



Newsletter Friday 9th November 2018

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 14th November

Concert at Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music

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

Thursday 6th December

6pm Middle School Information Session

Friday 7th December

6pm End of Year School Disco

Monday 10th December

10:00am Presentation Day and Performance of "The Giant Slayer."

Tuesday 11th December

Swimming Carnival

Thursday 13th December

Last Day of the School Year

The vision of Pacific Brook Christian School, indeed of all of the Pacific Group of Schools is "to be a Christian educational community as a centre of teaching, learning and serving excellence founded on Biblically based beliefs, values and behaviours."

Learning and teaching are key parts of this vision. This week the students have completed some formal testing, as the teachers prepare the end of year reports. It is encouraging and rewarding as teachers to see how much the students have learnt through the year in each of the subjects.

Serving others is also a key part of the school's vision. On Wednesday some of the Primary students visited Calvary Retirement Home. Whilst they were there, the students played the violin for the residents. Bella also played the piano. We are planning to visit Calvary Retirement Home again near the end of the year.



Next week Miss Bianca Fairweather will be joining the school. Bianca is studying to be a primary teacher at the University of Newcastle, and she will be doing a four week placement at the school. While she is here, she will be mainly working with the Primary class.

Middle School Information Session

In 2020 Pacific Brook Christian School will begin a Middle School, with year 7 starting in that year, and Year 8 will begin the following year, and so on.

On December 6th 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 21st. If you are able to help on either of these dates please see Paula Sinton or Jess Dugan.

Swimming

The students have enjoyed swimming on Friday afternoons, and already they are progressing in their swimming skills.

The swimming scheme will run for two more Fridays, on
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.

TAG Quest 2018

On Wednesday 21st of November we will be holding this year's TAG Quest. TAG stands for Talents, Abilities and Gifts. It is a 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.

PAL News

In PAL this week, we learned about the Moon! We used a sponge to make our moon 'bumpy' like the surface of the real Moon. We also played a letter matching game. We are doing so well remembering our sounds. This term, we have enjoyed playing on the special PAL play equipment during recess. We especially like 'hiding' inside the cubes and scaring our teacher when she walks past!



Concert at Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music

Next Wednesday all students (and staff) have been invited to visit the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music to be part of the audience for a concert. The concert will be given by visiting school band from Sydney. The band is made up of primary aged children, and I am sure this will be an encouraging musical experience.

We will leave school at 11:45 and walk to the Conservatorium. The concert begins at 12pm. We will be back at school at lunchtime.

Infants News

Year 1 and 2 have been exploring persuasive writing this term. We have started writing our first main idea. Hopefully Holly's will persuade you to agree that we should have healthy food in the canteen!

The canteen should have healthy food so we can stay healthy. This means the doctors won't have too much work to do. Healthy food is good for your insides.

Holly B

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.**

Merit Certificates

India	Fantastic work making 2D shapes.
R	Fantastic work making 2D shapes.
Holly B	A great start to our school.
Declan	Great work in History debate, playing the violin at Calvary Retirement Home.
Tekoa	Playing the violin at Calvary Retirement Home.
Bella	Fabulous written work for reading groups, playing the violin and piano at Calvary Retirement Home, fluent and expressive reading.
W	Playing the violin at Calvary Retirement Home.
Orlando	Playing the violin at Calvary Retirement Home.
Bradley	Playing the violin at Calvary Retirement Home.
Mitchell	Great work in History debate.
Lachlan	Excellent spelling.

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.