

30 November 2018

Term 4 – Week 7

## Message from Principal, Ms Sharon Sopher



As the year draws to a close, I look forward to Presentation Night as it's a superb event that reflects upon and celebrates our 2018 school year. I am thrilled that the night celebrates our achievements and expresses our gratitude to God for everything we do at the College. The awards, presentations and performances represent much of what makes the College such a wonderful place to be. However, I would add that it is this shared sense of excitement and enthusiasm for all that we do, each and every day that is more important than any one award. The College is known

for having a strong and inclusive community – this is one of our greatest strengths and it does not happen by accident. Every individual contributes to our success as a collaborative school. I thank each and every one of you for that. What we do at the College every day, is to prepare our students, to be world-changers for the glory of God and we do that by making sure our students are future fit.

The College has had many significant opportunities for students and staff from Preschool right through to Year 12 that enable our students to be future fit. As a College, we've been busy. Thankyou to our wonderful students for willingly participating in our events that have allowed them to stretch and grow and have displayed their considerable talents.

I thank the Year 12 cohort and the student leadership team for influencing the College in positive and meaningful ways. I express my deep gratitude to our Board of Governors and Building Committee for volunteering their considerable expertise. I am extremely grateful to the whole staff who are deeply invested in "training and nurturing young people to grow up into Christ." To all parents and caregivers, I thank you for your passionate support of our College and for giving us the opportunity to work in partnership with you.

Each year we say goodbye to valuable staff members and I would like to thank Mr Cody Bros, Mr Jacob Ludwig, Mrs Carly Brown, Mrs Liz Reid, Mr Matthew Johnson and Mr Ross Bowerman for their faithfulness to Kingdom Education. May God bless and establish His paths for each one.

The true joy of **Christmas** is the love of **Christ**, shared with family and friends. May you find His peace, love and joy in the coming New Year."

PS.... It's finally here! We have been working on a new website and I'm so pleased to be able to share it with you. It's fresh, contemporary and captures our heart beautifully. I'm thrilled with the "flavour" and tone of the whole site as I think it most importantly portrays our Christian distinctive. It demonstrates that we are in the business of transforming lives. We do indeed have a story worth telling! Visit [www.bcc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.bcc.nsw.edu.au)

## Prayer & Praise Points

As we near the end of our final term for 2018 we want to thank you for praying for our precious community. Our God is faithful and loving and we are humbled by His provision for us and for the students we have the privilege of teaching. We would ask you to pray for:

- Our Year 12 students as they step out into their lives post HSC and anticipate receiving results, that they will know God's leading, provision and wisdom in their decision making. We had a wonderful time celebrating with them at their formal.
- Our staff and students in Vanuatu, that they will be safe and have many opportunities to demonstrate the love of Jesus to those they meet. Praise God for our flourishing Common Grounds Community Garden that is testimony to our students of the wonder of creation and of God's provision.
- Presentation Night, that it will be a wonderful time of community connection and celebration.
- Families in our community who are grieving and for those who are sick, that they might know God's tender mercy and love.
- Our school families as they head away on holidays, for safety and blessing over the Christmas Season.

## Upcoming Dates

- 3 Dec** – Presentation Night
- 5 Dec** – Secondary Reports distributed
- 6 Dec** – Primary Assembly - Year 6 Graduation, 2019 Leader Induction
- 6 Dec** – Students Last Day
- 29 Jan** – Year 1 – 8, 11 & 12 return
- 30 Jan** – Kinder, 9 & 10 return
- 5 Feb** – Secondary Swimming Carnival
- 7 Feb** – Primary Swimming Carnival

## Bronze at National Athletics

Victoria Robinson has won Bronze at the National Athletics Championships in Melbourne! After finishing with Bronze at NSW PSSA a few weeks ago, Victoria continued her good form, throwing just under her personal best to claim 3rd place in the 11yr Girls Multiclass Discus. Victoria also ran with the NSW/ACT relay team, finishing sixth in the 4x100m relay.

We are so proud of your achievements, Victoria. Congratulations!



## Business Awards Winners

A huge congratulations to our Year 12 Business Studies students who won the \$3,000 first prize in the "Class/Group" category at the Hunter Young Business Mind Awards. Their concept, the "Food Guardian" app, enables people to keep track of their everyday grocery purchases, plan meals and help reduce waste disposal. To view their video submissions for the competition, click on this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/10soNunuPxhBUu1kOc3S0rzRiUrcomfZ/view>.

A second congratulations to Zoe Vince who won the \$1,000 first prize in the "Creative Industries" category. Her idea, "Cupforme" came out of the Shark Tank pitch she produced earlier this year. "Cupforme" helps people save time by pre-ordering hot beverages from cafes while also reducing the amount of disposable coffee cups that end up in landfill. To view Zoe's submission, click on this link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oep1ymuyLNHO1BzoABbM\\_mvPHQOQBxUG/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oep1ymuyLNHO1BzoABbM_mvPHQOQBxUG/view?usp=sharing).



## Prep Graduation

The Prep and Preschool children sang their hearts out last night as they performed for all the people they love. Our Prep children heading off to Kindergarten received graduation certificates during a special ceremony. The fun continued with a sausage sizzle, presents and ice creams.



## Year 6 Graduation

Last Thursday Year 6 celebrated their final year of Primary School at a wonderful dinner. The night commenced with delectable canapes, followed by a scrumptious main course prepared by Secondary Hospitality students, then a special cake with every child's photo embossed with edible icing. Students also had fun with a photo booth, slide shows, speeches, and a hilarious performance and song by our Year 6 girls followed by some pretty spectacular dancing! Thanks to our amazing parents who helped make this night the success it was.



## Year 12 Formal

Staff, students, friends and family enjoyed a wonderful night at the Year 12 Formal at Newcastle City Hall to celebrate the conclusion of their time at Belmont Christian College. The students were, as usual, quite stunning, elegant and well-groomed in their formal wear. Happy memories were recalled during speeches by Captains, Ben Fryer and Bethany Wilson, Vice Captains, Zac Davies and Gabrielle Maddison. Mr Barnes, one of the Year 12 Pastoral Care teachers, shared some humorous stories about Year 12 as well as some encouraging words from the book of Philippians. The class of 2018 have been an absolute blessing to the College and their leadership team have been outstanding. We pray that they each find their purpose in the Kingdom of God and that they do whatever they're called to with the passion we have seen them exude during their time with us.





## Office and Uniform Shop Holiday Hours

The Office will be closed over the holiday period from 4pm Thursday 6 December and will reopen Monday 14 January 2019. For urgent enquiries please contact [college@bcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:college@bcc.nsw.edu.au).

The Uniform Shop will be open extra hours during the school holidays on the following dates:

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 8am-2pm
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 12pm-6pm
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 8am-2pm
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 8am-10am, 1-3.30pm

Please note that the uniform shop does not take bookings on these dates. These dates need to be used for layby collection, backorder collection and size exchanges only. To avoid long waits during these times full uniform fittings are required *before* school concludes for the year.

Please visit <https://shop.alintaapparel.com.au/> to make an appointment for fitting and to see the latest price list.

The regular Shop hours during the school term are:

Tuesday 1 – 3.30pm and Thursday 8 – 11am

Phone: 0403 587 385

# SALE



## Maroon Tartan Skirt

WAS: \$52

NOW: \$40



## Kindergarten to Locomotive Trains

Kindergarten enjoyed their last excursion for the year at Edgeworth Mini Locomotive Trains. We were fortunate enough to have many parents attend and enjoyed a picnic lunch, lots of games and rides on the trains. Going through the tunnels and riding on 'Thomas' were among our favourite memories of the day.



## Vanuatu Mission Trip

Last Saturday 22 of our Year 10 Marine Studies students and three teachers (Alex Cameron, Paul Barnes and Victoria Bonsor) left for the annual Service and Scuba trip to Vanuatu. While there for the week they will not only be enjoying a range of exciting adventure activities, but will also be working as a team helping a local church group to construct and repair some village housing, and doing frame construction for a kids-church building.



## Year 10 Service Week

During Year 10's second last week of school, while many were on Work Experience at a variety of workplaces around the region, others remained at school and completed a range of service activities including labouring with other parent volunteers in the BCC Common Grounds Garden project, planting 60 new trees along the carpark fence-line and cooking for upcoming parent morning teas.



Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

# PRESENTATION NIGHT 2018

Civic Theatre 6.25pm



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21-23 January  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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## BELMONT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

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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.