



Newsletter Friday 9th 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

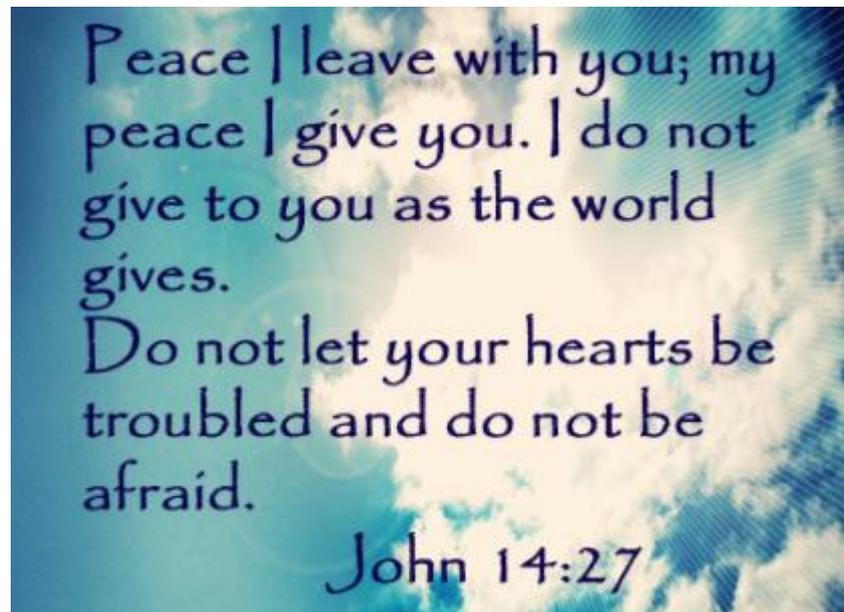
Tuesday 10th April

Learning Display Day Assembly

This week we were blessed to have Pastor Garth Belford from Hope City Church lead the staff devotions.

One of the things he spoke about was peace. Peace is far more than the end of conflict. Peace is freedom from worry, freedom from stress, a total contentment, security and confidence in the blessings of God.

Perhaps, if you are like me, you are easily caught up in the busyness of life and then worries begin to creep in. But how much better is the peace of God. And all we need to do is ask him.



David O'Hara
Principal

Canteen is Back!

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

A menu has been emailed or sent home. 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.

February Photo Competition

During February we ran a photo competition. All the photos had to include a school sticker. Thank you to everyone who sent in a photo. We were impressed by the quality of the photos and the imaginative places a school sticker could be placed.

The judges had a difficult time deciding the three winners from such a large range of photos, but eventually a decision was reached.

First place - Jones family

Second place – Calen Knight

Third place – Orlando Jaber

We will be in touch with the winning entrants next week.



By Levi and India Jones (1st place)



by Calen Knight (2nd place)



by Orlando Jaber (3rd place)

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.

The students will be singing two songs. They will need to be at the Indoor Sports Centre by 4:00pm. This will give the students time to practise and get ready. They will be singing between 4:30pm and 5:00pm. They will need to wear their full summer uniform.

Muswellbrook Show

The Muswellbrook Show is just a week away. Pacific Brook Christian School will be having a stall at the show on the Saturday, March 16th. The purpose of the stall is to promote the school. We will be giving away promotional material and telling people about the school.

If you are able to help at the stall on Saturday at anytime between 9am and 6pm, please let David O'Hara or Jess Dugan know. We would certainly appreciate your help in promoting our school.

Introducing Scott Cousins

Next Monday Scott Cousins, Head of the Junior School, and Royston Lee, the Dean of Academic Excellence at Pacific Hills Christian School in Sydney will be visiting the school.

Earlier this week I asked Scott a few questions, so that we could get to know a little bit about him and his role.

What is your role at Pacific Hills Christian School?

I am the Head of Junior School. It is a great privilege to lead a team of committed, Christian educators who have a great passion for seeing the children in our school grow and learn.

How long have you worked at Pacific Hills Christian School?

I have been at Pacific Hills for 13 years, where I have worked across Middle and Junior School and have held a wide range of roles in my time here. This is the third Christian school I have worked with having been in Christian education for more than 20 years.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

I enjoy the everyday conversations with students. One of the highlights of each day is getting into the playground and talking to the boys and girls about their day. Of course, as a teacher I love to see students engaged in learning and to see them develop a passion for a particular subject or area of interest. Some students find learning difficult in the school context, so helping these children to connect with learning and become life long learners despite their challenges is very rewarding.

What are you looking forward to this year?

The Junior School staff in collaboration with the students and parents are reviewing the pastoral care and awards system this year. I am looking forward to seeing our new ideas brought to life, but the journey we are taking now is enriching our community as we think about these things together. Each year in Junior School are a number of events that I always look forward to. Two of my favourite events are the Year 3 Camp to Galston and the Year 4 Camp to the Royal National Park. These times away provide a great time to have some fun with the students and to get out of the school and enjoy activities we do not get to do everyday.

What do you enjoy doing in your leisure time?

I enjoy fishing and have a kayak that I have set up nicely to get me out on the water. I have spent time camping and fishing at Lake Liddell and Glenbawn Dam and love these locations. I am sure some families at Pacific Brook would agree they are beautiful places to visit. My other hobby is motorsport, I make the annual pilgrimage to the Bathurst 1000 each year and have done so since my teenage years. I once restored a 1969 Mini. It was a great little car and I'd love to own one again. I am married to Kim and have two children, Aidan and Abbey. Most of my leisure time is simply spending time together as a family.

Primary Writers

Primary students have been learning about narrative writing this term. A good storyteller will hook their audience by making their story exciting and adding details. This week the class were set the task of turning a 'boring' story opener into an exciting one.

Original version

I woke up and got out of bed. The cat was banging on the window. I shoved the window open and the cat jumped on me. It must have been scared. What was happening outside?

Improved version

Bang! I jumped out of bed. The cat was scratching frantically on the window. It tried to open it but it was stuck, so I smashed it. Something was happening. It was an alien invasion!

By W.

Artists Corner

The Infants class enjoyed learning about Claude Monet and Impressionism this week in Art. They experimented with the dabbing style of Monet, and created their own versions of his 'Bridge over a Pond of Water Lilies' painting.



By Kenzie



By Lachlan



By R



By Ryley

Japanese

This week both classes learnt about Hina Matsuri. Hina Matsuri is Japanese for Doll Festival, and is also known as Girl's Day. During Hina Matsuri Japanese families have a doll's display in the home on March 3rd.

The K-2 class made a model of the doll's display, and the 3-6 class made an origami doll.



Merit Certificates

Each Friday the teachers present Merit Certificates to students, recognising their achievements and efforts through the past week. When students receive five Merit Certificates, they are presented the completed Merit Certificate Card at assembly.

The following students received a Merit Certificate this week:

Aby – Beautiful handwriting

Kenzie – Great improvement in remembering Set 1 phonemes (sounds), Good sounding of words

April – Great counting in Maths, Great remembering "Friends of ten"

Calen – Excellent independent work in Reading Groups

India – Excellent spelling in class, Being a friendly and thoughtful person

R – Working beautifully in class, Excellent independent work in Reading Groups

Zanel – Great effort in home reading

Ryley – Great effort in learning Set 1 phonemes (sounds)

Liliaana - Excellent independent work in Reading Groups

Brooklyn – Great remembering of how to place 3 numbers in 4 different number sentences, Great work in combinations to 20

Levi – Great measurement work in Maths, Great spelling results

Lachlan M. - Great work in combinations to 20

Tekoa - Her comparisons of dog years and human years, Excellent test results, A fantastic story

Lilliarna - A great piece of writing, Great work in comprehension

Orlando - Great participation in T-ball

Brock - A great story

It was very pleasing that so many students received a Merit Certificate this week.

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



No Seafood



Allergies

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.