

Newsletter Friday 1st June 2018

Upcoming Events:

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

Monday 30th July

First Day Term 3

Tuesday 31st July

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

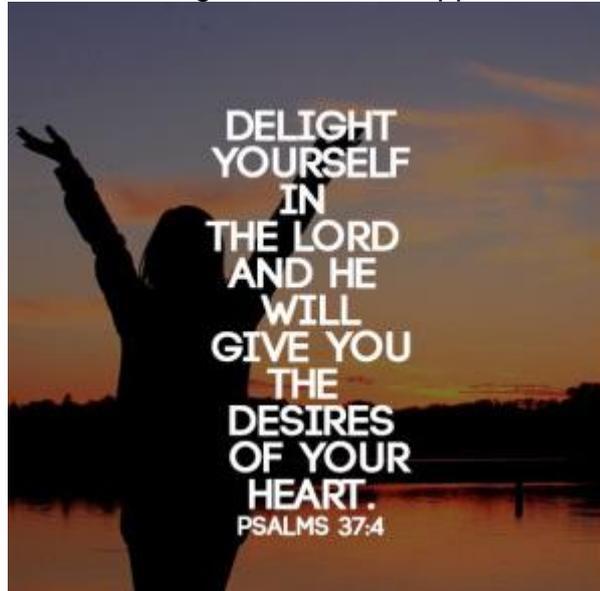
Have you ever thought that things would be better if....., or if only I could do this I would be much happier?

The grass is always greener on the other hill, or so the saying goes. Only, if we ever get to that other hill,, we see that the grass isn't as green as we thought, or our life isn't as good as we expected it would be. And often we are tempted to go searching for something that looks better.

This week Jim Dugan spoke at staff devotions. One morning he spoke about how we often think things would be better if only we could.... Jim spoke about Psalm 37, and how we shouldn't be envious of other people or circumstances. Rather, as Pslam 37 tells us, we should do four things:

- 1) Trust in the Lord
- 2) Delight in the Lord
- 3) Commit your way to the Lord
- 4) Wait patiently for the Lord

The best things in life often happen in God's timing, not ours.



David O'Hara
Principal

Canteen News

We are still in need of volunteers for the canteen. There are only two people on the roster this term. The canteen especially needs people who are able to help from 12:30pm to 1:00pm on Fridays.

All that is needed is a current Working with Children's Check, which can be applied for online. If you are able to help in the canteen please call Paula Sinton on 0427 454820, or call in at school on Fridays between 9:00am and 9:30am.

Open Evening

Next 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 PBCS 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.

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.

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.

Mr Orlando dos Santos

This week Mr Orlando dos Santos has spent a few days at the school. Orlando dos Santos is the Director of Strategic Improvement for the Regional Pacific Schools. After being at the school he wrote the following:

It has been said, that our children are one hundred percent of our future.

This week, I had the pleasure of spending a few days at Pacific Brook Christian School. I was interested to find out, from the students, what they felt was the heartbeat of the school.

- Was this a school that they enjoyed?
- Why did they like the school?

You're Invited!

Open Evening

Tuesday 5th June, 2018
5pm - 7.30pm (Pizza Dinner included)

Pacific Brook Christian School
30 Sowerby St, Muswellbrook

**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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- What were they learning and how were they enjoying their learning?

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of meeting some parents at the Athletics Carnival. I had similar questions because I am a firm believer that the health of a school and its culture is reflected in the comments of its parents and students.

Both parents and students commented in a similar way:

- They loved the school
- There was no bullying
- The students were encouraged to develop values of respect and friendship
- The students were all personally known to every staff member
- They felt safe, both in the classroom and outside
- The students loved the teachers because the teachers interacted and played with the students at recess and lunchtime
- Learning was taking place at a high level with individual care being given to the students
- They learnt about God and how they could pray to Him and feel confident that He answers prayer
- There was a clear focus on literacy and numeracy
- The students were being well prepared for high school

As a past Principal, and in my current position as Director of Strategic Improvement across the five Regional Schools in the Pacific Group of Schools, I was so encouraged by the students and staff. With these excellent students, caring and professional staff and a dedicated school culture, I believe that Pacific Brook Christian School reflects a very bright future for Muswellbrook and beyond. I congratulate Mr O'Hara and the staff at PBCS as well as the wonderful students who made me feel so welcome with their enthusiasm, respect and the values that they are developing, which is evident to all.

Orlando dos Santos
Director of Strategic Improvement

Orlando dos Santos will be back at the school for Open Evening next Tuesday.

Reading

In reading this term, the Year 3 and 4 students have been reading the book *Onion Tears* by Diana Kidd. This week they wrote acrostic poems to describe different characters or words from the book.

C - Cool
H - Hungry
U - Unorganised

M - Messy
I - Interested in fixing things
N - Neat tricks
H - Helps Nam-Huong

By W

A - Amazing cook
U - Unselfish
N - Nice heart
T - Tries to look after Chu Minh and Nam-Huong
Y - Yells at Nam when her room is messy

By Tekoa

Cross Country Carnival

Last Tuesday we held the Cross Country Carnival at Karoola Park. It was a fantastic day with many great athletic performances and displays of sportsmanship.

Thank you to all the parents and friends who came to watch the children and support this event.

Merit Certificates

The following students have earned a merit award this week:

Lucas	Improvement in writing numbers.
Oliver	Great work in division.
Aby	Beautiful handwriting.
Zanel	Being a kind kid (letting everyone draw with her at break).
Liliaana	Lovely fluent reading of home reader.
April	Huge improvement in cloze sentence work.
R	Her wonderful enthusiasm in answering questions during Science.
Olivia	Completing all spelling activities.
Brooklyn	Great work in spelling workbook.
Summer	Completing all spelling activities.
Tekoa	Fantastic improvisation work in Drama.
W	A great acrostic poem on a character from 'Onion Tears'.
Bella	Good work in calculating area
Lachlan S	Great research on Sudan and South Sudan

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.