

Newsletter Friday 30th November 2018

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 4th December
PAL Class Graduation

Wednesday 5th December
Dress rehearsal at Baptist Church

Thursday 6th December
Dress rehearsal at Baptist Church
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
12pm to 2pm Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 12th December
End of Year Excursion

Thursday 13th December
Last Day of the School Year

Wednesday 30th January
First Day Term One 2019

Primary excursion to Canberra

On Tuesday some of the Primary students travelled to Canberra for a four day excursion. On arriving in Canberra the students visited Cockington Green and looked at the intricate models that make up the village, as well as the models of famous buildings from around the world. On Tuesday night the students went to Flip Out and had great fun jumping on the trampolines and falling into the pits of foam cubes.

On Wednesday the students went to Questacon and explored scientific concepts through hands on activities. They learnt about light, motion, and, for those brave enough to try the free fall slide, gravity! After visiting Questacon the students went to the Australian War Memorial. They had a tour of the War Memorial, and learnt about World War One and World War Two, and also about the role some animals have played in the armed forces. They also visited the tomb for the Unknown Soldier.

The students also got to take in the views of Canberra from Mount Ainslie, and, in the evening, Telstra Tower.

On Thursday the students visited Parliament House, and the Museum of Democracy, in the Old Parliament House. They saw the House of Representatives and the Senate. The students took part in a role play about how a bill becomes law, where Bella was the Prime Minister! They also met our local member, Mr Joel Fitzgibbon, MP. Later in the afternoon the students went to the National Gallery of Australia. They went on a drawing tour of the gallery, drawing their interpretation of works inspired by space, and also a famous painting by Monet. On Thursday night the students took on the challenge of rock climbing, and conquering the heights.

On Friday morning the students visited the Australian Institute of Sport where many elite athletes train. They also got to experience samples of a few different sports. They then began the long journey home.



The students all enjoyed the excursion to Canberra. It was a great time of fun, friendship and fantastic learning.



At Cockington Green



Drawing a Monet painting



Learning about gears at Questacon



Presenting their ideas in the Senate



At the Australian Institute of Sport



Scaling the heights of rock climbing

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.

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Canteen

Please note that there is no Canteen on Wednesday, as it has finished for this year.

Library

All outstanding library books should be returned to school. Students will be able to borrow again in the new year.

Uniform Shop

Pacific Brook Christian School Uniform shop will be open from 9am-4pm on Friday, 25th and Tuesday, 29th of January for all your uniform needs. If you are not able to get into school on either of those days, please email Jess Dugan at jdugan@pacificbrook.nsw.edu.au to arrange an alternative time.

PAL News

This week we had a special visitor - Miss Fairweather! Thank you for spending the day with us. We also made planets this week. Some of us made big planets, like Jupiter, and some of us made small planets, like Mars. Next week will be the final week of PAL.



Infants News

The Infants class have been talking about community workers this week for news. They had a special visit from a local policeman - Calen's dad! Mr Knight did a marvellous job answering all of their questions. He gave out a few goodies and even let the students look through his cop car. It's safe to say the students loved it!



Primary News

Those in the Primary class who remained at school this week have done a fabulous job of fitting in with the Infants class. For reading groups, Tekoa wrote a wonderful poem about a character from James and the Giant Peach.

Centipede

Bossy and rude
and also a little fun
and to others interrupting

Forty-one boots on forty-one feet
with an old crooked hat
and one big pair of glasses
that cover his nose.

He is a pest to all of the farmers they say,
and he likes it that way,
which is funny because he is a pest
in his personality

Tekoa Kitto

Disco

On the evening of Friday the 7th the school is holding the End of Year Disco. This is a great way to have fun and celebrate the (almost) end of the school year.

The evening will run from 6pm to 8pm. The cost of entry is \$5 per family. Pizza slices will be available for \$2 each, and drinks for \$1.

Presentation Day

The School Presentation day is on Monday the 10th of December. The Presentation Day will be held at Brookside Baptist Church, on Sydney St.

During the Presentation Day, students will perform The Giant Slayer Musical. Awards will also be presented acknowledging student achievements through this year.

The Presentation Day will begin at 10:00am, but all students will need to be at the church by 9:30am, so that they can get ready for their performance. Students do not need to be at school prior to the Presentation Day. Students should wear their full school uniform, and they will change back into their uniform at the end of the production.

The Presentation Day will conclude at approximately 1pm. All children can go home with their families at the end of Presentation Day. If you are unable to take your child home after Presentation Day, please let us know as soon as possible.

Morning Tea will be provided.

Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 11th December at about 11:30am we will catch the bus to Muswellbrook Pool, for our Swimming Carnival. The Carnival will run from 12pm to 2pm, and will be held in the outdoor pools. Students will be able to take part in a number of races and water events.

We will be travelling back to school at 2:30, and arrive at school before 2:50pm.

End of Year Excursion

On Wednesday 12th December students will have an excursion.

In the morning we will travel to Calvary Retirement Home. The students will give cards they have made to the residents, and wishing them happy holidays.

At 10:00am we will then travel to Simpson Park for recess, and then we will go to the Art Gallery. Students will look at the displays, including the photography display showing the work of the Primary students. The students will take part in an "Art Treasure Hunt" at the gallery as well.

We will have a picnic lunch in Simpson Park. After lunch we will travel to Game On for ten pin bowling. After the bowling we will travel back to school.

There is no cost for this excursion.

Last Day of School

Thursday 13th of December is the last day of the school year for the students. Students will be at school on this day, and will receive their end of year reports and portfolios.

Students can wear casual clothes on this day. At the end of the day we will have water games for any students that want to join in. Students can bring water pistols, but not water balloons, as they can take a long time to pick up from the school grounds.

At 2:50pm, the summer holidays will begin!

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

Kenzie Fabulous sentence writing.
Grace Fabulous sentence writing.
Oliver Fantastic effort and improvement in swimming lessons.

Primary

Tekoa Diligence in her work and a fabulous poem in reading groups.
Rory Working well in a combined classroom.
Bradley Working well in a combined classroom.
Riley Working well in a combined classroom.
Lachlan Diligence in his work.

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.