



BAIRNSDALE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Becoming Being Belonging

Monday, 25th February 2019

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.

uEducateUs Thank you to those who have updated their details! Please ensure if you haven't already, to review & update your child's medical, emergency and general contact details in uEducateUs.

Canteen Due to school swimming, canteen will start in Term 2. If you would like to be a canteen volunteer for 2019, please speak to Robyn in the office.

2019 Newsletters will only be available electronically through uEducateUs or on our website.

Office Hours
8:30am - 3:30pm

Dear BCCS Community,

If you were to walk through our school today you would find: our Kindergarten through to senior class students settled into their 2019 classes and working with teachers and Support staff to set the tone and expectations for the year; our community members becoming familiar with each other, students forming new friendships and teachers gaining stronger links with our students' learning needs and designing appropriate learning paths. There is a calm, happy, productive hive of activity in this place and learning is going ahead at full speed. Congratulations and thank you to all! We know this will continue.

Student Voice, Agency and Leadership

The importance of student voice, agency and leadership within schools is becoming a significant priority across education. All schools are striving to provide opportunities for students in these three areas. At BCCS we have already taken steps towards providing students with opportunities to grow in all three of these elements.

Our student leaders, student care ambassadors and student lead clubs/programs, all provide opportunities for voice and leadership. Across the year will be taking some time to schedule regular students meetings, have student conducted school wide events and provide opportunities to address peers at assemblies and parade on a regular basis.

Student agency refers to the level of involvement and power a student has in their learning environment. Individual goal setting with teachers or support staff, participation in 3-Way conversations of student conferences (traditionally Parent-Teacher interviews) and options to have choice in some elements of the curriculum and learning environment, are all ways that we are addressing student agency at Bairnsdale Christian Community School.

Student Leaders and Care Ambassador Badge Presentation at this week's Assembly – Friday March 1 at 9.00am in the RCC youth hall. This will be a Senior Primary run assembly and parents and family are welcome to attend.

Scripture Encouragement

'Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD.'

Psalms 40:4

Prayer Points

- For a great first assembly.
- For skilled community members to help enrich our school and classrooms.

Praise Points

- Great results from our District Swimming team.
- Students are settling into the new school year well.

Changes to Student School Pick-Up

We love our community and the casual catch up that we have with our parents, before and after school. To help support our catch up conversations and teachers to be available for this time, we have decided to trial a change in our student pick-up procedure.

Starting this week, students being picked up from school will be required to wait behind the school administration building in the playground. Older students, with your agreement, can walk through reception or the bus supervised gate, once they have spotted you in the car park. For younger students we request that you park and come into the playground to escort your child across the carpark. If you have any further feedback or suggestions of ways to improve this process, please let us know via email to admin.

BCCS is Calling for HELP

Do you or someone you know have skills that can assist us to maintain our Sport and Recreation elective subject for our Senior students. We are in need of **Community Experts, and would be classified as a casual position employment.**

Bairnsdale Christian Community School is currently seeking to recruit casual part time **Community experts** who are able **to offer in school coaching and tutoring, once a week for a fixed negotiated term**, to a small group of senior students (years 5/6). These lessons will have teacher supervision. Our Sport and Recreation learning areas are: camping; mountain biking and bike maintenance; community sports - golf, lawn bowls, active fitness etc; and outdoor activities such as bushwalking, geocaching and orienteering. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity, please submit to Robyn in the Office, a brief area of skills resume', including a Working with Childrens Check to register your interest. A meeting for these position opportunities will be held at the school soon.

Volunteers Needed

We understand that life is very busy and many of us have very little spare time but we also recognise that we all have a commitment to our child's education and school. Our family and community partner volunteers are essential to the life of the School by providing assistance in many programs. Our School Volunteers can come from many diverse areas such as parents, grandparents, people interested in working with children, secondary and tertiary students, parents of ex students and friends of Bairnsdale Christian Community School. This provides invaluable support in achieving improved learning outcomes for all students, with many and varied skills that can be utilised in a variety of ways.

Parental and Community, involvement in the volunteer programs of our school is needed in areas such as:

- Parent and Friends team
- BBQ in the Mall
- Canteen
- Reading Cave
- In-class Assistance
- Sporting Teams and Events
- Whole School/Class Projects
- Grounds and Facilities Development

Classroom Helpers:

Volunteers to help classrooms programs are actively encouraged. Volunteers provide extra support for students under the supervision of the classroom teacher. This includes listening to reading, working with small groups, attending excursions and sharing expertise in an area. Please make contact with the classroom teacher if you would like to volunteer your time.

Excursion Volunteers:

Volunteers are at times, sought to assist on excursions or sporting events. For 'duty of care' reasons preschoolers cannot attend. If more people volunteer than places available, teachers make a selection. During the year we aim to accommodate as many different volunteers as possible.

Parents and Friends:

This is a group of volunteers who most capably support school programs. They meet twice a term, once during the day and once in the evening. The aims of Parents and Friends are to participate in the life of the school and to raise funds for the purchase of essential resources, equipment etc. Parent and Friends representatives support the school in many other ways including facilitating Meet and Greet evenings, coordinating a parent networkers within the school community and welcoming new families to the community. Participating in this group is an ideal way for new parents to become involved in the school community. I encourage you to come along to the upcoming Coffee and Cake social evening to hear more about how you might be able to be involved.

Please look out for the **Volunteer Register Form** that will be published on uEducateUs to assist you with identifying where your skill set would best add value to our school community. We greatly appreciate volunteer support and value the enrichment that is added due to their involvement. Your support also, provides an excellent opportunity for parents to get to know other children and families within our school community.

All people who volunteer to assist at BCCS from this year, are required to undertake a briefing of 30 minutes. This is to ensure clarity of expectations and shared understandings of our duty of care for students. The 30 minute training session covers areas such as Privacy legislation, Occupational Health and Safety, and The Equal Opportunity Act. All volunteers will be required to provide a current Working With Children Check (WWC) before being able to volunteer in any capacity.

The WWC check is free to volunteers and applications can be made on line at the following address or lodged at an Australian Post outlet: <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/>

The school will keep a register of volunteers and their WWC card number.

School Swimming

Congratulations to all members of our school swimming team for their efforts at the District Swimming Carnival, last week. All the best to all those going through to the Divisional Swimming Carnival this week.

We look forward to working with you and having you as an active part of our team across the school year.

Blessings,
Lynn

Kindergarten!



We have been building friendships and trusting relationships with our peers and Teachers at Kinder, as we engage in daily group times, discussions and social play exploration.



We will now be having weekly Library visits to our "Reading Cave" located over at the school. Please remember to supply your child with a library bag, to ensure the books are cared for when borrowed by your child for the week. Your child will be able to borrow one book per week. Remember to return the borrowed book the following week.

We have also been enjoying our weekly music lessons with Mrs Breahaut, where we explore song, rhymes, rhythm, beat, and how to use musical instruments as a group.

We will be continuing working collaboratively during our time at Kinder as we engage in problem solving and group projects. We have recently made our own marble run outdoors together which was fun. This was an extension on our interest of the marble maze indoors.



We welcome families to our new digital communication through EDUCA, where you can track your child's learning and growth journey on a daily basis.

Calendar Snapshot

Please Note: School photo day has changed to Tuesday 2nd April.

Week 5	25	26	27	28	Assembly: Mid. March 1	2/3
	Newsletter #3				School Swimming	
Week 6	4	5	6	7	8	9/10
					School Swimming	
Week 7	Labor Day 11	12	13	14	Assembly: Junior 15	16/17
					Anti-Bullying Day	
	No Students	Newsletter #4		Grip Leadership Y6	School Swimming	
Week 8	18	19	20	21	22	23/24
	P&F Meeting				School Swimming	
Week 9	25	26	27	28	29	30/31
	Newsletter #5				School Swimming	
Week 10	April 1	2	3	4	TERM 1 END 5	6/7
					Easter/Sen Assembly	
		Prep - Y6 Photos			School Swimming	

Important Notices

School Swimming Lessons

School swimming lessons have commenced and will be running every Friday afternoon until the end of Term 1. Please ensure you pack your child's bathers, swimming cap, goggles, towel and a bag for wet clothes. The school will be travelling to the BARC by bus and will return to school by 2:45pm.

We are allowing parents to pick up their child from the BARC however, the BARC has small changerooms for school groups and as such, we would greatly appreciate parents helping their child change in the public change room if you are picking them up.

Assemblies

Due to school swimming being on Friday afternoons, our assemblies have a new time of 9 - 9:45am on the nominated day.

March 1: Senior Primary **March 15: Middle Primary** **April 5: Easter Assembly - Senior Primary**

Rotary Junior Community Award

This year we are again inviting all our Year 6 students to become involved in the Rotary Junior Community Award. The award promotes the involvement of young people in a direct and positive way, using their skills and abilities to benefit both themselves and the local community. This year we have tried to make it more accessible to all students with multiple avenues included through which they may complete this award. All students wishing to complete the award need to be signed up by Friday 1st March.

Rachel Turnley will be coordinating this program. For any further information please contact Rachel on 0417102433.

School Fundraising

It is with much excitement that we are able to roll out Cadbury Chocolate Fundraising Boxes to each family enrolled in our school from Kindergarten to Year 6 in the coming weeks. This is our major fundraiser for the first quarter of the year and we would greatly appreciate every effort in selling your box or boxes! Please ensure you return the money to Robyn in the school office with your family name on the envelope. You are welcome to sell as many boxes as you can and be in the running to win our competition with 4 x \$50 Coles/ Myer gift cards as prizes for the 4 highest selling families!

The competition will end on Wednesday March 29th with all monies needing to be returned by this date to finalise before the end of Term 1. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to helping grow our school community.

Parents & Friends Cake Night

Our Parents & Friends Group is having a cake night! Everyone is welcome to come along and learn about the important role our Parents and Friends Group plays in our school community and how you can help. Come along on the 18th March @ 7pm meeting in the Inspiration Hub.

BBQ in the Mall 2019 - From P&F

We have confirmed 3 dates for fundraising through BBQ in the Mall this year. We are looking for 3 individual families or groups to coordinate and organise one each of the following BBQ in the mall events.

Saturday 4th May

Saturday 17th August

Saturday 9th November

We have a brand new BBQ Box containing everything you need plus a step by step guide on how to organise and run the BBQ fundraiser. We would be asking the family or group who volunteers to coordinate their own helpers and the running of the day. If you think this is something you can help with, please contact Robyn in the school office. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to ask.



For parents/guardians of students:

2019 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the department), to advise you that the department has requested that your child's school provide a statement of addresses, in accordance with the Australian Education Regulation 2013 (Cth) (Regulation).

A *statement of addresses* contains the following information about each student at the school:

- Student residential address (**not student names**)
- Student level of education (i.e. whether the student is a primary or secondary student)
- Student boarding school status (i.e. whether the student is boarding or a day student)
- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardian(s)

Schools generate a record number for each student for the purposes of this collection, which is also provided to the department.

Purpose of the collection

This collection is routinely used to inform Commonwealth school education policy, and to help ensure that Commonwealth funding arrangements for non-government schools are based on need, and are fair and transparent.

On 20 September 2018 the Government announced that it will implement a new, improved capacity to contribute methodology used in the calculation of the Commonwealth's needs-based funding arrangements for non-government schools. This follows a review of the existing socio-economic status (SES) score methodology by the National School Resourcing Board. Further information about the review and the Government's response can be found here: <https://www.education.gov.au/review-socio-economic-status-ses-score-methodology>.

The information collected in the *statement of addresses* will be used to refine the new capacity to contribute methodology and may also be used in school funding calculations from 2020.

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). Any use and disclosure of your personal information relating to the *statement of addresses* will occur in accordance with the Regulation.

Your personal information may be used by the department, or disclosed to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), for the purposes of SES score policy development, reviewing SES score methodology, calculating SES scores, Commonwealth school education policy development (including school funding), or where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

For example, your personal information may be provided to the ABS for statistical and research purposes, which includes data integration projects such as the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Further information on the MADIP can be found here:

[http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/4a256353001af3ed4b2562bb00121564/9099c77cb979d558ca258198001b27a0/\\$FILE/MADIP%20iPIA_2018.pdf](http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/4a256353001af3ed4b2562bb00121564/9099c77cb979d558ca258198001b27a0/$FILE/MADIP%20iPIA_2018.pdf).

The department may, from time to time, carry out audits of school submissions. In the event of an audit, contracted auditors may seek to compare a school's *statement of addresses* with student enrolment information held by the school. These contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

The department may also be required to disclose your personal information to its service providers, including the Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business, for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology (ICT) support services to the department.

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the requested details to the department, however, you may wish to ensure that your school has the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the process of the address collection.

If you have any further questions regarding the collection, you can contact the department by:

- Email: seshelpdesk@education.gov.au
- Phone (free call): SES helpdesk on 1800 677 027 (Option 4)

The department's privacy policy is available on the department's website at www.education.gov.au. The privacy policy contains information about:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about breaches of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) can be made; and
- how the department will deal with these complaints.



QUALITY TIME FOR PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN

CAMP OPTIONS AT CAMP COOLAMATONG!

There are four opportunities for mums and dads to spend some quality one-on-one time with their son or daughter. Invest in your relationship while exploring the outdoors and engaging in a range of fun activities. We'll include time to explore parenting from a Christian perspective. Children between 9 and 15 years old are welcome to join.

MUMS AND SONS CAMP
15-17 FEBRUARY 2019

MUMS AND DAUGHTERS CAMP
1-3 MARCH 2019

DADS AND DAUGHTERS CAMP
15-17 MARCH 2019

DADS AND SONS CAMP
29-31 MARCH 2019

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Cost: \$145 each or \$290 for parent/child pair
Registration: www.suvc.org.au/holiday-camps
or call (03) 9482 5700 or email: camps@suvc.org.au

School Year So Far: Look What's Happening!

