

Newsletter Friday 29th June 2018

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 3rd July

Year 5 and 6 visit to
Muswellbrook Coal (9:00am to
11:00am)

Wednesday 4th July

Visit to Muswellbrook
Community Gardens (12:00pm
to 2:30pm)

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)

Today I attended the opening ceremony for the new buildings and facilities at Pacific Hope Christian School, in Tweed Heads, in far north NSW. It is great to share important moments like this with our partner schools.

One of the speakers was Mr Geoff Provest, MP, the NSW Member for Tweed. He spoke about how he was encouraged and uplifted each time he visited the Pacific Coast or Pacific Hope Schools, in Tweed Heads, as he could see God at work through the schools and everyone involved in the schools.

It is my hope and prayer that people will see something similar at Pacific Brook Christian School, that people will see God at work in the school.

Doing it For Our Farmers

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 basic necessities such as food.

On July 5th many schools and community groups are holding a Doing it for the Farmers 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 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.

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

From the start of next term canteen will run on Wednesdays. We hope that this change will allow for more volunteers to help in the canteen.

Thank you to the kind people who have already offered to help in the canteen.

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.

Muswellbrook Coal Tour

On Tuesday, July 3rd, the Year 5 and 6 students will be visiting Muswellbrook Coal and taking a tour of the mine. This will be a great experience, and they will see first hand how a mine operates and learn more about the mining industry that is so important to our town and community.

Community Gardens Visit

On Wednesday, July 4th, all the students will visit Muswellbrook Community Gardens. Mick Brady, Sustainability Officer at Muswellbrook Council, will teach the students about planting and sustainable gardening. We will also have a look at the work that is done in the Sustainability Hub.

All students received a note today. If you allow your child to attend, please sign and return the note to school.

Reports

The teachers have been working hard on preparing reports for each child, showing their progress through the first two terms of this year. These reports will be sent home next Friday, that last day of Term 2.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the second week of Term 3.

Merit Certificates

The following students have earned a merit award this week:

Kenzie	Excellent work writing the even numbers on her whiteboard.
Aby	Excellent work writing the even numbers on her whiteboard.
Lucas	Excellent work writing the even numbers on his whiteboard.
Oliver	Excellent work writing the even numbers on his whiteboard.
Calen	A wonderful news segment this week.
April	Fabulous work in reading workbook.
Olivia	Great work learning her drama part.
Brooklyn	Her excellent enthusiasm in writing this week.
Declan	Kind kid award (letting others go first).
Tekoa	Excellent word riddles in English.
Ethan	Tricky word riddles in English.
Mitchell	A fantastic news report for Geography.

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

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 Murwillbrook Park Tennis club
(where the camp is held)