

7 September 2018

Term 3 – Week 6

Message from the Head of Primary



Primary Stage Classes are currently in the first year of a two-year phase. Already throughout this first year, it has been intriguing to discover some of the hidden talents and passions that are emerging from some of our children as they immerse themselves in their learning. The Stage Class structure is designed to allow extension and enrichment opportunities for students and is an ideal way to allow children to move ahead and shine in areas in which God has gifted them. This is an encouragement for not only the children themselves, but for teachers and parents as we travel this road of discovery! We will continue to make positive decisions to best suit the educational, social, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of the students into the next exciting phase.

It is our intention to keep ahead of 21st Century education. This means keeping teachers upskilled and on the 'front foot' of education, which involves ongoing professional development and training. In doing this, it brings wonderful advantages in terms of the education of our students, as well as the quality and standard of teacher education and training at the College.

Further, technology continues to advance at an exponential rate and we will embrace the changes that this brings with it. An awareness and education of the wonderful benefits as well as the pitfalls and dangers, which cannot be ignored, will be addressed. This is an exciting time in education and we look forward to continuing to move forward to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our students at Belmont Christian College.

Leoni McNeill

Gold Medals at the NSW & National Intermediate Boys Epee Championships

Three weeks ago, Colby Robins, representing Belmont Christian College, won the NSW Schools Intermediate (Yrs 7-9) Epee Championships.

This helped him to qualify for Schools Nationals, where he again won Gold the following week, becoming the Australian Intermediate Boys Epee Champion.

Colby also received his 2nd Australian Sports Commission grant from Federal Member Pat Conroy last week, and he will spend four days at a high performers camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, at the end of September.

Well done, Colby!



Prayer & Praise Points

- Our Principal, Sharon Sopher, for complete healing and restoration for her finger injury
- The College Board as they prayerfully seek to shape the way forward for BCC
- Our Year 12 students as they finalise their HSC Trial Exams and look towards their last few weeks at school
- The farming community - and for the rain they so desperately need
- Giving thanks for all those who attended the College Tour last week
- We are grateful for the wonderful BCC Golf Day - for the weather and for funds raised for New Light

Upcoming Dates

- 10 to 14 Sept** – Book Week
- 10 Sept** – SS Zone Netball Gala
- 14 Sept** – Stage 3 Candle Making Incursion
- 15 Sept** – 'Hinterland' by Matt Cameron - Drama Production
- 18 & 20 Sept** – Prep to Reptile Park Excursion
- 19 Sept** – PS Fundraiser AK18
- 19 Sept** – Spotlight
- 20 Sept** – Yr 11 Exams Commences
- 20 Sept** – PS Zone Basketball Gala
- 21 Sept** – Hunter All Schools Touch Gala

Term Dates

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

BCC Insulated Lunch Bags

Insulated lunch bags are now on sale at the College office - \$10 each.



Uniform Change-over Period

As we enter Spring, the last two weeks of term are a change-over period from Winter to Summer uniform across the College. Students may choose to wear either their Winter or Summer uniform from Monday 16 September. However, it must be one or the other and not a combination of both.

Green Space

As a society, largely we don't have much awareness when it comes to single use lunch waste. Which is why we are promoting 'Low Waste Lunch'.

What is Low Waste Lunch?

Low waste lunches contain only items that can be eaten, composted, recycled or reused. To pack a low waste lunch there are three simple things to remember:

1. Pack food in a reusable container
2. Use refillable drink bottles
3. If packaging is essential, choose types that are reusable, recyclable or compostable

Low waste lunches are often cheaper and healthier, and will encourage parents and students to think about what goes into their lunch boxes, which will help to reduce garbage costs, school littering and its impact on the environment.

Alex Cameron

Common Grounds Coordinator

Belmont Christian College has



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Secondary School Athletics

Over the past month, students have represented the College in athletics at the THACCCSA Zone and CSSA NSW Athletics Carnival. All students should be congratulated on their participation and performance, in both carnivals.

THACCCSA Zone Outstanding Results

Age Champions

- 14 Years Boys - BJ Butt
- 18 Years Boys - Theo Sharp

The following students placed 1st or 2nd in one or more events and went on to represent the Zone at the CSSA NSW State Carnival.

Abby Bolte, BJ Butt, Isaac Carroll, Noah Edwards, Georgie-Annah Elder, Tyler Ford, Daisyanne Linnane, Toby Maddison, Imogen May, Colby Robins, Theo Sharp, Isaac Smith, Kiana Toole, Clare Weimer, Alyssa Wilson.

CSSA State Athletics Outstanding Results

- Theo Sharp – 2nd 18 Boys Age Champion, 1st Long Jump, 2nd Javelin, 3rd 200m
- BJ Butt – 3rd 14 Yrs 100m
- Tyler Ford – 1st 13 Yrs Boys Javelin
- Daisyanne Linnane – 1st 15 Years Girls High Jump
- Toby Maddison – 1st 1500m 13 Boys and now Record holder
- Isaac Smith – 3rd 16 Boys 1500m

All these students have qualified to represent CSSA NSW at the up and coming CIS NSW Athletics Championships.

Mark Hall

Secondary Sports Coordinator

Zone AFL Champions League



The two Grand Final teams from our Primary AFL competition in Term 2 represented the College in Zone AFL Champions League day on Wednesday. This competition places our Grand Final teams against the two Grand Final teams from other schools who run a similar type of competition in their schools.

The competition is mixed gender and encompasses students from Year 3 through to Year 6 in the same team. It is not merely teams where the best students are chosen and gives opportunities for students who would be representing their schools in sport for the first time.

The day itself ran really well, with perfect weather, and enough space to be clear of the new parent plovers on the oval.

The Grand Final winning Cubs and their old nemesis, the Ravens, represented our College, and this time it would be the Ravens' turn to finish on the winning side. The Cubs played well, and went on to finish 4th overall. The Ravens were undefeated all day, and defeated the Wyong Suns in the Grand Final to claim the champions' title for 2018.

A big thank you to Mr Lachlan Bell who assisted by coaching the Ravens for the day.

Ben Robins

Primary Sports Coordinator

'Hinterland' by Matt Cameron – Drama Production

Our Year 11 students have been rehearsing their production of 'Hinterland' by Matt Cameron. It's going to be a great show! Come along for a fun night out.

Date: 15th September 2018

Time: 7pm

Where: Belmont Christian College Theatre

Cost: Donation at the door



Audience recommendation, 15 years and older.

Charity Golf Day

Belmont Christian College would like to thank all those who came out and supported the Charity Golf day. We would also like to say a huge thank you to our sponsors and contributors.

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Congratulations Fletcher

Fletcher Morris (Year 3) has auditioned for a role in Young Peoples' Theatre's next production 'Sleeping Beauty'. He has been given the role of 'Young Prince Phillip'. This will be his first theatre production and he is absolutely thrilled! He will be rehearsing up to three times a week with the cast getting ready for the show to start in November.

Well done, Fletcher!



Student Achievements

We love celebrating the achievements of our students, both within and outside College life. If your child has a notable achievement as part of a club/hobby, we would love to acknowledge it in our newsletter. Information can be emailed to college@bcc.nsw.edu.au

Uniform Shop Information

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

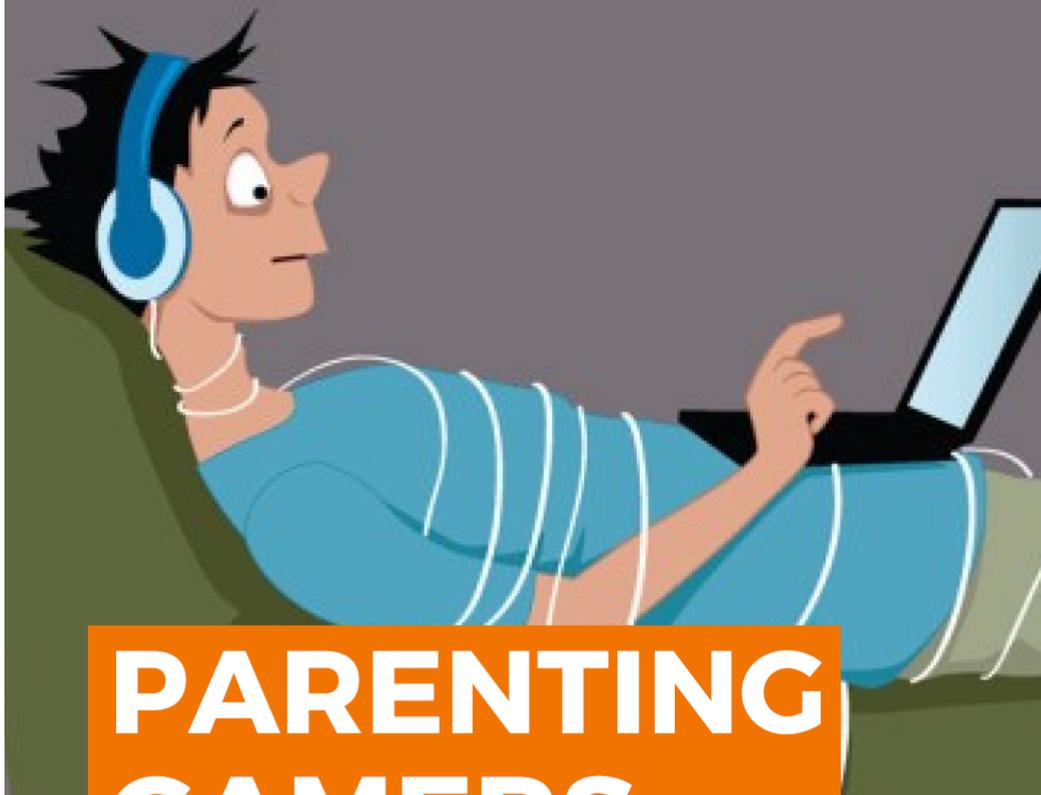
The Shop Hours are:

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

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



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TUES

**25TH SEPT
@7PM**

**HEAR FROM
PSYCHOLOGIST AND
LOCAL POLICE
LIAISON OFFICER
ABOUT WAYS
TO NAVIGATE
GAMING WITH YOUR
CHILD**

PARENTING GAMERS

- **GAMING IS HERE TO STAY, AND IT'S A VERY BIG BUSINESS. REVENUE FROM DIGITAL GAMES WORLDWIDE IS FORECAST TO REACH AROUND \$125 BILLION IN 2018.**
- **GAMES ARE DESIGNED TO ELICIT SPECIFIC BEHAVIOURS AND TO REWARD PLAYERS WHO DISPLAY THESE BEHAVIOURS.**
- **AROUND 15% OF ADOLESCENTS SHOW SIGNS OF GAME ADDICTION AND IT'S SAD THAT CHILDREN ARE MISSING OUT ON ALL THE RELATIONSHIPS AND REWARDS THAT LIFE HAS TO OFFER, PERMANENTLY COMPROMISING THEIR NEURAL DEVELOPMENT AND GETTING ONLY SHORT TERM, ARTIFICIAL GRATIFICATION IN RETURN.**
- **ON 60 MINUTES RECENTLY, A GAME ADDICTED TEEN SAID "I FEEL LIKE I MISS THE OLD ME" AND ADMITTED HE WISHED HIS PARENTS WOULD TAKE CONTROL OF HIS DIGITAL DEVICES.**
- **IT'S SUCH AN IMPORTANT JOB TO BALANCE OUR CHILDREN'S NEED FOR FUN AND ADVENTURE WITH OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THEM.**
- **AS PARENTS WE NEED TO BE INVOLVED IN OUR CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIVES, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE WISE DECISIONS ON THEIR BEHALF AND HELP THEM DEVELOP THE SKILLS AND WISDOM THEY NEED TO MANAGE THE WAY THEY INTERACT WITH TECHNOLOGY.**

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