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Newsletter

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Term 1 – Week 9

Message from the Head of Student Services and Welfare

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.'

In this dry and thirsty world much is asked of our students. They are perpetually connected through social media, striving to manage the highs and lows of their social status, they are aware in an instant of significant and devastating global events, confronted by the evidence of a world that is driven by stress and the insatiable desire for more things and more power....and then they hear of Jesus. He offers Himself to them as the Bread of Life....Living Water...and the Resurrection and the Life...His offering of Himself on the Cross for our students was an offering of Unconditional Love....that He continually expresses over and over and over....pouring out His Love without measure....that our students may be saturated from head to toe in forgiveness....Hope restored...Life that is full of joy and purpose...because He loves them.



This week in our Secondary Chapel Service we celebrated communion together. A moment in the crazy chaos of this world to eat and drink in remembrance of the life-giving work and love of Jesus. We pray that our students may drink deeply and know peace and a joy in relationship with Him.

God bless you and your family this Easter. We pray that as a family you will have that moment of quiet together, and that you will be deeply refreshed as you drink deeply of His Unconditional Love for you.

Bronwyn Rappeneker

Sporting Achievement - NSW CIS Football

Well done to Amelia-Grace Elder in Year 6, who has made the NSW CIS Primary Girls Football team. Football is always very strong at CIS level, and this year 90 girls attended the trial, with just 14 selected.

Amelia-Grace will compete at the NSW PSSA titles in June, down at Kiama.

A special mention also to Poppy Whyte, who made it through to the last cut in the selection process.

Mr Robins



Please Pray for our Community:

- as we prepare for Camp Week for our Secondary School students
- as we seek God's leading for the positions for College Chaplain and Business Manager
- as Year 12 prepare for their half yearly exams
- as we prepare our hearts and minds to remember and to celebrate Easter

Upcoming Dates

- 30 March** – Good Friday
- 2 April** – Easter Monday
- 4 April** – Primary Assemblies
- 4 & 5 April** – Secondary CIS Swim Carnival
- 6 April** – New Starters Catch-up
- 9 to 13 April** – Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams Commences
- 9 & 10 April** – Primary Dental Program Visit
- 10 April** – Stage 1 Excursion to Australian Reptile Park
- 11 to 13 April** – Yrs 7 to 11 Camps
- 13 April** – Last day of Term 1
- 25 April** – ANZAC Day March
- 30 April** – First day of Term 2
- 29 & 30 June** – Beauty and the Beast Musical

2018 Term Dates

Term 1	29/1/18 to 13/4/18
Term 2	30/4/18 to 6/7/18
Term 3	30/7/18 to 28/9/18
Term 4	15/10/18 to 6/12/18

ANZAC Day March at Belmont

Wednesday, 25 April 2018

Our College has been invited again to participate in the Belmont Anzac Day March and Service. We would love as many students as possible to attend and represent the College and Christ in our local community.

The students should assemble in the George Street Carpark, Belmont at 9:15am. We will begin at 9:35am, marching south along the Pacific Highway to Cullen Park for the memorial service. A brief service will take place there, followed by morning tea in the park, provided by the College. The morning's events should all be finished by 11:00am at the latest. Please encourage your child(ren) to march and come to support this great national commemorative event. Students should wear full winter uniform.

Winter Uniforms

As we approach the winter season, we would like to encourage you to start preparing winter uniforms for your child(ren) for next term. If you need to purchase uniform items please visit the uniform shop or you can fill in an order form.

The uniform shop is open during school term on the following days:

- Tuesday 8am to 11am & 1pm to 3:30pm
- Thursday 8am to 11am.

Order forms available in the office, uniform shop or Skoolbag App.

To submit an order, please complete and return this form:

- In person to the Uniform Shop on Tuesday and Thursday
- By email to uniform@bcc.nsw.edu.au

Primary School orders will be delivered to your child at school. Older children are asked to call in and pick up garments at recess or lunch during uniform opening hours.

Vanuatu Collection – Success!

A big THANK YOU goes to all who contributed to the collection of milk powder vegetables and the provision of and servicing of the retired ride on mower.

Thanks to those who embraced the challenge with their classes.

We have achieved the target of 200kg of milk powder and 500+ cans of vegetables. Lifechanger now has enough ingredients to feed the students for the whole year!

Praise the Lord for His goodness, that from our abundance we can give to the needy, as Christ has given us.

Mr Cameron



Primary NSW CIS Swimming

Congratulations to Victoria Robinson, Brodie Roberts, Aidan Rae and Sommer Smith, who competed at the NSW CIS Swimming Carnival last week.

Sommer and Aidan both made it through to finals at the tough meet, and Victoria will go on to swim at NSW PSSA in the multiclass Freestyle and Breaststroke.

Mr Robins

Cricket Mascot Challenge

Over the last four weeks, Preschool, Prep, Kindergarten and Stage 1 have been participating in the Cricket Australia Mascot Challenge.

Students were issued a pink, foam cricket ball and given opportunities in class each day to practise their throwing and catching.

The program culminated this week, with a visit from Sid Sixer (The Sydney 6ers mascot), a 30 minute practice session run by Cricket NSW, and a gift of a Milo drink on the way out.

The students will continue developing these skills during their sport and PE lessons throughout the year.

Mr Robins



Bronze Medal at the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships

Several students from BCC competed in the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships at Blacksmith Beach from 2nd to 4th March. All competitors represented their clubs well.

Congratulations to Aidan Rae (Year 5) and Hamish Rae (Year 3) from Swansea Belmont Club.

Aidan won a bronze medal in the Under 11's Board Relay and Hamish won a bronze medal in the Under 9's Surf Team.

An amazing achievement!



Year 9 Photographic & Digital Media Field Trip

Students from Year 9 Photographic and Digital Media have recently participated in a field trip to Glenrock Lagoon. The beautiful waterfall was the perfect setting for this task. Students were aiming to achieve longer exposures of running water. With correct lighting and manual camera settings, students are able to capture the wispy effect of



running water over rocks. Thanks to a great bunch of students who worked well as a team to climb down into the photography site and carry equipment.

Mrs MacPherson

ICAS Assessment Program

ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. If you wish for your child to participate please register online by 30th April 2018 and make your payment/s at the front office by Credit Card or Cash or over the phone by Credit Card.

Parents can learn more about ICAS by looking up the website www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

If you wish your child to enter please enter details online <https://goo.gl/forms/JNYx2KUuWc8w91dB3>

ICAS Subject	Test Dates	Year Levels	Cost
Science	29 May 2018	Years 2 to 12	\$9.90
Spelling	13 June 2018	Years 2 to 7	\$13.20
Writing	14 June 2018	Years 3 to 12	\$19.80
English	31 July 2018	Years 2 to 12	\$9.90
Mathematics	14 August 2018	Years 2 to 12	\$9.90

2018/19 Entertainment Books are available now!



This year we are raising funds towards our new Community Garden as well as other needed equipment. For every Entertainment Membership we sell \$13 is contributed to the College.

Choose between the popular Entertainment Book with Gold Card and Vouchers, or the Entertainment Digital Membership that puts the Entertainment Book on your smartphone.

Purchase either edition for \$65. The Entertainment Memberships are packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers that you can use through to 1 June 2019.

Pre-order your Entertainment Book today and receive Early Bird Vouchers ready to use straight away, valued at over \$200.

To order your Book or your Digital Membership online visit: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3420x8> or call Sally Melcum at the College office on 4922 8313.

Please tell your family and friends. Thank you for your support.

School Dental Program

We are excited to announce the launch of our own Primary School Dental Program! The Little Big Smiles team will be visiting our College on 9th and 10th April so if you haven't already done so, please return the registration form before the 6th April to ensure you don't miss out!

Does your child catch a school bus? Help them keep it!

Since the introduction of the School Opal card in 2016, school bus patronage data has significantly dropped. This is not reflected in the number of students actually travelling on school buses. For various reasons a large number of students are consistently not using their Opal cards as they should be.

If students don't tap on and off, the school bus services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

Please help us reinforce the message that tapping on and off every bus journey with an Opal card is essential to travel on the bus. This will ensure school services continue to be planned for the students that use it, providing the journey to school your children depend on.

To help us achieve this, please talk with your child and ask them if they tap on and off the bus with their Opal card. If they do, congratulate them for doing the right thing and talk about why it's important.

If they sometimes don't or never do, ask them why.

- Are they confused about why they have to? Talk about why it's important, and that every tap tells the bus planners that the bus is needed.
- Do they forget? Help them find a way to remember.
- Is their Opal card at the bottom of their bag? Help find a handier place to keep it.
- Have they lost their Opal card? To order a new Opal card visit www.opal.com.au

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

You are invited!

Tuesday, 15th May, 7pm

in the College Hall

for a behind the scenes look into

Belmont Christian
College's

Production of



Come and meet the cast and crew and hear the Director's heart for the portrayal of this beautiful story.

Refreshments will be provided by our Hospitality students.

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