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Dear BCCS Community,

"As life happens there are tons of ups and downs. It's a journey of discovery - there are moments on mountaintops and moments in deep valleys." (Rick Warren)

It is difficult to believe that we are in the last month of winter, a third of the way through Term 3 and for me personally just two weeks ago to the day marked my six months at Bairnsdale Christian Community School. Our six month journey of discovery as a school has been full of change, challenge, joy, celebration and increasing growth; with more discoveries and adventures to come.

Last Tuesday, the school hosted the Mitchell River Cluster Athletics Carnival, with Nicholson Primary and Clifton Creek joining our students to give their best effort. It was joyous to watch our students from K4 through to Year 6 participating, persisting, competing and having fun in the variety of sports. Congratulations to all the Age Champion students, who were relentless in their passion to participate in every event.

BOOK FAIR

There continues to be many exciting activities coming up including a Scholastic Book Fair throughout Book Week with a Dress Up and Parade on August 31. As Scholastic Book Club is very popular with students and families across our school community we thought we could purposefully provide opportunity for our students and community to demonstrate generosity. All proceeds and profits from the Book Fair will be donated to a small disadvantaged rural/remote school in Victoria. Please keep an eye on the Library space for the Book Fair display in the coming weeks.

RUN FOR BIBLES

This is a great opportunity for our students and families to participate in providing Bibles to others who do not have access to Bibles. As an outdoor learning opportunity students enjoy the walk/run along the river path. This year, we are trying something new with a different time and an opportunity to have a picnic lunch with our families.

Students will be leaving school by bus at 11:20am - all families are invited to join us for the run which will be followed by a byo picnic lunch at Howitt Park below the yellow slide. We will provide further details with the next newsletter which will also have the fundraising forms attached.

2019 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments at BCCS for 2019 are now open. In the coming weeks, existing parents/families will be asked to complete an intention form and return it to the School Office as early as possible to assist with planning for 2019. If you know of family or friends who may be interested in hearing more about a BCCS education for their children, please ask them to contact the school office to arrange a school tour. Thank you for your assistance with this.

From Admin,

Assembly hosted by the 3/4 class will be held this Friday, 10/8 at 2:10pm - all welcome. The winners of the Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser will be announced at this assembly.

Book Week Dress up is only 3 weeks away! There will be an assembly hosted by the 1/2 class held in the morning straight after the parade.

Canteen Forms for the next canteen (Friday 24/8) will be sent home on Monday 20/8.

Dahlsens BBQ - this P&F fundraising event is on Sat, 18/8 - please see further details over the page.

Run4Bibles is on again in Week 8, more details in the next newsletter however please note the time change from previous years - students will be leaving BCCS at 11:20am and returning to school at 1:30pm - Thur, 13/9

Fathers Day Breakfast is just 4 weeks away. Details to come with next newsletter on 20/8.

The Healthy Together Children's Evaluation letter and OPT OUT forms were sent home to all Year 4 & 6 students. Please note if we do not receive an opt out form for your child, they will be participating in the evaluation.

Scripture Encouragement

...Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.

Philippians 3:13

Prayer Points

- Anderson & Ahchow families
- Suitable applicants for the advertised positions within the BCCS community
- For those struggling with anxiety, young and old, let us come alongside
- Patience for all through the changes

Praise Points

- For people willing to step into gaps at short notice to support our School and Kinder community
- For the great effort put in by students at our Cluster Athletics Day, thanks to all who helped

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Last week all our Prep to Year 6 families were emailed a link to a Parent Opinion Survey which is being conducted this year to help our school measure our overall performance. If you have not received an email with the survey link, please contact the school office.

Your responses are kept strictly confidential to Independent Schools Victoria. All data is reported back to the school as aggregated results only, and ISV hold no personal information about individual families. The survey is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Because of the small sample sizes involved in this survey, your results are qualitative in nature, and will really only be useful to our School if we achieve an 80-100% response rate. Our School will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within until Friday, 24 August. We thank you in advance for taking the time to provide us with your feedback.

Blessings, Lynn Morrison

Fortnight Snapshot

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
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| Week 3 | 6/8 | 7/8 | 8/8 | 9/8 | 10/8 Assembly (3/4) 2:10pm | 11-12/8 |
| Week 4 | 13/8 | 14/8 | 15/8 | 16/8 | 17/8 | 18-19/8 Dahlsens BBQ |

From Alana,

Whether you know me as Alana, Ally, Mrs Hubbard, Zam's Mum, Max's Mum, Reign's Mum, Meg's Mum or simply a lady in the office, most of you know who I am and this role has given me the privilege of coming to know most of you.

For around 18 months I have been working in my 'dream job' and despite having a more realistic view of it now, compared to when I started, I still find great joy in fulfilling this role. And yet, it seems many seasons in life call for hard decisions, and recently, as a family, we have found ourselves at a crossroads. The outcome of which is that The Hubbards will be relocating to Cape Paterson as of September. Our last day at BCCS will be Friday, 31 August. However, I will be staying on staff, behind the scenes, for as long as I am needed to help with the transition and provide support to whomever is chosen to take this role into the next season.

I truly believe BCCS is on a journey, with greater things to come. All growth requires effort, and some views are worth climbing mountains for. I also believe we are a community who comes alongside, as such, I ask for your patience over the coming months as these changes take place. I invite you to come alongside the staff, students and families, let us work together through this season of change as we head towards our greater things.

Thanks, Alana x

From Parents & Friends,

Dahlsens BBQ - Saturday, 18 August

It is just less than two weeks until the scheduled Dahlsens Fundraiser. This event runs from 9am-2pm (or until sausages run out). All we need to do is provide 3-4 volunteers to show up and cook/sell the sausages. Everything is provided, we just show up with a float.

If we do not get any volunteers to commit to this we will have to cancel the BBQ.

Uniforms Available

As the Hubbard family is quite large, we have lots of second hand and some new uniforms available for a small donation. From tomorrow there will be a box of uniforms in the foyer with a donation pay box. I understand it can be difficult to pay for uniforms so if you really need things please take them, any donations will be going towards purchasing uniforms for the Hubbard children at their new school.

To the Book Fair and beyond!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon, so get ready for some out-of-this-world excitement! You'll go where no reader has gone before as you explore the coolest array of books in the cosmos.

We'll be launching this stellar reading celebration in the School Library from 20 August - 31 August. The Book Fair will be open from 8.50am - 9.30am and 3pm - 4pm each afternoon - **but we need helpers to run the stall on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday please see Gloria if you can help or contact her on 0437 829 823.**

There will be opportunities to purchase books for yourself and the school, PLUS any commission we receive will help us donate books to Tawonga Primary School, which are a small primary school in northeast Victoria who are struggling with limited funds to keep a good selection of books for all ages and are so excited to receive whatever donation we are able to provide.

SCHOLASTIC  Book Fairs



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.



Limited 4yr old kinder places available for 2019

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Cluster Athletics 2018

