

## Message from The Principal – Are You Future Fit?



Welcome to Semester Two. As everyone seems to comment, the year is flying by. Last week, during the Professional Development week, the College hosted a one day conference where Staff were treated to an international speaker and trend forecaster. As Principal, it is my responsibility to ensure that Staff help to equip our students for the future. Our students will enter a world very different to the one their teachers and parents have known and it is vital that our students are future-fit. The Staff discovered the key social and technological trends that will shape the future including artificial intelligence, robotics and automation. Imagine our children never needing to learn how to drive a car, robots performing surgeries and making phone calls, or being able to 3D print buildings and food for example! Staff also looked at the skills and competencies that our students will need in order to be future-fit. It is clear that our educational practices and paradigms must evolve in the coming years.

My job is to equip our students to not only be future-fit in the classroom, but to be future-fit for eternity. We work hard at making sure that we are a Christian community which seeks to nurture and train young people to “grow up into Christ”. My passion is that each student would accept Christ as their Lord before they leave this place and that we would help nurture them so that they discover their God-given abilities to glorify Him. Please pray for us at the College as we equip children not just for their lifetime, but to serve God and enjoy Him forever.

If you would like to know more about being ready and ‘fit’ for eternity, you are welcome to contact me or any other Staff member. You are also welcome to participate in our four week “Starting Point” course that offers a safe place for you to explore your questions about faith.

*Sharon Sopher*

## Coins for Compassion Day

We are very excited to announce the total amount raised on our Coins for Compassion Day. The grand total was \$8011.40! This amount will not only cover the sponsorship of our five Compassion children, but also bless the communities in which they live. Thank you to everyone across the College that contributed big and small. From making enormous class lines of coins in Primary School to throwing wet sponges at teachers, eating fairy floss and much more it was a wonderful community-building day that was immensely enjoyed by all.



## Prayer & Praise Points

- Praise God for His faithfulness to us and for our new families in the College. May they feel welcome, settle quickly and make good friends.
- Gianni Mazzantini, our new Lab Technician and Doug Town, our new Teacher’s Aide for D&T and Visual Arts, as they begin their ministry at BCC.
- Year 12 as they head into their final term of schooling.
- Sharon and the College Board as they continue to seek God’s wisdom and leading for our College.
- Pray for the farmers out West.

## Upcoming Dates

- 14 Aug** – Photo Day for PS & Prep#1
- 15 Aug** – Yr 11 Business Studies to Sydney
- 15 Aug** – PS Assembly
- 16 Aug** – Photo Day for SS & Prep#2
- 17 Aug** – PS CSSA Athletics Carnival
- 20 Aug** – Rocksalt Musical Performance, Stages 2 & 3
- 21 Aug** – PS Water Safety Program
- 22 Aug** – Primary ‘Rise Up’
- 22 Aug** – Showcase
- 24 Aug** – SS CSSA Athletics Carnival
- 24 Aug** – Yr 7 HSIE Excursion
- 27 Aug** – College Tour

## Term Dates

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| 2018   |                     |
| Term 3 | 30/7/18 to 28/9/18  |
| Term 4 | 15/10/18 to 6/12/18 |
| 2019   |                     |
| Term 1 | 29/1/19 to 12/4/19  |
| Term 2 | 29/4/19 to 5/7/19   |
| Term 3 | 29/7/19 to 27/9/19  |
| Term 4 | 14/10/19 to 5/12/19 |

## What drives technology education at BCC?

When we think about the way the world has changed, we tend to marvel at how quickly things have moved forward. It can almost feel overwhelming. We hear terms like STEM, coding, digital disruption and cyberbullying in the media. The new Kindergarten to Year 6 Science and Technology syllabus, published in 2017, uses the word "algorithm" 47 times.

The reality is, though, that the speed of change will only increase. In fact, things will never move this slowly again.

At BCC we want our students to be excited by the possibilities digital technologies create for them. We want them to have the skills and confidence to seize these opportunities and to have the wisdom to understand the bigger picture.

Why? Because technology is about finding new ways to meet human need. As followers of Christ, meeting human need is at the core of what we do. If our students can learn to use technology well, and wisely, it can become a tool they can leverage to further the Kingdom of God.

## School Photos

2018 School Photos will be held next week. Primary and Prep class #1 photos will be taken on 14<sup>th</sup> August and Secondary and Prep class #2 will be taken on 16<sup>th</sup> August.

Your child should have received a school photo envelope. If you would like a family envelope, please collect one from the office. You may return your photo envelope with your payment either to the College office or hand to the photographer on photo day.

## Permission Notes via eForms

For your convenience, and in order to streamline our permission note system, we are introducing Permission Notes via eForms. From Term 3 Parents/Caregivers will receive an email with a link to your child's eForm Permission note to be completed by the Parent/Caregiver online. In future please keep an eye on your email inbox for Permission notes.

## Success at Science & Engineering Challenge



Last Friday a team of Year 9 and 10 students competed in the annual Science and Engineering Challenge at the University of Newcastle Forum. Students competed in groups to complete a wide ranging array of challenges including building a light but sturdy bridge,

connecting a grid to power a city in the most efficient way, communicating via light signals and making the most efficient catapult. We competed well all day and won two of the eight events, with victory coming in ElectraCITY and the Turbine Challenge. We also placed an admirable second in the Bridge competition behind eventual winners of the day All Saints College, St Peters.

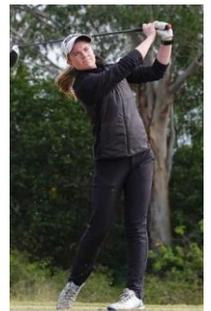
Students worked hard throughout the day to put a wide range of skills they have learned in Science and Mathematics to practical use and all enjoyed a great day of friendly competition and thought provoking challenges.

We look forward to competing again next year and improving on our third place finish.

*Mr Rod Campbell*

## Sporting Achievements

During July, **Makensie Toole** (Year 12) and **Kiana Toole** (Year 10) represented CIS NSW at the Combined High Schools All Schools Golf Tournament. Congratulations to both girls on wonderful achievement.



At the conclusion of the tournament the NSW all Schools Girls Golf Team was announced and Makensie was selected as one of the six team members. Congratulations Makensie!

Congratulations to **Jett Cox** (Year 9) for outstanding representation of NSW CIS in the Under 15 Rugby League Team.



Congratulations to **Tyler Ford** (Year 7) for outstanding sports presentation.

During the recent holidays, Tyler represented Hunter Region in the U13s AFL team at the Northern NSW Carnival in Coffs Harbour.

They finished second, behind Norther Rivers (AFLQ) and Tyler was awarded Fairest and Best player for the Under 13s Division.



## Welcome to our new Staff

At the end of last term we said goodbye to our dynamic duo, Shane and Di Davis and we are excited to welcome onto staff our new Lab Technician, Gianni Mazzantini and our new Teacher's Aide for D&T and Visual Arts, Doug Town.



**Gianni Mazzantini** comes to us as an electrician and has a Cert 4 in Electrical Fitter/Mechanic and a Cert 3 in Micro Business Operations and was previously working as a sales technician at Solar Power Australia for the last 8 years.

Gianni and his wife Michelle attend Macquarie Hills Christian Fellowship and have done so for over 23 years. Their three sons have all attended BCC.

Gianni is interested in cycling, horticulture (bonsai, Landcare and gardening in general), Lego, electronics and tinkering in the garage.



**Doug Town** is a Horticulturist by trade, having a horticultural business for 8 years (working in the trade for some 12 years prior). Along with his wife and children, 13 years ago their lives took a huge change in direction and went to Bible College, then to the other side of the world to live in South Eastern Europe for close to 9 years. They have been back in Australia now for just over a year. During this time he has worked casually in labouring, garden and maintenance, cleaning, and with a Shipwright;

intentionally hoping that he might eventually find permanent work either at a school or in aged care. He is thankful and excited to have joined the team at BCC.

Doug and his family attends Grace Evangelical Church Newcastle.

Doug loves spending time with his family and friends, playing games, bush-walking, swimming, watching movies, and just hanging out together. He really enjoys meeting people from all backgrounds and cultures and, if possible sitting down over a hot drink or meal, sharing stories. He loves gardening when he has the time and being outdoors, enjoying God and His creation.

Both men have a real heart for the vision of our College and we gladly welcome them to our team.



**SHOWCASE**

HSC SHOWCASE

Date: Wed, 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Time: Major works on display from 6pm in Library with performances to follow in College Hall

Cost: \$5pp or \$20/family – tickets available from College office.

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## "Shark Tank" Expo

On Tuesday of the last week of Term 2, Year 11 Business Studies students participated in our annual "Shark Tank" expo. The day was a tremendous success, as our students were able to demonstrate their creativity and entrepreneurial flair. Students exhibited their small business plan ideas in the College Library, before "pitching" it to a group of local business owners (Sharks) in the College Boardroom. Congratulations to Zoe Vince who won the Shark Tank pitch and Tim Taylor who won the People's Choice vote for best exhibit.

*Mr Ross Urane*



## Uniform Shop Information

Belmont Christian College has formed a partnership with Alinta Apparel to supply School Uniforms to all students.

The Shop Hours are:

- **Tuesday 1:00pm to 3:30pm and**
- **Thursday 8:00am to 11:00am**

You can contact the shop on 0403587385, [belmontchristian@alinta.com.au](mailto:belmontchristian@alinta.com.au) to make a fitting appointment, review prices or place an order online. Please create an account at [www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au)

## School Dental Program for Secondary Students

Little Big Smiles will be offering this service to our Secondary students later in Term 3.

We have not been given a date yet, however, if you are interested in sending your child to the clinic please see the letter, which will be sent home early next week with your child.

# Enrol Now

## to secure your child's place in 2019!

Do you know of families that may be considering enrolling their child at BCC?



Please invite them to our

## BCC College Tour

Monday 27th August

9:15am - 11:15am

Come along and see the whole College in action.

Meet Heads of School and enjoy a coffee or hot chocolate provided by our Hospitality students.



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