



## Prayer & Praise

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- *Praise God for the safe arrival of our beautiful new baby boy, Caleb Thomas Smith. Pray for Mr. & Mrs. Smith as they settle into being parents of a newborn once again while teaching their active little toddler Noah how to be a BIG brother.*
- *Praise God for the wonderful enquiries and applications we are continuing to receive for enrolments in our school for 2019.*
- *Praise God for the amazing weather we had as our students completed their 'car rally' Let's Explore excursion this week. Praise God for His protection over the students, teachers and parent community that shared in this fun filled adventure.*
- *Pray for Callum as he heads in for an operation on Wednesday. Pray that the operation is successful and for his protection duration and after the procedure.*
- *Pray for our Pre-Kindergarten children as they continue their lessons in readiness for 'BIG' school*

*"Children are a blessing and a gift from the Lord" Psalm 127:3*

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



# NEWSLETTER

Week 9, Term 3 – 2018



Holding a sweet new born baby is one of those most amazing moments you have in life. You hold them tight and simply enjoy being in that moment. You can sit for hours and just be with them, breathing in the sweet smell of preciousness and baby powder.

And as time goes past, toilet training comes along and you worry if they will ever leave nappies behind. Then they start school and you wonder whether they will read fluently or big books, or write or type fast enough. They have exams and you worry about how they compare to others, until the HSC looms and you lose hours of sleep wondering how they will manage if they don't get into University.

Somewhere in all this, those moments of simply enjoying your child have been lost by the wayside. Our children become part of the cycle of not now, but what's next. We miss the small moments of joy in the bigness of the "yet to come".

One of the things you will notice differently about BWCC is that we take advantage of those little moments and not let them be missed. We race outside the classroom to see planes flying low overhead and discuss the possibilities. We dig in the mulch and share the treasures found there and consider the benefits of sluice systems used in gold panning. We share in times of friendship building and restoration. We take time to simply lie on a grassy slope and watch the clouds or hug a tree and consider the texture and immense scale of creation.

From baby powder to HSC are many years and moments which shape who our child is and who they are becoming. Although important, a grade on a report card does not define our children any more than the exact age they are toilet trained. Our children are on a journey of learning and discovery and their worth comes from the moment of their creation. They were made in God's image and He has a plan for each one.

That precious new baby is to be enjoyed and celebrated every day, regardless of daily success or struggle. They are valuable in His eyes and we need to take time to simply be with them and not miss those moments because one day they will leave our nest and make their own. We have them for a short time to love them, beginning from now.

## Contact Us

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## Calendar

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VP day! – Thursday 27 September

Term 3 Last Day – Friday 28 September

School Readiness – Monday 15 October  
1:30pm-3:20pm

Term 4 – Commences Monday 15 October.

## 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.

## School Fees

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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)

## “Let’s Explore” Car Rally Excursion

Last Tuesday we held our Let’s Explore excursion. We linked map reading (Geography and Maths) and visiting places of significance (history). The day was a huge success with our parent helpers coming along as drivers, navigators and building a great school community together. We found exciting places we didn’t know existed and enjoyed delicious cake (Happy Birthday Mrs Green) and enjoyed yummy ice cream at Dippin’ Dots on the way home. What a blessing it is to have such a wonderful school community.



## School Readiness Program

We are ramping up for our School Readiness days in Term 4. We will be holding one each week. Join us for one or all it’s totally up to you. All children who are getting ready for Kindergarten 2019 are welcome to come along and join us for this program. Our first day will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October so please contact our school office on 49732591 to book your place now! No cost involved, just loads of fun activities.



## VP Day – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Congratulations Alex on a great speech and for obtaining the most votes to become our VP for 2018.

Alex has been making preparations for a very exciting and fun day with a visit from a real SNAKE, dress up parade, canteen, pizza, movies, BYOD and games galore. Don’t forget to hand in your note to join in on lunch etc.