

## Newsletter Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### Upcoming Events:

#### **15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May**

NAPLAN tests for Year 3 and 5 students

#### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg speaking at Muswellbrook High School

#### **Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Tennis for Primary Class

#### **Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Cross Country Carnival, at Karoola Park

#### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Pacific Brook Christian School Open Evening

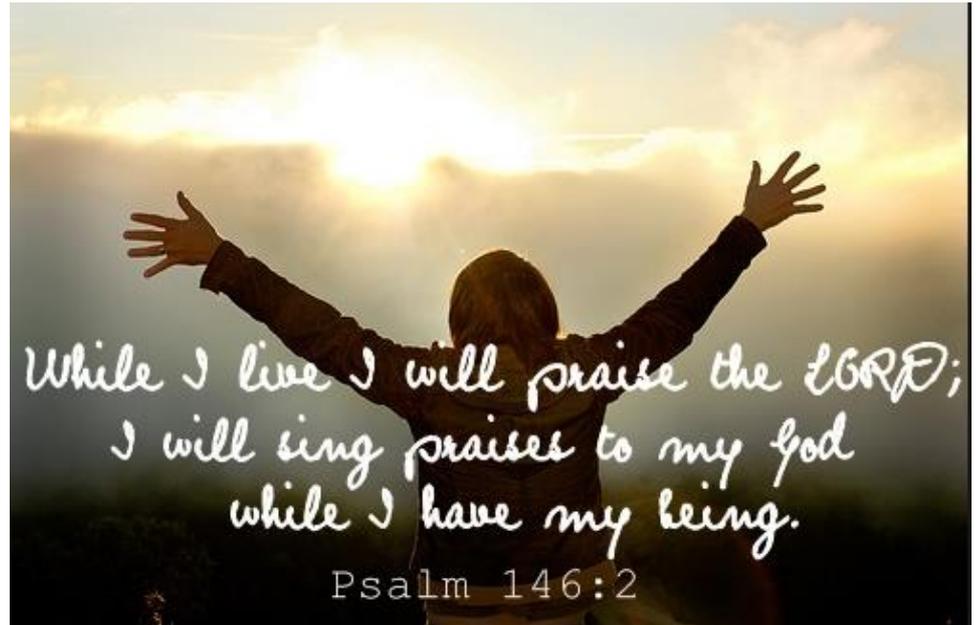
#### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Tennis for Primary Class

#### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Tennis for Primary class  
Last Day of Term 2

Praising God is something we do because of the great things he has done, but also because we trust he will continue to provide for all our needs in the future.



We can certainly thank God for a great start to this term.  
David O'Hara  
Principal

### Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, a well known and respected child psychologist, will be speaking at Muswellbrook High School on Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He will be speaking on "The 5 Great Parenting Challenges – Millennial Parenting Must Knows".

This session will begin at 7pm on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and entry is free. This event is sponsored by Where There's a Will Charity.

I have heard Dr Carr-Gregg speak at different events in the past. He is informative, practical and engaging, and if you are able to attend, I would encourage you to do so.

## **Violin**

On Monday the Primary class began their violin lessons. Learning a musical instrument is a valuable skill, and studies have shown that learning a musical instrument helps the brain develop in a number of ways, including an increase in mathematical ability and coordination.

The class has been divided into two groups for violin lessons. The year 3 students learn the violin separately from the students in Years 4 to 6, as the older students began last year, and are a bit more advanced in learning this instrument.

From next week students will be able to take their instruments home to practise. However students will need to bring their violins to school each Monday. They will also need to take care of their instrument, both in taking it to and from school, and also in keeping it safe at home.

We are grateful to Mrs Jenny Kershaw, from the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music, who comes to the school each week to teach violin.

## **NAPLAN**

During next week, students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 will take part in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) tests. These tests should not be stressful, but they are designed to show what skills students have developed in literacy and numeracy. They will also help teachers modify and improve teaching programs to further support students.

These tests are not marked or kept at school, but they are collected and marked centrally. Parents and schools will receive a report about each student towards the end of Term 3.

Students will sit the following tests:

Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)

Writing

Reading

Numeracy (Maths)

Students who are doing these tests should have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast before each test so that they can perform as well as possible.

## **Merit Certificates**

The following students have earned a merit award this week:

Lucas            Doing some good independent work in Literacy

Liliaana        Fabulous alphabetical order

Zanel            Great independent work in Literacy

R                Working hard in Literacy

Summer        Working hard in Literacy

Lachlan M     Great work jumping by tens off the decade on the number line

Brooklyn       Great work finding words which have the "g" using its second sound

Bella            Great work in Drama

Tekoa           Completing Level 3 in Typing Tournament

Orlando        Great work in Drama

Ethan           Completing Level 9 and 10 in Typing Tournament; a fantastic Geography presentation

**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.

**Community Events**

A promotional poster for a Fire + Rescue Open Day. The left side has a red background with white text: "YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR OPEN DAY 10-2PM SAT 19TH MAY". Below the text is the Fire + Rescue logo, which includes a shield with a fire, a person, and a dog, with the text "FIRE + RESCUE" below it. The right side of the poster shows a young girl in a white shirt and a red fire helmet, smiling with her hands clasped. In the background, two firefighters in yellow gear stand in front of a red fire truck.