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Dear BCCS Community,

It is always an unbelievable joy and privilege to do tours of our school, no matter whether it is with visitors, educational support services, prospective students and families or possible employees. Recently, I have noticed a shift in the comments and talk about our school in the broader Bairnsdale community. Word of mouth is our most powerful advertising tool, and it is every one of our community members who adds or detracts from our school reputation and image. We don't always get every response or action right, however, it is our goal to have a school-wide commitment to our culture of care; take time to know each student well; prioritise being connected with each other; and teach our students the skills of being and remaining connected to each other.

In our school we

- See each student as uniquely created, purposed of God individuals
- Give second chances and forgive easily
- Respect each other and keep our promises
- Never give up
- Encourage each other
- Laugh together
- Belong
- Are community

As a rope is stronger the more strands are twisted or braided together, students' sense of belonging is stronger the more relationships and connections they can form. As we continue our journey at BCCS, let us remain committed to helping our students develop many strands of belonging that will hold them firmly and securely during the turbulent times of growing up.

It is our mission to ensure that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving. This mission continues to guide our practice, with inclusive lessons, innovative teaching and learning approaches, for the purpose of developing the whole child and ensuring effective learning leads to improvement.

Attendance

Every Day Counts, Every Minute Counts (Victorian Department of Education)

Dear parents, did you know that your child's best learning time is the start of the school day - that's when every minute counts the most. At BCCS we are committed to providing your child with an excellent education.

The building blocks of a great education begin with all students coming to school each and every day. Regular school attendance is vital and missing school days or arriving late can have a big impact on a child's future - missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

From Admin,

Office Changes - Please welcome to the office Ruth Hubbard on Mondays and Tuesdays and Alisha Hutton on Wednesdays and Fridays, as they temporarily step in to help out until our new full time administration person starts for Term 4. Details to come.

An Intention Letter is attached to this newsletter. Could all families please indicate their intentions for 2019, as known at this time, to assist us with planning.

Our Front Office Sign in system is preparing for some exciting changes. Brace yourself for the arrival of a digital sign in & out process rolling out at the beginning of Term 4.

Our last Canteen for the Term is on Friday, 21 September. Order forms will be sent home with the next newsletter on Monday, 17 September.

Nagle Scholarship applications open on Monday, 15 October.

Prep parents, please remember to return your school nurse forms.

Scripture Encouragement

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Prayer Points

- Smooth transitions as we adjust to staff changes over the coming weeks
- Our Year 6 students on camp this week with Mr Bazley & Mrs Taylor
- Years 3/4/5 students combined for the week with Mrs Eveleigh

Praise Points

- Great weather and company for our Father's Day Breakfast
- Students finding great enjoyment in the loose parts playground
- Our Prep students enjoying a great excursion to Woolworths

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Currently our school attendance percentage is 90%. Our goal is 95%. Please remember that “Everyday Counts”. If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher, as early as possible, and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your child’s classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

NAPLAN

Individual Student Reports for students in Years 3 and 5 have gone home today. As staff we are encouraged that students’ results are as expected. We have taken note of the consistent areas of weakness, to review our teaching and learning approaches. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s NAPLAN report, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

Years 3, 4 and 5 Timetable and Passion Projects

This week with our Year 6 students at camp, we have combined our Years 3, 4 and 5 to one class, with a very different learning structure. Students came home on Friday with an amazing timetable for the week. Mrs Everleigh is leading the learning most days but is supported by remaining staff.

On Thursday afternoon, all students will be participating in a Passion Project. These projects are an opportunity for students to be grouped in vertical Year level groups and participate in learning activities in one of four passion areas - Physical Challenge, Science, Arts and Crafts and Cooking. We look forward to seeing our students learning in a community format.

Blessings, Lynn Morrison

Calendar Snapshot - Only 3 weeks left in Term 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 7	3/9 <i>Year 6 Camp</i> Yrs 3/4/5 Combined	4/9	5/9	6/9	7/9 K3 Fathers Day Event 2-3pm	8-9/9
Week 8	10/9	11/9 5/6 Sausage Sizzle fundraiser <i>-bring your money</i>	12/9 5/6 Excursion	13/9 Run4Bibles Leaving BCCS @ 11:20am BYO Picnic Lunch	14/9	15-16/9
Week 9	17/9 Last newsletter for Term 3	18/9	19/9 Canteen orders due today	20/9	21/9 Canteen: Pizza <i>Assembly @ 12:30pm</i> Term 3 ends @ 2:10pm	22-23/9 School Holidays

From Mrs Paulus,

Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to say we raised approximately \$440 in commission for Tawonga Primary School, great effort everyone.

A special thank you to Kathy, Libby and Naomi who helped run the stall in the mornings and praise be to God for such a fantastic result. Thanks everyone for your support of this event.

From P&F

Our Next Meeting will be Monday, 10 September starting 7pm, held at the School. This is a great opportunity to come along and support our School and Kinder community. We would love to add some new faces to our mix so if you haven't been before please do consider coming along.

STILL MISSING: 7 Cadbury Chocolate Boxes from our fundraiser are still unaccounted for. If, through the hectic nature of life with kids, your family has forgotten to return your chocolate box or money please don't feel it is too late. Boxes and/or money can be dropped to the School Office.

From Year 5/6

On Tuesday, 11 September the year 5/6 students are hosting their second fundraising event, a sausage sizzle, for the Hay and Hampers for Hope campaign. This initiative is part of the generosity theme of this Term and they will be applying their math skills when planning, purchasing and making the food that will be sold.



Years 3/4/5

Alternate timetable for Week 7 - Starting Monday 3 September

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:50 - 11:00	Math games & making play dough	STEAM and area and perimeter activity	Investigating electricity and circuits	Sport and math games	Investigating gravity and friction
11:20-13:10	Constructing 3D mazes applying knowledge of angles	Constructing 3D model base on area and perimeter measurements	Building circuits	Garden project	3D construction applying knowledge of gravity and friction
13:50-15:00	Coding	Constructing 3D model base on area and perimeter measurements	Coding	Passion project	Coding

BCCS Gallery

With Book Week, Fathers Day and Excursions all part of the last few weeks, there has sure been plenty to capture with the camera. A few shots shown here to share the fun.



Our Prep class were very excited before leaving BCCS on their adventures to Woolworths last Friday.





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Dear Parents,

Intention Form 2019

To assist with planning for 2019 we are asking all currently enrolled families to complete and return the following intentions form. We understand that plans can change, however if you can please take the time to communicate what your intentions are at this point we would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Blessings,

Lynn Morrison

Principal

BCCS Intentions Form 2019

I, _____ on behalf of my family would like to submit the following intentions for 2019 in order to assist BCCS with planning. I understand that if our plans change we simply need to submit an enrolment withdrawal letter at our earliest convenience. I understand that all current enrolments, including Kinder enrolments, are ongoing unless withdrawn.

Student Name	Year Level for 2019	Returning in 2019 (Y/N)

Any other comments:

Parent Signature:

Date:



BAIRNSDALE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL



2019 ENROLMENTS OPEN

- Small, inclusive class sizes
- Positive friendly learning environment
- Many opportunities for parent involvement

We would like to extend an invitation for all prospective families to arrange a tour of our school. BCCS has served our region for over 20 years, partnering with parents to nurture and equip their children.

Please call us on **5153 0079** to arrange a tour or discuss enrolment.

Alternatively email any questions you may have to **admin@bccs.org.au**

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