



19 October 2018

Term 4 – Week 1

Message from the head of Student Services and Wellbeing



Recently, as I was walking across the playground, one of our Year 12 students approached me and told me that I had been on her heart and asked if she could pray for me. Right there and then we stopped and she prayed for me and for my family. For a moment it felt like we were not in the middle of a busy playground, but rather standing in a quiet place where the words spoken carried a sense of hope and love and where the presence of God felt more intimate and personal. Yesterday I heard of one of our young Primary students who had her head shaved to raise money for cancer research, a selfless act that isn't over in a minute or two, but one that has implications for months as a young girl is reminded, each day, of the price others pay on their journey through treatment. On playground duty recently I witnessed a young student who was sitting alone, teary and sad. Within a few moments of sitting with her we were joined by other students, some younger, one older, seeing if they could help too. One younger student said, 'When I feel like no one likes me my dad says to me, 'You're bigger than that...'and it helps', as she stood close by with her arm around the girl's shoulder. Little glimpses into some of what happens in our precious school community. There are still struggles, and times when we miss meeting a need, but when we do reach out, and when children minister to each other, it is a moment of joy.

Bronwyn Rappenecker

Australasian Musical Theatre Celebration



Congratulations again to our musical students who performed *Beauty and the Beast* in June and who were invited to perform at this year's Australasian Musical Theatre Celebration at the Civic Theatre next weekend.

Cast members have continued to meet once a week with Mrs Stewart to learn a new, 10 minute adaptation of the Disney classic which they will present to American Disney representatives.

Students continue to display their commitment, endurance, focus, team work and excellence in performance skills. They

will have the opportunity to work alongside and receive feedback from Australian Theatre Celebrities including John Foreman and Lucy Durack.

You can support our students by praying for strength, good health, unity and confidence as they perform on 26th October. Students will also be selling boxes of chocolates to finish off the fundraising to cover costs.

Well done BCC musical students. Your hard work continues to pay off. We know you will represent our College well.

Prayer & Praise Points

- Our Year 12 students start their HSC Exams this week. Please cover them in prayer throughout the coming weeks - for good health, sound sleep, the ability to stay focused and for them to experience God's Peace as they trust in Him.
- One of our dear parents have passed away. Please pray for the family during this time.
- Praise God for the beauty of the school grounds and our wonderful vegetable gardens as we move into Spring. We are holding our breath until the first buds appear on the crepe myrtle trees...that pop of pink will be something special for all of us.
- Please uphold Sharon and the Board in prayer as they seek God's Leading for the future.

Upcoming Dates

- 22 Oct** – Choral Workshop
- 22 Oct** – Stage 3 Cupcake Stall for Farmers
- 23 Oct** – SS Zone Touch Football Gala Day
- 24 Oct** – Live! @ The Colliery
- 24 Oct** – PS Assembly
- 25 Oct** – CSSA Triathlon/Biathlon
- 25 Oct** – Yr 10 Sydney Museum
- 26 Oct** – Yr 7 Vaccinations & catch up for Yrs 11 & 12 if required
- 29 Oct** – Stage 3 Incursion – Maths Enrichment
- 30 Oct** – Yr 6 into 7 Information Night
- 31 Oct** – Rugby + AFL Girls/Boys
- 31 Oct** – PS 'Rise Up'
- 1 Nov** – Yr 10 Exams commences
- 2 Nov** – PS Milo Cricket Stage 2
- 3 Dec** - Presentation Night

Changes to Years 7 & 8 Technology in 2019

Exciting new changes to the NSW Technology Mandatory curriculum will be starting at BCC from 2019 for Year 7 and 8 students. The new syllabus addresses important current technologies and general capabilities as students prepare to live and work successfully in the 21st century. The new course has a stronger emphasis on developing computational thinking and provides opportunities for relevant technological application.

There are four new and exciting context areas that will be studied in stage 4.

In **Agriculture and Food Technologies**, students learn about food and fibre production and how to make informed choices when preparing nutritious food. Students will also work with the laser cutter and 3D printing to design and make innovative cooking utensils.

In **Digital Technologies**, students learn about data and computer programming. This will include learning a programming language to program a fun and interactive Micro Bit.

In **Engineered Systems**, students learn how force, motion and energy can be used in systems, machines and structures. Students will utilise the latest in educational robotics to solve problems in creative ways.

In **Material Technologies**, students learn about the application of specialist skills and techniques to a broad range of traditional, contemporary and advancing materials including the possible application of incorporating electronics to those materials.

BCC Community Garden

We would love more parents and grandparents to be involved in our community garden.

If you are available, please phone Wendy Abel (0438 461 949)

Thank you

NSW CIS Athletics

Three students from Belmont represented their College, Zone and NSW CSSA at the NSW CIS Athletics Carnival. Appin Paterson finished 18th in the 8yr Boys 100m, Amos Maddison through a 1m Personal Best in 11yr Shot Put to finish with a bronze medal and Victoria Robinson added two Silver medals (Multi 100m, Discus) and a Bronze (Long Jump) to her collection, along with 4th places in 200m and Shot Put.

Amos and Victoria will go on to compete at the NSW PSSA Championships at the end of October. Well done athletes!

Stage 2 Camp Toukley



On Wednesday 26th October, Stage 2 departed for our Camp Toukley excursion. Lots of fun was had at the many interesting and exciting activities. Abseiling, Flying Fox, Bush Cooking, Quad bikes, Crate Climb, and Archery were just some of the activities on offer. A wonderful time was had by all!

Year 7 D&T Developing a Livable Home

In Design and Technology, Year 7 students have designed and constructed models of environmentally friendly housing. The design brief centres around developing a livable home for two people from the structure created by two disused shipping containers. Students use software to design the floor plan of their houses and then construct models to demonstrate their plan in three dimensions.

While this is a challenging technical task, it also allows students to demonstrate creative ways to solve problems by restricting the space provided.



Congratulations Gabrielle Karbowiak

Congratulations to Gabrielle Karbowiak who has received news of a successful audition to Excelsia College in Sydney, which has resulted in her early entry for a Bachelor of Drama in Theatre Practice and Performance. Gabi was required to attend a competitive audition in Sydney at the end of Term 3 and perform two contrasting monologues and participate in an interview. Well done Gabi, for all your hard work. We have no doubt God will continue to guide you as you continue to follow your passion of performing.



Primary Zone Basketball

Our four Primary Basketball teams played in the Zone competition at Broadmeadow at the end of Term 3.

Although we had a very high number of students trial for these teams, this day was always going to be a tough competition, with Belmont not having one single player who currently plays basketball competitively outside of school.



The teams had an exceptional start to the day with the Junior Boys, Junior Girls and Senior Boys all making it through to the semi-finals undefeated. The Senior Girls also qualified for the semi's, only dropping one game along the way.

However, four semi-final places became zero final spots with all four teams missing out. The Junior Boys and Junior Girls both lost by two points (the girls in extra time), and the Senior girls lost by just four points. The Senior Boys were well-beaten by a strong Maitland side. It was a great effort for all four teams, with little experience, to have a successful day by making it to the final four.

A big thank you to our parent helpers on the day, and Year 7 helpers Emma Cashion and Rozlyn Kloos who did an amazing job with coaching our Junior sides.



Gaming & Cyber Safety

At our gaming and cyber safety information night, we were joined by Police Liaison Office Vanessa Ell and clinical psychologist Asher Morrison. Some important issues were addressed including the problem of game addiction and the management of digital technology in the home. Asher pointed out that the online environment is the new playground. Today's children and teenagers often learn to manage risk, socialise with each other, and experience achievement in a digital setting, rather than in real life. We learned about the need to supervise, set limits and train children to use technology wisely. Asher also spoke about setting limits on gaming use with older children and made some recommendations around managing a gaming "detox" period.

If you would like to monitor internet access at home, Disney Circle is a useful device, as is Parent Power <https://www.parentpower.com.au> and Qustodio <https://www.qustodio.com/en/>

Some useful websites if you would like to learn more about cyber safety are <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/> and <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Andrew and Kathryn Kable on the safe arrival of their baby girl, Ella. She was born 10th October, weighing 3.21kg.

May God bless this new little life and family.



LIVE! @ THE COLLIERY

Come and hear the talented musicians in our College, including Concert Band, String Ensemble, Stage 2 and 3 Choirs, Solo performances and a visiting choir from Maitland Christian School.

A canteen will be selling goodies - cash only please.

WHEN

Wednesday, 24th October
(Week 2)
5pm - 7pm

WHERE

College Hall
Belmont Christian College

COST

Gold Coin
Donation



BELMONT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

• ALL WELCOME •

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

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.

For more information, please contact
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