

## Message from the Director of Teaching and Learning



"If we succeed in giving the love of learning, the learning itself is sure to follow". John Lubbock

What a challenging thought! How often do we get caught up in the content we want to be learned and forget about the nature of learning itself? What an amazing process it is to learn. What an amazing gift God has given us to go from not knowing something to knowing it, from not being able to do something to being able to do it competently. It's such a wonderful experience to witness a Kindergarten child go from not recognising words to being able to read. The joy they feel is tangible and the desire to learn new things at that age is irrepressible.

As teachers this is a constant challenge, and I imagine it is as parents as well. We don't just want them to be able to know and do 'stuff'. Rather, our deep desire is to see children grow and develop in such a way that they are always seeking to learn new things, to understand the world around them and their place in it. We want them to love exploring new concepts and deepening their understanding of themselves and their God-given gifts and talents.

We want them to be like the Psalmist who says "Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long." (Psalm 119:97 NIV). The love he has for God and His word leads to continual thinking about God's word, not the other way around. The learning and growth happens because of the love.

My prayer is that, as a College, we will continue to seek opportunities to foster a 'love of learning' in our students, that we might send them out from here ready to continue exploring and understanding the world around them so they can influence and impact it for kingdom purposes.

*Melanie Melcum*

## Onstage Nomination

Congratulations to Sophia Laurie for her Onstage nomination. Onstage is where exemplary individual performances by 2018 HSC Drama students have the opportunity to perform to New South Wales schools at the Seymour Centre in Sydney during January 2019. This is an incredible honour and well deserved for Sophia's Physical Theatre monologue entitled 'Frank'.



## Selected to attend National Youth Science Forum



Jacob Hale has been selected to represent the College in January at the National Youth Science Forum. Sponsored by the Belmont Rotary Club, Jacob will join around 400 like-minded Year 12 Science students from around the country, as they experience life on campus at the Australian National University, with some world class scientists and their research facilities.

## Praise Points:

- Our Creative Arts 'Spotlight' evening was testimony to the God-given creative gifts of our students. It was a wonderful celebration of community, of creativity and of the way our Heavenly Father imbues our lives with purpose and a sense of wonder.
- Our Year 12 students led Praise and Worship in Chapel this week - their final Chapel Service with us. The energy was high and the sense of fun and the importance of embracing the moment was tangible. We praise God for the blessing our Year 12's have been to our community and we wait in anticipation of all that God will continue to do in them and through them in the future.

## Prayer Points:

- Please pray for our Year 12 students as they journey with us towards their last day at school and then as they prepare for their HSC exams.
- Please continue to pray for healing for Sharon, complete restoration of her injured finger.
- Please pray for our Year 11 students as they undertake their exams.

## Upcoming Dates

- 24 Sept** – Yr 12 Servant Auction
- 25 Sept** – SS CIS Athletics Carnival
- 25 Sept** – Yr 12 v Staff Soccer Match
- 25 Sept** – Parenting Gamers Info Night
- 26 Sept** – Yr 12 Servant Day
- 26 & 27 Sept** – Stage 2 Camp Toukley
- 27 Sept** – Yr 12 Farewell Assembly
- 28 Sept** – Yr 12 Day Out
- 28 Sept** – Yr 8 Geography Incursion
- 28 Sept** – Last day of Term 3
- 15 Oct** – First day of Term 4
- 18 Oct** – HSC Exams begin
- 18 Oct** – Instrument Trial

## 'Hinterland' Drama Production

Congratulations to the Year 11 Drama students for their outstanding and successful production of Hinterland by Australian playwright, Matt Cameron. Students not only performed in this production, but they were also responsible for the lighting, sound, costume and promotional design. For the term, students operated as a production company, learning what it takes to produce a show. They were invited to participate and lead production companies, including an excursion to a theatre in Newcastle, to discuss hiring venues. Students worked together to produce and problem solve. They were required to meet with Mrs Naomi Stewart, as the director, to ensure their designs worked together as a cohesive product. Two Year 9 students, Peter Hyslop and Tom Rowland stepped in last minute to operate sound and lighting under the direction of Mr Okke Klaassen. Saturday night was a credit to our students here at BCC. They are resilient, talented and committed. Well done Liliana Haines, Toby Drage, Sam Edwards and Samantha Abel.

## Entertainment Book Fundraiser



Thank you parents and carers for supporting our Entertainment Book Fundraiser again this year. We sold over 205 books. This is our best sales record so far! We were able to raise \$2,640 dollars to go towards our new Community Garden.

## Prefect Team for 2018-19



It is my pleasure to announce the new Prefect team for 2018-19. They are:

Year 10 - Kye Horton, Regan Swaine, Will O'Toole, Katie Prior and Lauren Irvine  
Year 11 - Hannah-Kate Proctor, Jasmine Brown, Samantha Abel, Eliza Davies, Tim Taylor, Elijah Troyer, Sam Edwards, Ben Rogers, Isaac Watts and Lewis Brown.

The incoming prefect team was inducted last Thursday where they took their pledge in front of their families and College community, to serve the Lord faithfully and formally accept the role of Prefect. Each Prefect is a Christian who acknowledges the Lordship of Christ in their life and demonstrates their faith through their lifestyle. They undertake, amongst other things, to set a good example and to use their gifts to minister to the student body and encourage others.

Michael Kalokerinos a past student and School Captain in 2016 shared a wonderful message and challenged the incoming team to lead like Christ. He encouraged them that kingdom leadership is not about charisma, how popular you are or how well you can present but that the most important key to kingdom leadership is their character and desire to seek Him in all they do.

Please keep them in your prayers as they seek to follow the example of Christ in servant-hearted leadership and glorify Him, here at Belmont Christian College.

## Spotlight

On Wednesday night, Belmont Christian College's Year 9-11 Visual Art, Drama, Music, Photography and TAS students exhibited and performed their best work from 2018. It was a fantastic night full of fun and quality performances and exhibited pieces. Thanks to all the teachers and staff who made this event possible- we are blessed to have such great teachers at our College.



## Primary Oztag Competition

Recently, Belmont sent a team down to Western Sydney for the NSW CSSA Mixed Oztag competition. Sporting their new Oztag shorts, the team had a great day in the 15-team competition, particularly when the games were played at times in heavy rain.

The team went into their final game needing to win to make the semi-finals, but went down 5-3. They finished with 3 wins, 3 losses and a draw, but came home with lots of stories and big smiles.

Well done team (and Mr Hallett) on braving the elements and playing so well.



## AK18's Term 3 Fundraiser... Find Kind!

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Primary School students helped AK18 raise \$1100. Students in Primary School helped decide on where we would spend the money raised. The 11 kind ideas we picked are listed below...

1. Grace Haub (S3K) – Baskets of goodies for the local police, fire and ambulance stations to thank them for all the work that they do.
2. Holly Prior (S3D) – The McGrath Foundation to help cure diseases.
3. Mackenzie Keast (S1A) – Newcastle Night Angels who deliver food and blankets to homeless people in our area.
4. Olivia Blowes (S2A) – Grandpa who owns a farm in Yeoval and is in drought. He will use it to feed his sheep. It would be nice to see him smile again.
5. Michellie Robins (S3C) – For a lady at her church who lost everything in a house fire and is also fighting cancer.
6. Ava Haub (S3B) – Save the Children Foundation – to provide 10 months of food, water and medicine.
7. Ariel Sharp (S3C) – Camp Quality – because they help Victoria!
8. Zali Johnson (S3C) – Taree Men's Shed – so her grandpa can work with the other men to make things for the community.
9. Isobel Lunnon (S3D) – Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia – to help people like her pop who has recently been diagnosed.
10. Natalie Benn (S3K) – Supporting her fundraising effort for cancer research.
11. Daniel Rensen (S2A) - Giving it to his next door neighbour who is struggling, he wants to show her God's love!



## The Uniform Shop

Students who require new uniforms for 2019 are required to visit the Uniform Shop in the October School Holidays for a fitting appointment. **Fittings are by appointment only.**

The Uniform Shop will open on the following dates:

**Tuesday 2 October, 8am – 2pm**  
**Wednesday 3 October, 8am – 2pm**  
**Monday 8 October, 8am – 2pm**

To book an appointment please send an email to [belmontchristian@alinta.com.au](mailto:belmontchristian@alinta.com.au) with your preferred day and time. Alternatively, please create an account online and select a suitable time.

P: 0403 587 385

W: [www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au)

## Office closed during the Holidays

The College office will be closed during the school holidays and will reopen on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018. For urgent enquiries during the holiday period, please email [college@bcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:college@bcc.nsw.edu.au)

## Immunisations

Dose 2 of HPV Immunisations for Year 7 and any Years 10 and 11 students that missed the Meningococcal Immunisation earlier in the year, will be held on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. If you have not already returned a consent form to the office please do so prior to the day.

## 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



## BELMONT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

• ALL WELCOME •

65 John Fisher Road, Belmont North  
Thursday mornings 10am - 12pm

BEGINNING  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
During School Terms

CONTACT US  
Belmont Christian College: 02 4922 8300  
Or Mel: 0439 654 444  
65 John Fisher Road, BELMONT NORTH

Come and enjoy a fun, safe space where your child can play and socialise with others, where you can spend quality time with your child while connecting with other parents / caregivers forming new and supportive friendships.

The program is lightly structured with indoor play, group time, morning tea and outdoor play. For children 0 – 5 years.

The session is supported by a qualified Early Childhood Educator and the venue is a purpose built facility.