

Newsletter Friday 2nd March 2018

Upcoming Events:

Saturday 10th March

4pm to 7pm Harmony Day at
Indoor Sport Centre

Tuesday 20th March

Athletics Carnival at
Weeraman Oval

Thursday 22nd March

Life Education Visit

Tuesday 10th April

Learning Display Day
Assembly

As a Christian School one of the things we do is pray. We pray at assemblies, we pray at the start of the day, and the staff pray together.

You may be wondering what is prayer and why we pray.

This week the staff watched a simple but powerful video on prayer (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LG_3pX88fM)

Prayer isn't a ritual, or something we have to do to earn God's favour. "How could any posture or well chosen words impress the author of time and space."

Prayer is simply talking to God. God wants to hear from us and wants us to trust in him.

David O'Hara
Principal



Canteen is Back!

The canteen has returned. **Canteen will be running on Fridays**, this year.

A menu was emailed or sent home last week. If you would like another copy, please contact the school.

Lunch orders are to be written on a paper bag with the correct money and placed in the box by 9am.

Introducing Chris Baldry

As Pacific Brook Christian School is part of the Pacific Group of Schools we will often be visited by a member of staff of one of the other schools. This will continue to bring benefits to the school, as we gain from the expertise and experience of others.

Next Monday Chris Baldry, the Business Manager of the Pacific Group of Schools, will be visiting. Earlier this week I asked Chris a few questions so that we can all get to know him a little better.

What is your role in the Pacific Group of Schools?

My role is the Group Business Manager which is centrally based in Dural, NSW at Pacific Hills Christian School. I serve each of the seven schools but am supported by Mark Smith, Assistant Group Business Manager who lives near Brisbane and attends the regional schools. My role spans the following: corporate governance; legal; project management; business acquisitions; human resources; financial management; banking; administrative leadership; compliance; and other as required! I'm very grateful for the excellent managers at Pacific Hills Christian School who I support and who support me in the administrative departments of finance, marketing, information technology, registration, property and food services.

How long have you worked at Pacific Hills Christian School?

10 years.

What do you enjoy about working in the Pacific Group of Schools?

My background as a chartered accountant took me to various countries and working within a diverse number of industries including manufacturing, retail, banking and more. I've worked in companies as different as Rebel Sport and the Bank of China, but working for Pacific Group of Schools I have had the unique satisfaction of knowing that my labour counts for something more. I enjoyed the places I worked previously, and Jesus wants Christians in every office of Australia, but for me I am privileged to be able to sow into Kingdom work through Christian Education. It's exciting to partner with parents and help support the school community make disciples for Christ. I am so blessed to work with an all Christian staff, some incredibly godly people who support me as much as I support them.

What do you enjoy doing in your leisure time?

Well with three little boys at home, they keep my 'leisure time' full with skateboarding, bike riding, swimming, playing computer games, etc. I have an incredible love of nature and particularly snow and skiing. When I have the opportunity I take out a surf ski onto the local Hawkesbury River or beach. Back country skiing is a favoured pastime of mine, telemark skiing down Kosciuszko Mountain is a great experience. Other than adventuring I do read a fair bit, and of course enjoy getting 5 minutes of downtime to sit and chat with my wife in a coffee shop.

Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday the 20th of March Pacific Brook Christian School will be holding our Athletics Carnival. The carnival will be held at Weeraman Oval, which is the same venue as last year.

This event will run for the whole of this day. Students will be able to participate in a range of athletics events including running, long jump, high jump, discus and shot put, as well as some novelty events and relays.

Students have been placed in a Sports House. They will be able to wear the colours of their Sports House. The colours are:

Carey – Blue

Livingstone – Yellow

Taylor – Red

We are looking for volunteers to come and help make this a great day. If you are able to help with time keeping or running an event, please let me know. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Harmony Day

Pacific Brook Christian School students have been invited to perform at the Harmony Day celebrations, which will be held at the Indoor Sports Centre on Saturday March 10th from 4pm to 7pm. Students will be singing two songs, and it would be fantastic if everyone could be there.

February Photo Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos to our February Photo Competition. There were many fantastic entries. Thank you also for helping to promote Pacific Brook Christian School.

Now that March is here, the competition has ended. The judges will examine the entries and the winners will be announced next week.



This week's photos feature Calen, Declan, Kenzie, Bella and Brooklyn.



Please do not bring egg, nut or seafood products into Pacific Brook Christian School



Anaphylaxis is a potentially life threatening condition where sufferers are susceptible to severe allergic reaction to certain foods and other things in the environment. Since the safety of the children in our care is of the utmost importance, Pacific Brook Christian School aims to be an egg, nut and seafood free school. As such, please do not send any foods to school containing these items. Please see the website for more information about alternatives to popular foods and recipes.

Thank you for your assistance in helping keep all our students healthy and safe.

In the Primary Room

The Primary class are learning about modern art masters this term. The last 2 weeks they have been creating their own version of Van Gogh's 'Iris'. They enjoyed using Van Gogh's short, choppy painting style to create the effect on the ground.



By Declan



By Mitchell



By Tekoa

In Maths this week the Primary class has been learning and developing skills in multiplication. On Friday the Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) students learnt that 1 year in the life of a human is equivalent to 7 years in the life of a dog. This was a good way to investigate the seven times tables. Students investigated how old different people would be if they were a dog! They discovered that Justin Bieber is 4 in dog years, the Queen is 13 in dog years, and Mr O'Hara is 6 dog years old!

The Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) students investigated some properties of square numbers. They discovered that if you take any three consecutive numbers, and multiply the first and last numbers together, the answer is always one less than multiplying the middle number by itself!

Fruit Break

Each morning around 10am the students have fruit break. This is a good way to encourage healthy eating habits, and to get energy during a busy morning of learning. On Thursday we had a special fruit break in the library, and we were able to enjoy some fresh fruit kindly donated by Woolworths.

