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Dear BCCS Community,

Welcome to Term 3. I hope that you and your family found time to refresh, relax and reconnect across the three weeks and are ready for another term of school routines and supporting learning. Across this term, we have opportunities to enjoy excursions, Assemblies, hosting the Mitchell Cluster Athletics Carnival, Book Fair and Book Week, sausage sizzles, Father's Day breakfast, Run for Bibles and Year 6 camp to Melbourne to mention just a few things.

Every school has its own traditions, heritage and story to tell, but our purpose is the needs of students in learning and improving on it, to ensure that our best shines. Our learning community through this time of change and transition continues to strive for personal and collective excellence using our values of Love, Wisdom and Integrity. Our developing focus on #Becoming, Being, Belonging aims to develop the whole person, emphasising student learning and growing our students in using thoughts and actions to make courageous choices.

Last week, our staff professional learning was launched by Board Chairperson Daniel Johns who facilitated staff to review and reflect on the call and ministry of working in and as the Body of Christ.

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

From this baseline our staff internally reviewed challenges, changes and initiatives of this year with discussion of feedback received or heard so far and spent time considering what adjustments can be made for the better. Our consensus was that we will continue to monitor this space, gaining more detailed feedback from staff, parents and students.

To assist our school in gathering more authentic feedback we are conducting a survey to find out what all stakeholders think of our school. The opinion surveys are offered by the L.E.A.D service of Independent Schools Victoria. This 360 view from all stakeholders is designed to assist us in gaining an understanding of our School's effectiveness through the eyes of students, parents, staff and board members - the stakeholders most likely to recommend our school to potential families. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. We encourage all families to complete the survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

Calling all available BBQ cooking extraordinaires...

We need your help next Tuesday, 31 July at BCCS for our Cluster Athletics Day. BBQ and Sausages provided, all you need to do is show up and cook up a feast.



From Admin,

Parent / Teacher Interviews

are on this week: **Tuesday**, 24 July and **Thursday**, 26 July. Please stay within your time slots to ensure the evenings run smoothly for everyone.

Picture Plate orders are available for pick up from today. Thanks to our Parents and Friends for coordinating this for our school.

Canteen #1 is on Friday, 3 August - next week. Order forms for **Sausage Rolls / Party Pies** are attached and are due in next Wed, 1 August.

Invoices are being sent out with today's newsletter. Payments made since Wednesday, 18 July will not show until the next statement.

Bookclub is attached, orders are due back on Thu, 2 Aug.

The Athletics Day is on next Tuesday, 31 July. Please ensure all students are in full sport uniform. We are excited to be hosting this year's Cluster Athletics Day here at BCCS. We would like to extend an invitation to our families to come along and join us for this fun community day. Please bring your own camp chair or blanket and a picnic lunch. ***A sausage sizzle lunch will be available for everyone who would like to partake, courtesy of our P&F.**

Scripture Encouragement

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

Prayer Points

- Ashton & Ashwood (Newton) families
- Smooth transitions back into school and kinder routines for our students
- Suitable applicants for the advertised positions within the BCCS community
- Kristen's transition to a new role

Praise Points

- A refreshing holiday break for our staff, families and students
- A great week of team building and preparation for staff last week
- For the ongoing growth and exciting opportunities within BCCS

These surveys will be accessible from Monday, 30 July to Friday, 24 August, conducted online, only takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the dates on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Board members, Staff, Parents and Year 5/6 Students will receive an email with the link to access the survey or may enquire at the front office as to how to access at school.

Looking forward to another great term working together to continue making BCCS great.

Blessings,
Lynn Morrison

Fortnight Snapshot

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 1	23/7	24/7	25/7	26/7	27/7	28-29/7
TERM 3	TERM 3 START K4-6	Parent / Teacher Interviews		Parent / Teacher Interviews	K3 START	
Week 2	30/7	31/7	1/8	2/8	3/8	4-5/8
		Cluster Athletics Day - All Welcome - <i>*Sausage Sizzle lunch for all provided.</i>	Canteen orders due today	Bookclub orders due today	Canteen #1 Prep Stayover (see class note)	

From the ELC,

We are looking forward to a fun-filled and interesting Term 3. Our main theme for this term is "Stories Come Alive." While we will of course be continuing with our music and other activities, we want to emphasise the richness of language and the enjoyment we can gain from literature.

We will be focusing on various types of stories and poetry, and will conclude this term with a drama production based on some of the stories we will be having during the term. This will be a good follow-up to the musical afternoon of Term 2, and will continue to encourage the children to develop confidence and pleasure from public speaking /performance.

During this theme, the children will be participating in various activities, some of which will be activities to assist with retelling the story. Recalling story events or facts in sequence is a language processing skill important in the development of reading readiness.

We are developing a new volunteer roster for this term, so if you are able to assist us for an hour or two during our kinder sessions, please see Lynne or Mim to set a time slot for you to participate in this way. Parent involvement adds a richness and depth to the kinder program and we appreciate your assistance and interest.

We also remind you we have a Feedback "Communication Wall" poster in the foyer and invite you to add any comments you feel would be helpful or relevant.

Lynne, Mim and Amber.

From Parents & Friends,

Cadbury Chocolate Boxes are now **OVERDUE**. We still have boxes and/or money unaccounted for. If you have not yet returned yours, please contact the office asap. There were also several unnamed envelopes returned - please help us solve the mystery and let the Office know if you returned an envelope without your name on it.

Canteen Volunteer Request - Our canteen can't run without the help of our volunteers and we need more people to give a couple of hours once a term on a Friday to come in and help us out. It is really easy and a great way to contribute to our school community. Due to a lack of volunteers we have reduced canteen to three dates in Term 3: Fri, 3 Aug, 24 Aug & 21 Sept.
Helpers are asked to be at the School by 12pm and are done by 2pm at the latest.

***Can all current canteen volunteers please contact Christine or the Office to confirm you are still available to be placed on the roster for Term 3.**

From Kristen,

The BCCS community is a great one to be a part of - both as a former student at the school and also as a staff member. As with any community, people grow and change, and God prompts us at times to move on and expand our world. Working at the Christian School has been a lot of fun, and I've greatly enjoyed getting to know all our families across both the kinder and school. However, God has called me to another role, which means I will be leaving the office at BCCS at the end of Week 3. This doesn't mean I'll stop being part of the community - but it does mean that I won't be working in the office from August 13. Please keep the leadership team in your prayers as they seek God's will on how best to meet the office support needs of the school both now and into the future and advertise the position in coming weeks. I've enjoyed being professionally involved in the BCCS community, and am sure I'll maintain contact as I step back from my office duties and into the next season of my life.

Blessings, Kristen Brehaut

Pre Prep Program - Limited places available

We have limited places available in our Pre Prep Program, which is due to start later this Term. If you or someone you know is not currently enrolled at Foundations ELC and would like to begin the transition process to school, please contact us ASAP.



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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

Bairnsdale Christian Community School & Foundations Early Learning Centre
www.bccs.org.au | 101 Bairnsdale-Dargo Rd, Bairnsdale | 03 5153 0079

4yr old Kinder Program - Limited places available

We still have limited places available in our 4yr old Kinder Program in 2019. If you or someone you know is not currently enrolled at Foundations ELC and would like to be, please contact us ASAP.



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