



Newsletter Friday 6th July 2018

Upcoming Events:

Monday 30th July

First Day Term 3

Tuesday 31st July

First Day PAL Class (9:00am to 12:30pm)

Tuesday 7th August

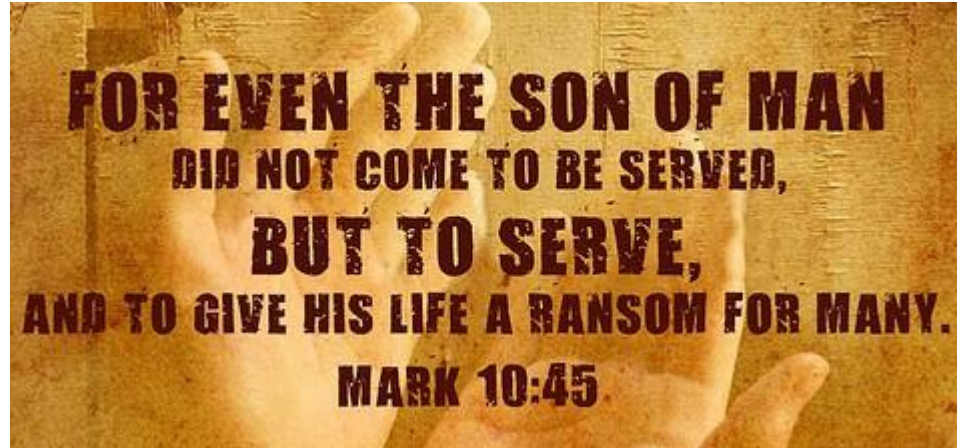
Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 8th August

P&F Meeting at 2:45pm
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Thank you to everyone who donated food or toiletry items for our Doing it for the Farmers Day. Your generosity is appreciated. A very large amount of food was brought to school and this will be used to support local farmers suffering from the drought.

Helping and serving those in need is an important part of our community. It reminds me of the ministry of Jesus. He came to serve those in need, as well as to save.



Play and Learn Class

From Term 3 Pacific Brook Christian School will be running a PAL Class. PAL stands for Play and Learn. This class is for children who will be starting Kindergarten in 2019. The aims of the PAL class are:

- To provide a smooth transition to school, which helps in a child's academic and social development
- To create an exciting and engaging place for children to learn and explore
- To enable students to learn important pre literacy and pre numeracy skills
- To introduce children to the cultural aspects of school life

The PAL class will be run on Tuesday mornings from 9:00am to 12:30pm, starting on July 31st. Anna Loiterton will be teaching this class.

The PAL class is free, and is open to any child who is starting Kindergarten next year. If your child attends Muswellbrook Pre School on Tuesdays, we will be able to walk your child to the Pre School at 12:30pm.

If you know of anyone with a child starting school next year, please let them know about the PAL class. Please contact the school if you would like further information.

Term Three

Term Three will begin on Monday 30th of July. The reason the holidays are three weeks is that the staff will be spending the week beginning July 23rd doing professional development. For part of this week we will be attending a conference with staff from some of the other Pacific schools.

P&F and Canteen News

There will be a P&F Meeting on Wednesday August 8th at 2:45 pm.

Please also note that canteen will be on Wednesdays from next term. A new menu will be sent with the newsletter before school resumes.

Muswellbrook Coal Tour

On Tuesday some of the primary students visited Muswellbrook Coal. They were given a guided tour around the mine, and got to see the different parts of the mine, including the maintenance area, the mine site, and where the coal is sorted and loaded for transportation.

The students also got to climb up and sit in a mining truck and an excavator.



More photos can be seen on the school website and Facebook page.

Community Gardens Visit



On Wednesday all the students visited the Muswellbrook Community Gardens. They learnt about sustainable gardening, and how garden waste is used to make compost and the benefits this has for the soil.

The students planted seeds and seedlings. These will be grown in the Community Gardens greenhouse for about six weeks. They will then be brought to school and transferred to the school gardens.

In gardening at school this week students harvested the carrots. They got a bumper crop this year, which was a great reward for their work in planting, watering and caring for the carrots as they grew. The Primary students used some of the carrots to make carrot cake.



Reports

Student reports and portfolios were sent home today.

The reports indicate how your child has progressed in their schooling over this semester. The portfolios contain a sample of the work your child has done this semester. Please return the portfolios in Term 3, so they can be used for portfolios at the end of semester two.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the afternoons of August 7th and 8th. More information about these interviews will be sent out at the start of Term 3.

Merit Certificates

The following students have earned a merit award this week:

Bella	Excellent violin playing
Brock	Willingness to help others, great participation and display of skills in Sport
Bradley	Fluent reading

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.

Community News

Please read the iTravel newsletter attached with the school newsletter. Itravel is run by a school family and has been a strong supporter of the school for a number of years.

There are two more community announcements on the following page.

**PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!**

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



"I'm off to big school"

Transition to school evening

A community event proudly hosted by Muswellbrook Shire Council,
Muswellbrook Pre School and Muswellbrook Child Care Centre

All local schools, early education services and community organisations will
be available to chat with.

Everyone in our community with a child starting school in 2019
is invited and encouraged to attend!

Tuesday 7th August 2018

6-8pm - Muswellbrook RSL Club

More information coming soon!!



St Alban's
Spring Fair

**Saturday
25th August
9am-2pm**

- Market Stalls
- Chocolate Wheel
- Food Stalls
- Coffee Van
- Kids Activities
- Jumping Castle
- Entertainment
- Raffles
- Quilt and Art Display
- Vintage Cars
- Guide's Book Sale
- Pony Rides
- Community Displays



St Alban's Anglican Church
Lower Brook Street Muswellbrook