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Newsletter

2 March 2018

Term 1 – Week 5

Message from the Head of Primary School



The year in Primary School has started off with extraordinary excitement and anticipation about what is in store for 2018. This can be seen in the boys and girls in Kindergarten through to Stage 3 as they wait at the beginning of the day with enthusiasm and vigor, ready to start the school day. This joy exudes in the playground before the bell goes, and carries through to assembly time, the corridors and into classrooms. This has been a delight to observe and to be a part of as we embark on this new season at the College.

Stage teachers have been getting to know individual children in their classes, working hard at understanding their interests and God-given uniqueness, and developing teaching and learning programs that meet mandatory curriculum requirements. Our teachers reach above and beyond to cater for the individual needs of the children they teach, and extending and enriching those who demonstrate passion and potential for particular areas of learning. We also offer a range of extra-curricular activities involving the Arts, Science, and Technology, Debating and Chess Club. Robotics is being integrated into the classrooms, starting at the Prep level, making its way up to Stage 3.

We feel incredibly privileged as we passionately serve in the Primary School at Belmont Christian College. We wait with anticipation and joy as God continues to carry out His plans throughout 2018 and beyond.

Leoni McNeill

Primary Zone Swimming Carnival Success

Last week the Primary Swimming Team competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Newcastle University. The team finished 2nd overall, just 40 points behind the winners and nearly 200 points ahead of 3rd place. We reclaimed the Challenge Trophy for the 4th consecutive year, which is a scoring system based on total points divided by the number of students enrolled in the Primary School.



Eight students received Age Champion medals, with 4 of those being Gold. Haydon Smith, Georgia Hall, Aidan Rae and Brodie Roberts all won Gold in their Age Championships, Silver went to Ariella Hindson, Hamish Rae and Sommer Smith and Appin Paterson picked up a Bronze.

Of our 35 competitors, a massive 21 have qualified for NSW CSSA Swimming next Monday.

Praise Points

- Our student leadership in Secondary Chapel each week
- The opportunity we have every day to show the Love and Grace of God to our students

Prayer Points

- The appointment of a new Chaplain for our College
- The appointment of a new Business Manager
- Our Senior Student Leadership Team who are travelling to Canberra for the COMPASS Young Leaders' Conference
- Sharon and the College Board. Please pray for continued wisdom and God's Provision for them.

Upcoming Dates

2-6 March – Captains & Prefects COMPASS Conference

5 March – College Tour

5 March – Primary CSSA State Swim Carnival

6 March – Stage 2 Choral Group

7 March – Primary Assembly

8 March – Secondary Zone Swim Carnival

9 March – Stage 3 Choral Group

12 March – Primary Young Leadership Conference

13 March – Stage 2 Choral Group

14 March – Primary Assembly

16 March – Stage 3 Choral Group

29 & 30 June – Beauty and the Beast Musical

Stage 2 & 3 Choir

Arrangements have been finalised to launch two Primary choirs this year with the plan to strengthen choral singing within the College.

Stage 2 Choir

When: Tuesday Lunchtime
Where: Primary Music Room

Stage 3 Choir

When: 8:00-8:50am Friday
Where: Primary Music Room

Students who are interested should hand in an 'Intention to Participate' slip to the office.

Music Tuition

A reminder that BCC has a wonderful music tutoring program here at the College, available to students wanting to learn an instrument within school hours. Our program includes woodwind, brass, strings, piano, drums, guitar and vocal tuition. Contact Chris Stewart for more information.

Beauty and the Beast

Our cast for Beauty and the Beast, our 2018 Secondary Musical, are working hard in a demanding rehearsal schedule. A reminder to those students to please check the schedule on Google Classroom frequently - every rehearsal is crucial as we head toward a great show. Please also be taking time to practise your songs and lines throughout the week. Listening too and singing each song once a day is a good goal.

Praying Parents

You are invited to join our prayer group on Mondays at 8:30am and Fridays at 2:15pm at the flagpole near the front gate. If it rains, we will meet in the library.

For more information please contact Ang Proctor mailit2us@gmail.com or phone 0409 288 000.

Everyone is welcome to join in.

Picnic on the Pleasance – A Successful Evening



The Picnic on the Pleasance was again a fantastic night, which brought together students and families from across our College community. The relaxed and friendly atmosphere was highlighted by wonderful music performances from our talented students. A variety of enjoyable games run by the prefects added to the laid-back environment and provided an opportunity for connections between students of different ages. Giant Jenga in particular was a hit and attracted a hefty crowd getting down to the pointy end of the game. It was a pleasure being a part of the night and I look forward to an awesome year ahead.

Ben Fryer (Year 12)

Ms Sopher says..... The Picnic on the Pleasance was a lovely way to celebrate community and welcome our new families into the College. Belmont Christian College and the way they "do community" has always been impressive and I'm pleased to be able to welcome new families and our 64 new students into this environment. Praise the Lord for our new enrolments.



BCC Won Bronze at Surfest 2018

Over two days in early February, Nat Gregory (Year 11), Noah Litchfield (Year 10), Isaac Smith (Year 10) and Eddie Trevenen-Smith (Year 10) competed in the Surfest 2018 High Schools Teams Challenge.

The boys made it through to the finals (competing against 42 other teams from NSW high schools) and came a very creditable 3rd place!

Many thanks to one of our parents, Danni Litchfield for being team manager on day one and Cain Sanchez for managing the team on day two. The boys really appreciated your presence with them during the competition. We look forward to another successful year when we enter in 2019.

Congratulations boys what an achievement!



Ex-Students Achievements

Congratulations to Lachlan Brennan, last year's inaugural Shark Tank winner, who has successfully taken his idea from this competition and turned it into his first business.

Lachlan has used his entrepreneurial flair and initiative to successfully create his own smart phone app. The U-Rent app allows people to rent their household items to members of the community for cash. This is beneficial for anyone needing additional income, particularly if the items being leased are not frequently used at home. Last week, Lachlan was able to share the challenges and successes he has experienced with Mr Urane and Year 11 and 12 Business Studies students.



Mr Ross Urane

Congratulations to Matteo Mazzantini and Courtney Spratt as their HSC Visual Arts Body of Works were selected for the exhibition First Class 17, a Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery project. The exhibition is curated by Lisa Who and Helen Willis to be held 31 March – 20 May 2018. This year they received a record number of submissions from schools across the Hunter and Central Coast Regions.



Congratulations to our students for their commitment and hard work and we also recognise the time and effort that Mr Chris Denzin invests into our students.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

We welcomed the manager of Woolworths at Belmont, Michael O'Brien, to our College on Wednesday. Michael presented our Prep children with a new playgym - the reward for all the earn and learn stickers collected by our College last year. Michael also brought the whole Primary school some bananas and apples which were enjoyed by everyone for morning tea. Michael returned later in the day with boxes of vegetables for the Primary students to enjoy as part of Vegetable Week. Many thanks to Belmont Woolworths for their generosity.



Historic First SRC Meeting in Primary School

In Week 3 our newly elected Student Representative Council met for the first time. Our chairperson, Jed Pennington, led us through the first meeting and our secretary, Estella Brown took the minutes. All SRC members are looking forward to the term ahead and making our College an 'even better' place to be.



Our SRC class reps are:

S1A – Makenzie Keast & Raphael Ireson
S1AM – Sophia Tidey & Holly Blowes
S1K – Appin Paterson & Audrey Channon

S2A – Jadon Morris & Olivia Blowes
S2EJ – Ivy Brown & Ben Robertson
S2L – Gabriel Sharp & Alita King

S3B – Oska Johnson & Georgia Hall
S3C – Ariel Sharp & Riley Brown
S3D – Estella Brown & Naomi Wright
S3K – Jed Pennington & Natalie Benn

Mrs Deb Horton (SRC Teacher Advisor)

Canteen - 4 Weeks of Sushi

Sushi will be available to order from the canteen from Monday 5 March to Tuesday 27 March 2018. Orders must be completed by Fridays for Mondays and Tuesdays order and by Wednesdays for Thursdays and Fridays order.

All Sushi is 100% Gluten Free, Dairy Free and contains no artificial flavours, preservatives or colours.

Orders can be placed online at <http://www.school24.com.au/>

Sushi menu/order form and canteen price list is available on Skoolbag under Parent Info.

BELMONT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE'S *Production of*



Music by
**Alan
Menken**

Lyrics by
**Howard & Tim
Ashman Rice**

Book by
**Linda
Woolverton**

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All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia



29th & 30th June 2018

3 shows to be performed at
Hunter School of Performing Arts
109 Lambton Rd Broadmeadow