

Newsletter Friday 16th November 2018

Upcoming Events:

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

Wednesday 30th January
First Day Term One 2019

Are you a joyful person? Being full of joy is a great way to be, but often life has a way of draining us, whether through failing, disappointment, suffering, betrayal, or even just familiarity.

But there is no need to be this way. Jesus is not finished with us yet. He is the healer of the broken hearted.

Seriousness is not a fruit of the spirit, but joy is. God created celebrations and holidays.

Happiness is not the same as joy. Happiness is a response to what is going on around us. But joy is deeper. As people, we can be inclined towards negativity and cynicism. For some of us, it is natural to be joyful. But God's Word commands us to be joyful, to celebrate. The Bible says

"Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." (Psalm 34:8)

We need to get down to the serious business of joy, because the joy of the Lord is our strength. Heaven is going to be the greatest party of all time. We need to start practising!

We are worth more to God than we can ever imagine. Let us be joyful. Let the celebrations begin!

Adapted from the Rend Collective

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VamJCsYMFBg>

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.



Swimming

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

The swimming scheme will run for just one more Friday, on November 23rd. The Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday December 11th.

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

Next Wednesday, the 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.

Concert at Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music

On Wednesday all students visited the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music to be part of the audience for a concert. The concert was presented by the band of Wahroonga Primary School.

The students enjoyed listening and dancing to a range of music and enjoying the talents of other children.



PAL News

The Primary class visited the PAL class this week. It was very special to have them read to us. We also had some fun making a squishy Sun artwork, and were amazed to discover that the Sun is actually a star!



Primary News

During Science this week the Primary students learnt about Spencer Silver, who, while trying to make a very strong glue, created a weak glue. However, he used this glue to create Post It notes. The students have learnt a product's design can be varied.

The students have created a foam, and have begun to create a product that will use the foam in useful ways.

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.

Students attending the excursion were today given a final itinerary, and a list of things to bring.



Term Dates 2019

These are the term dates for next year:

Term One 30th January to 12th April
Term Two 30th April to 5th July
Term Three 29th July to 27th September
Term Four 15th October to 5th December

Merit Certificates

Infants

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| Lucas | Doing some good work in reading groups. |
| Lailahni | Great work in reading words in reading groups. |
| Aby | Great home reading. |
| Oliver | Doing some great work whilst on holidays. |
| Kenzie | Fabulous independent work in Literacy and Numeracy. |
| Holly N | Amazing improvement in handwriting in spelling book. |
| April | Improved handwriting in spelling book. |
| Calen | Continued improved work ethic in Spelling lessons. |
| Zanel | Excellent alphabetical order work. |
| Liliaana | Great reading in reading groups. |
| India | Fabulous counting of money. |
| R | Fabulous work in cloze sentences in Spelling lessons. |
| Brooklyn | Excellent work in Maths. |

Lachlan Doing well in reading.
 Olivia A huge increase in confidence in reading.
 Summer Lovely, fluent reading
 Levi Doing well in spelling.
 Holly B Trying hard in all subjects.

Primary
 Tekoa Great work in History debate and good story plan for reading groups, fluent reading.
 Ethan Great story plan for reading groups.
 Brock Great story idea for reading groups.
 Ethyn Completing Typing Tournament level 1.
 Bradley Developing his tennis skills, thinking carefully in problem solving

Please do not bring egg, nut or seafood products into Pacific Brook Christian School



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Thank you for your assistance in helping keep all our students healthy and safe.

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FUN CARE FOR SCHOOL KIDS

MONDAY - FRIDAY
 *AM Session: 6:30 -9:00
 *PM Session: 3:00 -6:00
 *Pupil Free Days: 6:30 -6:00
 *Vacation Care: 7:00 -6:00



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