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Newsletter Friday 26th October 2018

Upcoming Events:

Sunday 28th October

2pm Celebration of Strings Concert

Friday 2nd November

Swimming Scheme

Friday 9th November

Swimming Scheme

Friday 16th November

Swimming Scheme

Wednesday 21st November

1:30pm TAG Quest

Friday 23rd November

Swimming Scheme

Tuesday 27th November to

Friday 30th November

Primary Excursion to Canberra

Monday 10th December

10:00am Presentation Day

Tuesday 11th December

Swimming Carnival

Thursday 13th December

Last Day of the School Year

Recently I read the book Mere Christianity by CS Lewis (you may know him as the author of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe). In this book he clearly and logically explains many aspects of the Christian faith.

In the chapter on hope CS Lewis wrote "Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next." He goes on to explain that people who have a real hope in heaven are then motivated to try and make the Earth a better place.

"Aim at Heaven and you will get the Earth thrown in: aim at Earth and you will get neither." What do we place our hope in? Does this lead us and inspire us to serve others and try to make this world a better place?

Operation Christmas Child

Once again Pacific Brook Christian School is involved in Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a program run by the charity Samaritan's Purse. Operation Christmas Child is about helping children in developing countries who are far poorer and less fortunate than we are. We can help children by giving them a small present for Christmas. These presents will be packed in shoe boxes here at school, and then collected by Samaritan's Purse, and sent to children in a developing country.

We are collecting gifts that can be packed in shoe boxes. Gifts should be for children up to 14 years of age. Gifts can include toys (but not electrical or battery operated toys), clothes, school equipment, or items for personal hygiene. Gifts only need to cost a few dollars. This is a great chance to help children in poverty stricken areas, and to help families less fortunate than we are.

More information can be found at

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Please send your gifts to school for Operation Christmas Child by November 2nd.

Celebration of Strings Concert

The Primary students who are learning violin have been invited to perform at the Celebration of Strings Concert. This is a concerto organised by the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music, and is held on Sunday October 28th. The concert begins at 3pm, but there is a rehearsal at 2pm.

The students will perform two pieces, and also join with other students who are learning string instruments to perform a piece as part of a large ensemble. The theme for the concert is country. Students can wear jeans and a shirt for this concert.

Art Exhibition

During Term Three, the Primary class learnt about photography as part of their visual art curriculum.

A part of this was preparation for an exhibit at Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre during the Muswellbrook local art awards.

These are an annual award open to artists in the Muswellbrook, Singleton and Upper Hunter Shires. The awards are open from Sunday 28th of October to Sunday 23rd of December, with the opening night at 6pm on Saturday, 27th of October.

We would like to extend an invitation to all students and their families to come along to the opening night and view our exhibit entitled "The Art of Creation." There is also a people's choice award for our exhibit where the photograph with the most votes will take home a prize pack.

We hope you can join us.

P&F News

There will be a P&F meeting on Wednesday, 31st of October at 2.45pm. We will be discussing the end of year disco.

We are also looking for volunteers on the 7th and 21st of November to help in the canteen. If you can spare a couple of hours on either of these days, please let us know.

Swimming

This term our school will be doing swimming as part of our Sports program. For four weeks during November, students will have swimming lessons from qualified swimming instructors. During the final week of the term we will have a swimming carnival.

We will be going swimming on the following Fridays:

November 2nd
November 9th
November 16th
November 23rd

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday December 11th

Each week the swimming lesson will run from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. We will leave school by bus at around 12:30pm, and arrive back at school around 2:30pm. We will have lunch earlier, so that children have time to eat, and digest their lunch, before they begin to swim.

If possible, please send your child to school with swimmers under their sport uniform. If this is inconvenient there will be an opportunity to change at school before we leave. Please pack a towel and a plastic bag to put wet gear in after each lesson. All items and clothing should be labelled with your child's name to avoid confusion and lost property.

The lesson and bus will cost \$13 per week for each child. The total cost for the swimming scheme is \$52 per child. (The school will pay for the cost of the transport and pool use for the students on the day of the swimming carnival). You can either choose to pay:

- 1) Weekly: Please send the money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's / children's name/s.
- 2) In full before November 2nd: Please send the full payment in an envelope clearly marked with your child / children's name.

Our Swimming Carnival, on Tuesday the 11th of December, will be the final event in the swimming calendar. Students will be able to show what they have learnt and participate in a number of swimming events and water activities.

PAL News

PAL have been learning about space this term. This week they enjoyed making name rockets with Mrs Dugan.



Infants News

Writing

Year 1 and 2 are exploring persuasive writing this term. They have been learning about how important a sizzling start is in hooking in their audience. You only have seven seconds to engage your reader. Did these sizzling starts work on you?

It's boring. It wastes time. You can't even play on your devices. Who would want to do homework? We should definitely not be sent homework.

Lachlan

Cats don't listen to you. They have razor sharp teeth. They are scary! Yuck! Who would want a pet like that? Dogs are much better than cats!

R

Primary News

In Literacy the Primary students have been learning about writing persuasive texts and debating. They are developing skills in expressing their opinion and supporting their argument with persuasive and convincing reasoning.

During Science the students have begun a unit on Problems and Solutions. They are learning about how designs are modified to overcome problems and to make the products better and more efficient.

This week the students enjoyed making their own paper hovercraft, and testing them. Next week they will try to modify them to make them more manoeuvrable.



Primary Excursion to Canberra

From November the 27th to the 30th, Years Three to Six will be attending an excursion to Canberra as part of their education, linking with a number of subjects, including their work in History on government.

The total cost of the excursion is \$400, which includes the \$50 deposit that most families paid earlier in the year. **The excursion must be paid for in full by November 12th.**

Student Representative Council

This term a Student Representative Council (SRC) will be run. The SRC will give students a say in what happens at the school. The SRC will talk about how students can make the school better, and how we can serve others.

The SRC will have 6 students. The two school captains will be on the SRC, as well as two students from each class that have been elected by the students of that class.

This term's SRC will be Lachlan and Mitchell (as school captains), Tekoa and Ethan (elected by the Primary students) and Liliaana and Olivia (elected by the Infants students).

The first SRC meeting will occur on Monday.

In Term 1 of next year four different students will be elected to the SRC.

Merit Certificates

Oliver	Good work in Maths.
Lucas	Good work in PDH sorting pictures into 'safe' and 'unsafe' categories.
R	Excellent work in Science and a great poem in News.
India	Being a really good sport in voting.
Holly	Excellent reading of home reader.
Zanel	Excellent reading of her home readers and being a really good sport in voting.
April	A great poem in News.
Calen	Fabulous work adding money.
Summer	Being a really good sport in voting.
Brooklyn	Excellent work in Maths.
Lachlan	A great poem in News.
Olivia	A great poem in News.
Bella	Fantastic work in History, Writing a great persuasive text
Tekoa	Great work in Drama.
Ethan	Fantastic persuasive writing
Brock	Completing Level 3 of Typing Tournament

Riley Working hard in division and making pleasing progress
Lachlan Fantastic work in History.
Mitchell Completing Level 8 of Typing Tournament, Fluent reading

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 Announcements

Letter from Eisteddfod Committee

Dear Parents and Friends of the School,

Your school has provided many entrants into the various Divisions of the Eisteddfod over the years. Thank you for your support!

As we move into preparations for the 2019 Eisteddfod year we, the Eisteddfod Committee, invite you to join us, to boost our numbers in volunteers and vacant spots for Convenors and office holders.

Our policy goal is to have two Convenors in each Division (School Choirs, School Bands, Instrumental, Speech, Drama & Public Speaking, Vocal, Piano & Pipe Organ, Dance and Creative Writing).

Will you become part of our Committee?

We will be there with you all the way!

It's a very self-fulfilling experience to see students and adults perform and to appreciate your involvement has been responsible for the success of the Eisteddfod and the contentment of both competitors and audiences alike.

We look forward to welcoming you to our AGM on Thursday, 15th November at 7.00 pm at the Muswellbrook RSL Club. Come and experience!

The more offers of help we have the lighter the load!

Would love to hear from you so If you would like to have a chat, please don't hesitate to contact me as below.

Kind regards

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