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**Monday, 8 October 2018**

**Dear BCCS Community,**

Welcome back to Term 4. We are particularly pleased to officially welcome Robyn to our school community and the new face in our front office. Please, make her feel welcome and don't be shy to introduce yourself or take a minute to tell her your story at BCCS.

I hope that while you have had the opportunity to have a break from school routines, you have found time to discover how amazing your child/ren are as individuals. Each one unique, talented, gifted and not yet a finished product in who God has designed them to be. Yet, each one interdependent on the adults in their world to guide and empower them to discover their true potential.

Like you, for me the term breaks provide, as I am sure with many of my education colleagues, an opportunity to spend time being thankful for all that God has done and for reflecting. The reflections I have focused on have been educational topics, student wellbeing and preparing not just for the term that finalises our 2018 school year, but, also planning and preparing for the 2019 year to come.

It was also a time to catch up with family and friends. I have spent a few day on the phone to one of my sisters and helping her to face a university assignment. As I worked through the task and listened to her self talk in how she saw herself as a learner, I was overwhelmed in how she considered herself to be a "poor learner, who couldn't, who doesn't..". As an Educator I was inquisitive about how or what framed this picture for her, but her words of what had been spoken into her life throughout her school years, were just heart wrenching. It really brought to life, as a teacher and school leader, that what we speak, what we prioritise and what learning we value about our students, frames how they will perceive who they are as a learner far beyond their presence in our context. Achievement in the form of grades was considered the single most important outcome of a school when my sister was at school. Unbeknown to those who were teaching her, at the time, this value continues to frame how she sees herself as an adult in the world today; continues to, influence her employment direction and path and in many ways did not prepare her effectively for her future.

Our world and life today, are rapidly changing; many jobs of this next generation, your child/ren, our students, are non-existent at the moment. What then, as adults in this next generation's world, do we speak, prioritise and value about education and learning that frames and will frame their life capacity.

**From Admin,**

**Please be sure to welcome Ms Robyn to the Office this week at BCCS. We look forward to being blessed by her skills within our context.**

**The Office Sign In/Out** process is now digital. Please see Robyn for assistance if you need to sign your children in or out using the ipad. You will need your 'kiosk code' to do this which can be found in your uEducateUs login. We will also have the codes available in the office if required.

**uEducateUs** - You will see a permission slip come out this week requesting that you review your contact details in uEducateUs and especially the emergency contacts - please do not sign off until you have ensured your details are correct.

**School Camp** for years 1-5 is in Wk5, over the coming weeks more details will be distributed.

**The Bairnsdale Show** is on the 10 Nov, full programs attached, can be emailed on request and there will be one printed copy available for viewing at the office.

**Bookclub** catalogues attached - orders due back by 24 Oct.

**Canteen** forms attached - orders due back by 17 Oct.

**Scripture Encouragement**

*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.  
 Psalm 133:1*

**Prayer Points**

*- For Robyn as she settles in to the administration role at BCCS  
 - Applications for the ELC Early Childhood Teacher role advertised*

**Praise Points**

*- Warmer weather, daylight savings and spring flowers  
 - For Ruth and Alisha's support to carry the office through to Term 4*

Moving towards 2019 and beyond as a school we are striving for ongoing improvement. All that we do is about working for our students. We are prioritising becoming future focused in our learning approach. We, all of us as a community, of learners strive together to find and solve real-world problems that matter; foster trust, promote a leadership mindset and create productive results, to equip, define and shape our students well into their adult life. Working in community together, developing responsible citizens and lifelong learners through building a learning culture and tone of personalised learning plans with excellence in literacy and numeracy, building flexible, resilient and creative individuals.

### **Sustainability as part of our Improvement Plan**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, BCCS is working towards improving our communication and increasing our sustainability through increasing our use of uEducateUs. As of this Monday, you will find an electronic kiosk for signing your children in for late drop off and early pickups. Don't forget to have your access code on hand, saved on your phone or stored for easy access, and using this and the iPad kiosk to sign your child in or out as needed. Robyn is there for support and assistance, as we work together through the transition of process.

### **Fireside Chats with our Principal are back!**

*Particularly for working parents: Thursday Oct 18 @ 5:30 pm in BCCS' staff room - Coffee and Cake evening. Please RSVP to the school office for this event, so we can ensure sufficient catering.*

Every time I have the opportunity to chat with a member of our school community, it really gives me a chance to reflect on the practices of our school. Our families and community do best when we communicate. Fireside chats provide more chances for me to communicate and connect with parents about the topics, challenges and direction in our school. It is about us developing trust and to let you know that you can approach us as a school when you need to provide feedback or have questions or concerns about what is happening. This term, my hope, is to use these fireside chats as a chance to hear from parents their stories and thoughts about doing education better for your child/ren.

No matter what is discussed the goals are always the same:

- To build community in the school.
- To have students at the centre of everything we do.
- To strengthen connections between parents, students and school. To let parents and students know they're welcomed and accepted.
- To work together to encourage us to be corporately responsible for achieving a future-focused approach to learning and education, becoming all God wants us to be.

We've come so far in 2018, and we're challenged by how far we can go together, as we move into 2019.

### **Community Forum**

*'When we challenge expectations of what students can do, the possibilities are limitless!'*

On the evening of Tuesday Oct 30, BCCS will host a Community Forum inviting parents, district education staff, and the broader Bairnsdale community to an evening exploring "Future Education". This will be an opportunity for parents within our school community to attend an information session on how BCCS can provide future education that transforms individuals and communities into the future. Confirmed details will be in the next newsletter and sent via an invitation. So don't miss this event!

### **Friday October, 26 - World Teacher Day is celebrated here in Australia.**

If you are someone who would like to be involved with honoring our teachers and teacher aides, please come and see me as I have a couple of ideas that need helping hands and feet to make them happen.

### **From Family Night to Celebration Night**

In the Term 4 calendar issued with the last school newsletter, you may have noticed that we have listed "Celebration Night", as we repurpose what has traditionally been called "Family Night". This night is an event that all family and friends of the School are invited to celebrate the year of 2018. Our Year 6 students will MC this evening and all students will be involved in celebratory presentations that recognise each student, the teachers and the school's community who have worked to develop their unique talents and interests. More information will be coming in future newsletters.

*Blessings, Lynn Morrison*

## Calendar Snapshot

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
<b>Week 1</b>	8/10	9/10	10/10	11/10	12/10	13-14/10
<b>TERM 4</b>	TERM 4 START K4-Y6 (Newsletter)				K3 START	
<b>Week 2</b>	15/10	16/10	17/10	18/10	19/10	20-21/10
		Regional Athletics	Canteen Orders Due		Canteen #1	
<b>Week 3</b>	22/10	23/10	24/10	25/10	26/10	27-28/10
	(Newsletter)					

Advanced reminder: No school on Monday, 5 Nov or Tuesday, 6 Nov - this is also camp week for Y1-5

Sunday 11 November - Places still available.

# Kidshotz is Coming!

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Bairnsdale Christian Community School

Sunday 11th November 2018



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positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

## Free One Day Workshop for Parents and Carers

Sale  
Thursday  
8 November 2018

### Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!

Join us for a day of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person's learning.

### What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers
- An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

### Workshop details

**Venue:** The Criterion Hotel  
90 Macalister Street  
Sale VIC 3850

**When:** Thursday 8 November 2018  
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

**Catering:** Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration.

**Register Online:** [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au) Registrations open on Thursday 13 September 2018 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited!

**Questions?** If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships  
Infoline : 1300 881 971 or email [parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au)

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