



## Newsletter Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

### Upcoming Events:

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
Swimming Scheme

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
Swimming Scheme

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
1:30pm TAG Quest

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Swimming Scheme

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November to  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
Primary Excursion to Canberra

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
6pm Middle School Information  
Session

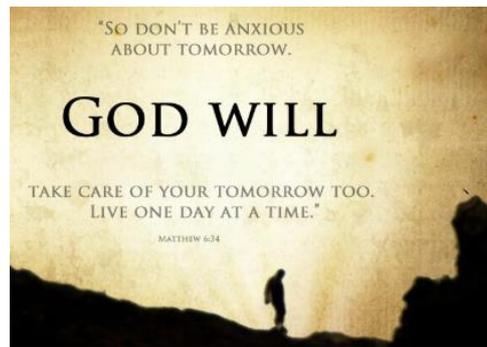
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
10:00am Presentation Day

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Swimming Carnival

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last Day of the School Year

I've read that King George V wrote "The secret of happiness is not to do what you like to do, but to learn to like what you have to do." There is probably some degree of truth in that.

Jesus told his disciples "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33) The "things" he was speaking of are the things that often make us happy, or secure, such as food, shelter, clothes, etc. Jesus is telling us that we shouldn't make these the main goal of our lives, but to seek his kingdom, and these other needs would be automatically supplied. I think that is the secret of happiness.



### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who has supported Operation Christmas Child. Early next week all the gifts will be packed in a shoe box and delivered to the charity Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse will deliver the boxes to children in poverty in some of the poorest countries in the world.

### Middle School Information Session

In 2020 Pacific Brook Christian School will begin a Middle School, with year starting in that year, and Year 8 will begin the following year, and so on.

On December 6<sup>th</sup> Dr Ted Boyce will be running an Information Session about Middle School. This will be held at the school at 6pm. Dr Boyce will explain the Middle School structure and the advantages of Middle School. Everyone is welcome to attend the Information Session and find out more about this exciting development.

### Canteen

The P&F is looking for a volunteer to help run canteen on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are able to help on either of these dates please see Paula Sinton or Jess Dugan.

## **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 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).

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 explored the different planets in our Solar System this week. They had fun making their very own planet Earth. This week we also revised our sounds by playing alphabet soup.



## **TAG Quest 2018**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of November we will be holding this year's TAG Quest. TAG stands for Talents, Abilities and Gifts. It is showcase of some of the talents and gifts the students have been blessed with. Students can sing, play an instrument, perform a trick, present a science experiment, or display another of the skills or abilities that they have.

Many students have already begun practising the item they will be presenting. TAG Quest will be held in the church from 1:30pm. Families and friends are welcome to be in the audience.

## Primary News

Last Sunday afternoon some of the primary students took part in the Celebration of Strings concert. They performed very well, displaying some of what they have learnt in their violin lessons.

This coming Wednesday the Primary students will be travelling to Calvary Retirement Village, to perform for the residents there. Students were given a note about event this week. If you child has not returned their note yet, can they please do so before Wednesday.



The Primary students are learning about persuasive texts, and how to convince people through writing and speaking. They have also begun to learn debating skills. They are preparing a debate on the topic "TV is good for you." I look forward to that debate!

## Primary Excursion to Canberra

From November the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## Merit Certificates

Kenzie	Writing sentences independently.
Lucas	Setting a good example in his behaviour.
April	Great, independent work on maths problems.
Holly	Great, independent work on maths problems.
Liliaana	Excellent work in Science.
Declan	Being a kind kid, Terrific batting in cricket
Tekoa	A detailed drawing and description of the 'James and the Giant Peach' characters.
Ethan	Being a kind kid.
Orlando	A detailed drawing and description of the 'James and the Giant Peach' characters.
Brock	Showing care for others.
Ethyn	Working well in Maths.
Mitchell	Completing Level 9 of Typing Tournament
Lachlan	Working productively in 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.