



# Pacific Brook Christian School

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## Newsletter Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### Upcoming Events:

#### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

First Day Term 3

#### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

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

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

40 Days of Reading begins  
Parent Teacher Interviews

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

P&F Meeting at 2:45pm  
Parent Teacher Interviews

#### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

Tennis for Primary class

#### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Book Day!

#### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Tennis for Primary class

#### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Tennis for Primary class  
40 Days of Reading ends  
Last Day Term 3

As we are about to start a new term we are filled with hope. Things we hope will happen, things we hope we will achieve.

The movie The Shawshank Redemption tells the story of a man who was falsely imprisoned, his life with the other prisoners, the cruelties of prison life, and how he tried to escape. But most of all the movie is about hope. The main character, Andy Dufresne, says "hope is a good thing, maybe even the best of things."

Why is hope important? Hope gives us a reason to look forward, to solve problems and be creative, to persevere in times of difficulty.

Sometimes we can be disappointed in the things we hope for. But Christian hope is grounded in faith based on the promises of God.

Hope in God will never disappoint. Psalm 34 says "...those who seek the LORD lack no good thing." (v 10).

I hope this will be a great term, but most of my hope is in God.

### Play and Learn Class

Tuesday will be the first day for the Play and Learn (PAL) class. 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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. It is not too late to start. Please contact the school if you would like further information.

## **P&F and Canteen News**

There will be a P&F Meeting on Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 pm.

Please also note that canteen will be on Wednesdays this term.

## **Literacy Term**

During Term 3 we will be having a special focus on literacy. Literacy is a very important subject at school, and involves learning to read, write, spell, and communicate in different ways. Literacy is taught every school day throughout the year, but during Term Three we will hold a number of special activities to develop children's skills and enjoyment of literacy.

One of the Literacy events we will be running during this term is 40 Days of Reading. Starting on Monday of Week 2 (August 6<sup>th</sup>), and running through to the last day of the term (September 28<sup>th</sup>) students will be challenged to try and read each day. This period of time covers 40 school days (although, students can also read on the weekends!).

All students will be given a chart. On this chart they can record what books they have read. Younger students will need help filling in this chart. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 can also record books that are read to them during this time. All types of books can be read and recorded on the chart, including home readers, library books, books from home, comics and eBooks. Students should strive to read books appropriate for their ability. Older students will not progress in the reading if they read books that are too easy for them. Likewise, younger students will struggle if they try to read books that are too difficult for them.

During the 40 Days of Reading students will receive awards as they pass certain "milestones" or reach certain targets, based on the number of books they have read. These targets vary depending if your child is reading picture books, or longer chapter books / novels.

I look forward to hearing about some of the great books that students have read, and the discoveries they have made.

Another highlight of Term Three will be our Book Day. This year Book Day will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of September. Students can come to school dressed as a character from a book. During the assembly all the students will be able to take part in a costume parade and tell us who they have come dressed as. We will be holding a special Book Day assembly on this day, as well as other book related activities throughout the course of the day.

## **Parent Teacher Interviews**

At the end of last term student reports were sent home. On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of August and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of August we will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews. These are a great time for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how your child is progressing at school, what they are doing well, and how they can continue to improve. Interviews will be held from 3:30pm to 7pm.

A note will be sent home next week. If you would like to book a time with your child's teacher, please fill in the note, indicating your preferred time slot, and return the note to school.

If you are unable to attend the Parent Teacher Interviews, but would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the school to make an alternative arrangement.

## **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.