



## Prayer & Praise

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- *Pray for Mr. & Mrs. Smith as they are expecting their next child very soon; pray for the protection of their child as it continues to grow.*
- *Praise God for the wonderful enquiries and applications we are receiving for enrolments in our school for 2019.*
- *Pray for our Year 6 students as they prepare to head off for their Canberra trip. Pray for the growing friendships at Wyong.*
- *Praise God for the safe arrival of Mr Pastor Tim's latest grandbaby. She has arrived..... What a joy! Welcome Molly Grace.*
- *Pray for Mrs Webb as she is away from school- that she will have a restful and enjoyable time with her family.*

*“Trust steadily in God,  
hope unswervingly,  
love extravagantly.  
And the best of the  
three is love.” 1  
Corinthians 13: 13*

*A thought from our Principal:  
Mrs. Tania Anway*



# NEWSLETTER

Week 5, Term 3 – 2018



Think back to when you were first dating your as-to-be husband/wife. There were endless talks on the phone, flowers were picked from the garden, poems were written, dates were cheap and cheerful from simply sitting alongside the river to sharing a pizza.....nothing was too much or too difficult.

Then you got married! Somehow, life and reality did not match up to exactly what had happened before you said, “I do!”

The difference between the expectation of endless talks and date nights and the busyness of life and falling asleep on the couch is called the “reality gap”.

Our school community will have those gaps appear at times. We expect help. But no one is available. We expect people to agree with us. But there are a myriad of opinions. We expect peace and smooth running of an event. But sauce can get spilled and notes lost. Somehow, the difference between expectation and reality is a mammoth gap.

What you fill this gap with will make a massive difference in how life works out. If you want to close it with exasperation and frustration, then there are no winners. Children and families together feel at war. But, if we can fill this gap with an assumption: an assumption for the best and of the best.

We look for the possibilities and fill our hearts with hopefulness. We assume that the person can't help as they are crazy busy rather than being unkind. We assume that a person's viewpoint is a result of their personal reflection and belief rather than an attack on your view. We assume that kids are kids and things sometimes just happen.

As we believe the best, look for the best and, as time passes, we will continue re-creating the culture of assuming the best.

This passage from 1 Corinthians is often read at weddings. It is a passage which speaks of how God loves and IS love. He has built His whole world on the assumption of the best. Love ALWAYS protects, ALWAYS hopes, ALWAYS trusts, ALWAYS perseveres. Here at Brightwaters we have a culture of assuming the best. I see it in the way our families look for the best in each other and our children. I would encourage us to continue on as we are, but also to speak it out. Let others hear what we want for ourselves and our children – we are assumers!

## Contact Us

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## Calendar

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Responsible Pet Program – Tuesday 28 August

School Readiness – Thursday 30 August 1:30pm-3:15pm

Father's Day Stall – Thursday 30 August

Uniform changeover – Monday 3 September

Year 6 Canberra Trip – Wednesday 5 – Friday 7 September

Student led Parent Teacher Meetings – Tuesday 11 September

VP Speech Day – Wednesday 12 September

Geography Trip/Car Rally – Tuesday 18 September

VP day (Last day of term 3) – Thursday 27 September

## Uniform Shop

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Opening hours .....Thursday 9-10am

If you are unable to come at this time due to work/family commitments, please contact Kerrie Farleigh on 49773518 for an appointment outside this time.

There are some second hand options to choose from so please come in and have a look at our uniform shop.

**UNIFORM CHANGEOVER IS FROM MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER. STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR FULL SUMMER UNIFORM FROM THIS DAY.**

## Year 6 Canberra/Snow Trip

Our year 6 students are continuing their visits with WCCS and participating in classroom activities with the students. The Canberra trip is almost here, only one week away. Pray for the Year 6 students and Mr Anway as they prepare and pack and head off to see our Nation's Capital.



## School Readiness Program

Our next School Readiness day is this Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 1:30pm-3:15pm. All children who are getting ready for Kindergarten 2019 are welcome to come along and join us for this program. Please contact our school office on 49732591 to book your place now!

No cost involved just fun activities.



## VP Speech Day is coming!

The idea of VP is highly sought after and valued by our children. It is a day where our Primary children can learn "with power comes responsibility". All of our primary children will have time during class to prepare a "speech". This will happen over a few weeks and these speeches will then be presented to the whole school (every primary child must present a speech). Once the speeches are presented, the children are assessed by our teachers and then each child will participate in a "vote" process. The votes are counted (by the teachers) and the 2018 Vice Principal for the day will be elected and announced.

The children will come up with many ideas to "entice/attract" their fellow students to "vote" for them. Each promise/idea must be authorised by Mrs. Anway before the speeches are presented. They must remember what they promise they must be able to offer and keep.

## School Fees

Invoices are emailed to families each Term. Any questions please contact Mrs. Elston via the school office or email [bwcc.business.manager@outlook.com](mailto:bwcc.business.manager@outlook.com)



Each year we have had very special days. Our previous VP's have had us making the biggest sub sandwich ever, as well as amazing ice cream sundaes for dessert. They have had their parents do their schoolwork while the child had fun in the playground. This day is also how we raised funds for our Buddy Bench in the playground. Other years have included dress-ups such as favourite book character, crazy hair, magnificent parades and BYOD's. We have also had pizza or Chinese food for lunch orders and many more interesting ideas!

Some of the children have also previously created posters (at home) as "advertising tools" for the students to vote for them. Speech day is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

So as you can see, this day is very special to our children, staff and our school. We would encourage you to talk to your children about their ideas and their speech and you could be their audience to practice for this event. We encourage parents of the elected VP to come along and assist with their child's chosen activities on this very special day - VP day (Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September).

SO PRIMARY STUDENTS, start thinking over the next few weeks of what YOU would like to include in your speech. We were so impressed with the ideas and wonderful speeches from past years and we look forward to hearing some very creative ideas and well-polished speeches again this year.