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Dear BCCS Community,

The first of a number of Fireside Chats for Term 4 occurred last week and it was a great coffee and cake session where we talked through elements of our new 2019 direction. There were some very thoughtful questions from parents and I loved the opportunity to express my passion of the possibilities and potential that BCCS holds in the future direction of education in our district.

I encourage you, if you haven't already put aside the Community Forum afternoon on Tuesday Oct 30th from 4:00-5:00 pm then mark it in the calendar. Come prepared for a time of thinking differently about education and what this could mean for our school and other education services in this district. This is an open community forum, so if you have friends, family, industry or business partners that you think might be interested then please invite them to come along and hear Peter Hutton speak about future-focused education and communities.

Your child is a very special individual, a part of a generation being raised to transform this world. Our mandate, as parents and educators, is partnering to educate, nurture and equip this next generation in becoming and being the people God has created us to be. Ephesians 2:10 is helpful in understanding this purpose:

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago".

The Bible teaches that we are all infinitely valuable, unique in our complexity, designed and crafted by God! (Jeremiah 1:5, Timothy 1:9) Furthermore, God has hard-wired into all humans the incredible potential to add value to this world.

Mr Heng Swee Keat, Minister for Education, Singapore, 2013 said, *"Ultimately, education is not what we do to our children. Rather, it is what we do with them, and for them, to bring out the best in each of them, so that they grow up to embrace the best of the human spirit - to strive to be better, to build deeper wells of character, and to contribute to society".*

From Admin,

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 Thank you to those who have updated their details! Please ensure if you haven't already, to review & update your contact details in uEducateUs, especially the emergency contacts.

School Camp for years Prep-5 is in Wk5. Permission slips are now available on uEducateUs.

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

World Teacher Day on Oct 26th. We encourage you and your children, to take time to thank our valued teachers for all they do.

Year 5/6 T20 Blast Thursday 25th Oct. Permission slips are now available on uEducateUs

Canteen: There will be no canteen on 2nd Nov. Next canteen will be 30th Nov.

Scripture Encouragement

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.

1 John 4:18

Prayer Points

- Applications for the ELC Early Childhood Teacher role advertised
- Successful Community Forum

Praise Points

- Wonderful start to Term 4.
- Engaging discussion around our Principal's Fireside Chat.
- Warmer weather.
- Blessing of much needed RAIN!

At the beginning of this year the BCCS staff began the journey of making our student treasure visible by developing our **Graduate attributes**. These attributes describe the skills, knowledge and expertise students must master to succeed for a future that is rapidly changing. It provides a broad framework for the development of learning experiences that invite students to thrive in the global economies of today and tomorrow. It is our students becoming reflective, self-directed lifelong learners who enjoy learning and experience success. They will understand and be able to articulate what they are learning, how they are going and where they will go next. They will be able to interpret assessment results and act on this understanding.

Our Graduate Attributes:

Confident enthusiastic learners - Students are active and lifelong learners who initiate and self-manage tasks. Is enthusiastic about their learning and is engaged in discussion and activities. Is focused and brings energy to what needs to be done.

Resilient Problem Solvers - Students volunteer, anticipate, and contribute when they see an opportunity or a need. Is not afraid of uncertainty and is prepared to take risks. Understands that making mistakes is part of the learning process. Is resilient, mentally tough and persistent in the face of challenges.

Empathetic servant leaders - Has empathy for others by showing care and respect. Values a strong sense of justice and fairness. Students seek to meet the needs of the people around them and stand up for what they believe in, initiate change and influence others.

Responsive creative stewards - Is prepared to try things out, generate new ideas or improve on old ideas. Can develop new ways to solve problems. Engages in tasks with an inquiring mind. Is enthusiastic about questioning, researching and gaining a deeper understanding. Has a love of learning and is persistent in efforts to discover.

Innovative, discerning, reflective thinkers and speakers - Values and maintains all aspects of life bringing school, family and world together, respecting the whole person. Approaches learning in a balanced intellectual, physical, emotional, spiritual and recreational manner. Takes time to consider the effectiveness of the learning journey and what needs to be done next. Seeks clarification. Identifies the strengths and weaknesses of their learning. Acknowledges progress and effort rather than just the product. Considers how learning connects with other knowledge.

At BCCS we are excited about our continued partnership with you and our community in 2019, working together in a model of education that brings together the best principles and practices of learning and teaching for greater success for every learner.

Blessings, Lynn Morrison

Prep - Year 5 Camp

Camp Coolamatong is a tailor made outdoor education program designed to better equip students for the challenges they face. Through a range of activities, we hope to inspire students to build their personal capacity and nurture an understanding that their lives are valuable and important. This years camp theme is Respect and Honesty. Permission slips were sent out today on uEducateUs. Please read the details carefully and have the permission slips signed by Friday 2nd November.

Christmas Christian Bookshop

Monday 26th November - Friday 30th November:

We are excited to welcome Helen Rose who will supplying us with a selection of wonderful books available for purchase. With every purchase a donation will be given to the school to support us in providing quality education. Times for the viewing and purchase of books through Helen, will be released in our next newsletter.

Calendar Snapshot

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 3	22/10 Newsletter	23/10	24/10	25/10	26/10 Assembly 5-6 World Teacher Day	27-28/10
Week 4	29/10	30/10 Sink or Swim VIC Life Saving Session Community Forum	31/10	1/11	2/11 Digital Only Newsletter	3-4/11
Week 5	5/11 Student Free Day	6/11 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	7/11 School Camp Prep Y1/2 Y3/4 Y5	8/11 School Camp Y3/4 Y5	9/11 School Camp Y5	10-11/11

Sunday 11 November - Places still available.

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Tuesday 30th October, 2018

TIME: 4:00-5:00pm

WHERE: Bairnsdale Christian Community School - 101 Bairnsdale-Dargo Road

Key Speaker: **PETER HUTTON**

"Peter's strength is transformational insight and HOW to implement change in schools. Peter was appointed Principal of Templestowe College (TC) in 2009. It was a "broken" school with just 286 local students and 23 Year 7s. Today, TC has over 1,150 students and has recently been recognised as one of the most innovative schools in the world.

Drawing on the latest research and proven methodologies, Peter is committed to working with other school leaders to significantly improve the lives of young people by transforming the education system to equip students for times of exponential change."

Queries please contact: (03) 5153 0079 or admin@bccs.org.au

There will be a light afternoon tea for attendees.

PD for teachers (standards 6 & 7) and school leaders (leading improvement, innovation and change)

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