

## Newsletter Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

### Upcoming Events:

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**  
Learning Display Day  
Assembly

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
Last Day Term 1

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
ANZAC Day

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
Staff Development Day

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
First day Term Two

On Tuesday we held our annual Athletics Carnival. It is great to see students participate enthusiastically in a range of events and display their skills.

In many ways life is like a race. The apostle Paul wrote "My friends, I don't feel that I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead. I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done." (Philippians 3:13-14) In a race we focus on getting to the finish line, and not worry about what is happening off to the side, or behind us. The Christian life is similar – we should focus on serving God in what he has called us to do.

One of the other aspects I enjoy about the Athletics Carnival is how the students cheer for and encourage each other. This is a great reminder of the value of community, and how we can encourage and support each other.

The ribbons and awards from the Athletics Carnival will be presented at the assembly on Learning Display Day, on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

David O'Hara  
Principal



## **Thank You to Volunteers**

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in school events recently.

Last Saturday the school held a stall at the Upper Hunter Show. Thank you to the kind volunteers who gave up part of their weekend to help support and promote the school.

On Tuesday many parents and friends helped in a number of tasks in the running of the Athletics Carnival. Your help made the day run smoothly and successfully.

Your help and assistance is appreciated.

## **Learning Display Day**

On Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> the school will be holding a Learning Display Day. The purpose of the Learning Display Day is to open the school to parents, grandparents, friends and other people who are interested in the school to come and see some of what the students have learnt this term.

From 11:20am everyone is invited to visit the classrooms. The students will display and demonstrate some of the concepts and skills they have developed over the past term. After lunch, there will be an assembly in the church building. Both classes will present items during the Learning Display Assembly.

We hope you are able to attend the Learning Display Day.

## **Introducing Dr Tina Lamont**

Next Tuesday Dr Tina Lamont will be visiting Pacific Brook Christian School. Dr Lamont is the Lead Principal not only of Pacific Brook, but also of the other regional Pacific Schools. She has been to the school a number of times previously, including the first day of school this year and the official opening in February.

Earlier this week I asked Dr Lamont a few questions, so that we could get to know her a bit better.

*What is your role at Pacific Hills Christian School?*

I have 3 roles: Assistant Principal: Teaching, Learning and Strategic Planning & Director of the Excellence Centre & Lead Principal for the Regional Pacific Schools

*How long have you worked at Pacific Hills Christian School?*

26 years.

*What do you enjoy about teaching?*

Helping children learn.

*What led you to working in a Christian school?*

Helping children learn about Jesus.

*What do you enjoy doing in your leisure time?*

Reading, walking, visiting new places and learning about the history of that place.

## Life Education Visit

Yesterday both classes had a session in the Life Education van. Students learnt about friendship, how we can be a good friend, and about positive relationships.

## Merit Certificates

The following students received a Merit Certificate this week:

Zanel – a big improvement in using handwriting lines

Liliaana - a big improvement in using handwriting lines

Ruby – a big improvement in handwriting

Brooklyn – Working hard in Literacy, beautiful handwriting, being a fantastic helper in the classroom and playground

Summer – beautiful handwriting in spelling

Declan – Excellent test results, excellent work in Science, being voted the kindest kid this week

Ethan – Outstanding Spelling, excellent work in Science

Orlando – Excellent work in Science

Brock – Great work in Maths on Length

Mitchell – being a kind kid (teacher choice)



## 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.