

Newsletter Friday 22nd June 2018

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 27th June

1:30pm Assembly led by
Primary class

Thursday 5th July

Doing it for our Farmers Day

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)



Are you a glass half full or a glass half empty type of person? I have to admit all too often I am a glass half empty type of person. I spend too much time focusing on the negatives, on the problems.

But it is important, and probably better for our health, to focus on the positives, on the good things of life.

In the Bible James says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). God has certainly given me all I need, and far more. I should be thankful for what God has done rather than worrying.

This glass is looking pretty good after all.

Doing it For Our Famers

As I'm sure you know, many farmers in our region, and in many other regions of the country, are struggling as the land is in the grip of the drought. For many farmers, this has meant they have not been able to grow crops or keep their livestock. This in turn means the farmers have no income, and struggle to even afford the basics necessities such as food.

On July 5th many schools and community groups are holding a Doing it for the Famers Day. Pacific Brook Christian School will also be taking part in this event.

Students can come to school dressed in jeans for the day. We are also asking that they bring in items of non perishable food or toiletries as donations. All these donations will be collected and given to farming families who are struggling at this time.

I hope you will be able to support this event, and help our farmers.

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 startng 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 Kindergatern 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.

Primary Assembly

The Primary class will be hosting the assembly next week. The assembly will be on Wednesday afternoon in the church, beginning at 1:30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come and see some of what the Primary class have been learning.

Do you have old toys or play equipment?

We are setting up our PAL (Play and Learn) program for Term 3. We would like to repurpose quality toys and role play equipment in good condition. Would you donate any of the following to the school?

We are looking for kid's role play: kitchen items; playdough tools; doll strollers/cradles; tools; doctors/nurses sets; old telephones (corded and cordless); small cars/trucks; shopping sets and plastic food.

We are also looking for clothing – doctors/nurses outfit, chefs clothing etc. If you have any large cushions or a foldable tepee/play tent, we would appreciate these too.

Please bring the items into the school office. If you have any questions please speak to Miss Loiterton.

Canteen News

We're still looking for volunteers for the 12:30 to 1:00pm time slot for the next two Fridays.

Next term **canteen will change to Wednesdays**. Hopefully we can get some volunteers, otherwise we may need to decide whether the canteen can remain open or not. If you have any questions please ring Paula on 0427 454820 or the school office.

Library

All students will now have library on Mondays. Students will be able to borrow books from the library to read at home. Reading at home is beneficial to every child, as they will further develop their reading and comprehension skills, as well as extend their imagination and their knowledge of the world around them.

To borrow books students will need a library bag (not a plastic bag). Library bags will help protect the library books as they are taken home and brought back to school.

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.

Oishii desu ne

That means “delicious isn’t it?” in Japanese. That is what the primary students thought in Japanese today, as they made some sushi.



In Japanese over the last few weeks the Primary class have been learning vocabulary to do with food, and about some Japanese customs.

Today the students practised using chopsticks. Then they used rice, chicken, nori (the seaweed used to wrap sushi), soy sauce and even wasabi to make their sushi creations. Ok, not everyone thought the wasabi was delicious, but they enjoyed making and eating their sushi. Some clever students were even able to use chopsticks to eat it!



Merit Certificates

The following students have earned a merit award this week:

Kenzie	Excellent partner work in Maths.
Lucas	Writing his numbers to 100.
Calen	Focusing in spelling and getting his work completed and great knowledge and enthusiasm in Science.
Liliaana	Her wonderful attitude during interest groups.
Summer	Working hard in class.
Olivia	Excellent partner work in Maths.
Tekoa	Enthusiatic participation in Sport.
Ethan	Excellent research work in Geography and a great character interview in reading groups, and applying himself well in class
Brock	Great work in Drama, being a responsible group member in class
Bradley	His wonderful attitude during interest groups.
Lachlan	His wonderful attitude during interest groups, a great slide show based on A Long Walk to Water.

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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

SATURDAY 7TH JULY 2018 **\$45 per child** 8.30AM - 12NOON

INVITE A FRIEND WHO HASN'T BEEN BEFORE & GET \$10 OFF

For more information & to grab a rego form....
Ph Brad : 0403 175 100 or email: bradwestgatetennisacademy@yahoo.com.au

Rego forms need to be in by 2nd JULY 2018

Run by:
BRAD WESTGATE TENNIS ACADEMY
Located at Muswellbrook Park Tennis club
(where the camp is held)



DOING IT FOR OUR FARMERS DONATION DRIVE 5th July 2018



On July 5th we are hosting a Doing it for our Farmers day where we encourage Schools, Daycares and Businesses to come together and participate.

Our donation drive is gathering goods to distribute to our local farmers to help them cope in this tough drought.

Come dresses in your jeans and bring an item to donate to our drive.

We are accepting donations of toiletries and non perishable food items.

 Follow us on facebook:
Doing it for our Farmers

Email: doingitforourfarmers@outlook.com

SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM



FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN 0-5 YEARS

CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT
Learn about development milestones = gross & fine motor skills = speech and language = emotional resilience = school zones = music & playtime = bus passes = A&E! = play for children and much more

Refreshments & Snacks will be provided = child-care available

Please ring 65423555 or 65433566 for more information and to register

WHEN
27 June 2018
5.00—7.30pm

WHERE
Brookside Hall
Sydney St, Muswellbrook 2333

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