



Newsletter Friday 18th May 2018

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 22nd May

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg speaking at Muswellbrook High School

Wednesday 23rd May at 1:30pm

Fire Safety visit for K-2

Thursday 24th May

Visiting Science Show

Friday May 25th

Tennis for Primary Class

Tuesday May 29th

Cross Country Carnival, at Karoola Park

Tuesday 5th June

Pacific Brook Christian School Open Evening

Friday 15th June

Tennis for Primary Class

Friday 6th July

Tennis for Primary class
Last Day of Term 2

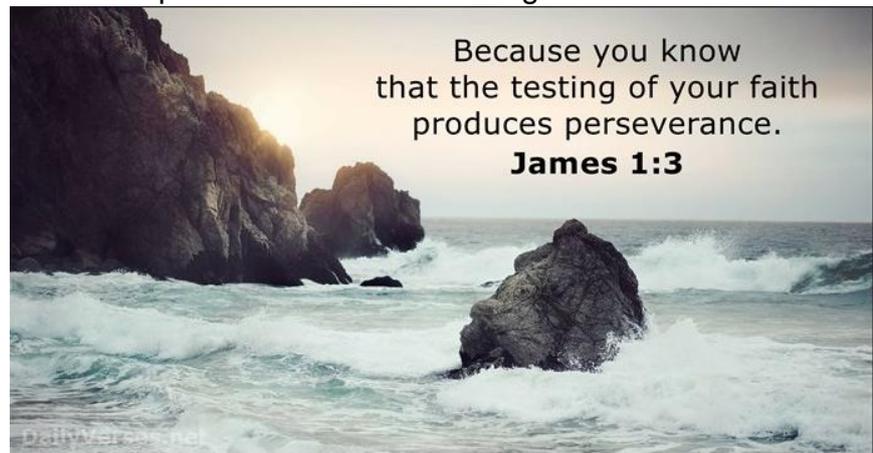
This week the students in Year 3 and 5 sat the NAPLAN tests. There are four tests; Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), Reading, Writing and Numeracy (Maths).

The purpose of these tests is to assess the skills and understanding of students across the country. There is much value in these tests, as they can highlight where a student is progressing well and where they may need to develop further.

However, there is a danger in placing too much importance on NAPLAN results. The tests are like a snapshot taken on one particular day. They are just one type of assessment and they certainly don't give the full picture of how a child progresses and develops across the school year. The tests also do not show other important aspects of a child's development, (and nor are they designed to) such as their social, artistic and sporting skills.

I have been impressed by the calm and mature approach in which the Year 3 and 5 students have faced the tests. Even though the tests can be hard, the students have consistently done their best. And to try one's best, even in difficult circumstances, is a great quality to have.

It has got me thinking. Through life we face all kinds of tests and trials, and not just school tests. Often we face difficult circumstances, which will test our patience, our endurance, even our character. How will we respond when we face testing?



Thanks to God, who is always with us and provides for all our needs.

David O'Hara
Principal

Open Evening

On Tuesday June 5th Pacific Brook Christian School will be holding an Open Evening. The evening will start at 5pm, with a free pizza dinner.

From 6pm you will be able to find out about what PCS offers you and your children. You will be able to find out about the literacy and numeracy programs run by the school, and find out about the PAL (Play and Learn) class the school will be starting in Term 3. This is a class that will run one morning a week for 4 year old children who are starting Kindergarten next year. More information about the PAL class will be available soon.

Students will also be performing on the Open Evening, and we would like as many students as possible to be able to attend the Open Evening.

The evening will conclude no later than 7:30pm. Free child minding is available.

If you know anyone who might be interested in the Open Evening, please let them know.

New Website

The new Pacific Brook Christian School website is now live! The website is <http://www.pacificbrook.nsw.edu.au> There is lots of great information about the school, and new stories and galleries will be added frequently, so be sure to visit frequently.

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 22nd. He will be speaking on "The 5 Great Parenting Challenges – Millennial Parenting Must Knows".

This session will begin at 7pm on May 22nd, 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.

Merit Certificates

The following students have earned a merit award this week:

Kenzie	Improved blending of sounds.
Aby	Great reading of o'clock time.
Oliver	Great reading of o'clock time.
Ruby	Fabulous home reading.
India	Fantastic listening in class.
Olivia	Fabulous work in multiplication.
Summer	Fabulous work in multiplication.
Levi	Excellent work in cloze sentences.
Declan	Fantastic, creative ideas in Drama.
Bella	Excellent goalkeeping in hockey
Tekoa	Fabulous oral descriptions
Orlando	Fantastic, creative ideas in Drama.



- *Come along and learn about what PBCS has to offer your child and your family.*
- *Get an introduction to our literacy and numeracy curriculum*
- *Find out more about our PAL (Play and Learn) Class for school readiness*

Call us on 6543 1114 to register



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We Care

Christian Character In Community Bringing Glory To God

Brock Great work on fractions
Mitchell Terrific violin playing, Fabulous oral descriptions

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 Events

A red rectangular graphic with white text and a photograph. On the left is the Fire + Rescue logo, which includes a shield with a fire, a ladder, and a fire hydrant, with the text "FIRE + RESCUE" below it. The main text reads "YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR OPEN DAY 10-2PM SAT 19TH MAY". On the right is a photograph of a young girl wearing 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.