6 Info Night

Tuesday, 13 February
 5:30pm. Can all parents with students in Grades 3-6 please make the effort to attend this session.

Assembly

Our first whole school assembly for 2018 will be Thursday, 15 February. The 3/4 class are hosting. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Starting straight after the morning bell.

Dedication Night

This Friday, 16 February starting at 6pm, finishing at 7pm. BYO picnic dinner. See invitation included.

uEducateUs Login

Could all families who don't have access to uEducateUs please contact the Office.

Emergency Contact Forms

Emergency contact forms have been sent digitally, only one per family is required. Please complete as soon as possible.

CSEF Forms are now available from the School Office.

School Photo Order forms are attached.

Scripture Encouragement

Jesus says, "I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." - John 14:27

Prayer Points

- Halligan and Quigley/Griffin families
- Dedication night this Friday
- For our students settling into new environments, especially our Prep students and others new to BCCS

Praise Points

- A great start to the year, with students settling well into routines, including our kinder families.
- Welcome to the Davidson family, joining us with Will in Grade 2.

protective of our students and staff, please support us in recognising these times, as best you can.

Blessings, Lynn

Regards, Admin Team

Fortnight Snapshot

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 1	12/2	13/2 P&F providing Pancake M'tea 3-6 Parent Info Night 5:30pm	14/2	15/2 Assembly (3/4) Sport uniform - all grades.	16/2 Dedication Night 6pm	17-18/2
Week 2	19/2 P&F Meeting	20/2	21/2 Canteen orders due by 3:10pm today. <i>No late orders will be accepted.</i>	22/2 Sport uniform - all grades	23/2 Canteen #2	24-25/2

From Mr Micallef - SPORT & STEAM

All grades will now have sport on a Thursday each week so please ensure ALL students wear their sports uniform on this day. However, in week 5 we have Hockey Victoria travelling down to run a hockey clinic on the Tuesday, 27 February for Grades 1-6, as such sports uniform will need to be worn on the Tuesday for all students. The Thursday of this same week is our School Photo Day - as such full school uniform will need to be worn.

The Mitchell Cluster has reformed. So for Swimming, Cross-country and Athletics we will be combined with Nicholson PS, Lindenow South PS, Clifton Creek PS, Wild Cherry PS and East Gippsland Specialist School. We will let you know the dates for these events once they have been confirmed.

Our first inter-school event will be swimming on Wednesday, 21 February. If you have a child in grades 3-6 interested in competing please let me know via email or see me in person. Entries must be in by Friday, 16 February.

We are also excited to have an Australian Commonwealth Games Athlete come and visit to talk to the students and run a mini clinic. This will also be on Wednesday, 21 February at 1:30pm.

School Swimming Lessons will be run in the second half of Term 2. We will send out more details later this Term.

STEAM classes will be run on a Tuesday for each grade. STEAM = Science, Technologies, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. STEAM incorporates all these areas in a project based learning environment.

From the ELC Team,

What a great start we have had with our K4 students starting on Monday, 6 Feb and our K3 students starting on Friday, 9 Feb.

We will be placing one more order for Kinder shirts for those who need them so if you would like to order any please contact the School Office by Friday, 16 February to place your order.

K4 students will begin using the School library from Tuesday, 6 March. Books will need to be returned each week on the Tuesday in order to borrow again.

For any administration related enquiries please direct your call to the School Office on 5153 0079. If your call is urgent and during kinder hours, please contact the ELC staff on the following mobile number: 0419 068 255.

Next Friday, 16 February is our whole School Dedication Night, all Kinder families are encouraged to join us for this special time. BYO picnic dinner, starting at 6pm and finishing at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Music Lessons

John Brehaut is available to teach drums, brass instruments, piano/keyboard, guitar, recorder, ukulele and violin lessons at our School. John can be contacted directly on 0428 579 295 to arrange lessons.

Regards,
Mr Micallef

Carryn Caithness is available to teach piano, flute, oboe, clarinet or saxophone lessons at our School. Carryn can be contacted directly on 5157 7669 to arrange lessons.



Dedication Evening

We would like to extend an invitation for you to join us at Bairnsdale Christian Community School as we dedicate our 2018 school year to God.

Where: 101 Bairnsdale-Dargo Rd, Bairnsdale
When: Friday, 16 February
Time: 6pm-7pm

BYO picnic dinner for a 6pm start.
The dedication will follow our time of fellowship.

Wisdom for life

Classroom & Library Volunteers

If you can spare an hour between 1-2pm on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday we would love some volunteers to come and supervise the Library during lunch.

We also need some parent helpers, especially in the 1/2 class to come and read with students in the mornings. This only takes about half an hour. All volunteers will need a current Working With Children Check.

Afternoon Activities Volunteer Request

We are planning on running some activities for Grades 3-6 over a six week period in the latter part of this Term, similar to the enrichment programs run in previous years. We are looking for volunteers who may be able to come and lead a group each Friday afternoon.

If you, or someone you know, has a skill they would like to share with the students, please contact the School Office as soon as possible. All volunteers will need a current Working With Children Check.

Coles Sport for Schools

Our school is part of the Coles Schools for Sports Program - for every \$10 spent at Coles and Coles Express (and even online), you can collect vouchers, which will go towards sports equipment for BCCS. Vouchers can be dropped in the boxes at both school and kinder. Happy shopping!

Community Notices

We will generally not be including community notices in the

From Parents and Friends,

Our Parents & Friends group supports the School community in a variety of ways, with the focus on three main areas being: Fellowship, Canteen & Fundraising. P&F meet four times a year (once per term), to discuss new ideas, what's happening in the school, direction of financial contributions from fundraising money and events that are occurring.

An invitation is extended to all interested parents and

printed newsletter, you are welcome to post information on appropriate events onto the Facebook community page. There is also a noticeboard in the School foyer for flyers and or posters.

friends to join us at our first P&F meeting for 2018 on Monday, 19 February starting at 7:30pm.



From FFD Team,

Thank you to those who have returned their green volunteer forms. Every year we ask all our BCCS and FELC families to take part in some way, our main area of need is your precious time to man a stall 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.

Attached is an updated green volunteer form with the remaining stall spots that we need filled on the day. Spots are usually filled on a first in first served basis so the quicker you get your form in the more likely it is that you will get your chosen spot.

Would you like to help in other ways also? Here is a list of items that would be of use on the day.

- Small toys for the prizes. They only need to be little things like high bounce balls, yo yos, matchbox cars, hair ties, bracelets and necklaces, colourful pens and pencils, pencil sharpeners, rubbers, fun notepads, bubbles and stickers.
- Second hand items for the white elephant store, any items can be donated, except for large furniture and electrical items.
- Multi chip packets
- Multi pack of juice boxes
- Flat chocolate bars
- Any unwanted Christmas gifts
- Sunny boy or zooper dooper icy poles
- Plants for the plant stall

Regards,

Carolyn Betts

What is the Family Fun Day all about?

The Family Fun Day is organised by the parents and friends committee. It is an annual event and our main fundraising activity. The fair is run between 10 – 2 with heaps of family fun for all. We hope to have zorb balls, hay rides, jumping castle, animal farm, plant stall, cake stall, café with real coffee and fairy floss just to name a few.

We ask that all families be involved on the day by signing up for a two hour shift to man a stall on the day.

It is free entry with activities costing only a few dollars. Plus free family fun like bubble blowing, Black Snake Productions wildlife display, fire truck display and smoke room and speedway car display.

All profits go back into our School and your children. In the past we have assisted in sending the Grade 6 students on their school camp, funded passive play boxes for recess and lunchtime, purchased learning equipment for the teachers to use in the classroom and we have a grand idea of what we would like to spend this year's money on. Please come along to the next Parents and Friends meeting if you have an idea of where you would like the money spent we would love to have you involved.

FAMILY FUN DAY HIGHLIGHTS

REAL SHOWBAGS

(6 TYPES TO CHOOSE FROM)

ZORB BALLS

HAY RIDES

SHUFFLEBOARD

WILDLIFE SHOW

PHOTO BOOTH

FAIRY FLOSS

CRAZY HAIR