

From the Principal

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Week 2 of 8 - Term 4

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The Flyer

Staffing 2010

As most of you would be aware Mrs Chantelle Gill and her husband Adam are expecting their first child early next year and thus she will be on maternity leave for 2010. Our prayers go with them as they prepare for this wonderful blessing. Chantelle has been with us for two years and in that time has made a huge impact on the school through her energy, enthusiasm and passion for teaching and care for her students. The leadership program has blossomed this year under her direction and all Chantelle's students will miss her presence next year. I am delighted, however, to announce the appointment of Katherine Leong as Chantelle's replacement for next year and who comes to us with a wealth of experience. Katherine has taught English and History at both Sutherland Shire Christian School and Nepean Christian School in recent years. Katherine also has a keen interest in debating and mock trial and hopes to build these areas within the secondary section next year.

New Library

As we near the commencement of our new library, I need to share with you some of the vision we have for this building. BMCS has occupied the Thirroul Ave site for just over 20 of its 27 years of existence. The building itself was constructed as a convention centre in the 1960's to accommodate several thousand visitors and thus it took imagination to convert the hangar into a school. Unfortunately, the sheer size of the building locked the school into a funding paradox, in that further funds for new facilities were not available to us in the same way that they were to other schools. The Block Grant Authority, which administers government funding for school building projects, traditionally assessed funding eligibility for each school using a formula based on roof area. Thus we were always deemed to have ample space and facilities for a school of our student population.

I hope you can appreciate therefore just what a blessing the Rudd Government's "Building the Education Revolution (BER) programme" is to our school. The Board, staff and I have worked hard to maximise this unique opportunity on your behalf and to use the money to provide us with a state of the art facility that will significantly improve the amenity and facility of the school and expand the scope of what we can offer to the community.

A Challenge

As with all building projects there is the dilemma of maximising the project while staying within the limitations of the funds available. A downside to the funding is that because most schools are undertaking similar construction projects at much the same time there is fierce competition for materials and contractors and this in itself is pushing prices up. Already there is no security fencing left in Sydney for new projects. This increase to costs means that the School has undertaken to cut costs by undertaking on behalf of the community the completion of some aspects of the project such as painting and landscaping through voluntary contributions of assistance from our school community and staff. We are confident that there is enough enthusiasm, support and commitment for us to confidently join together and be part of this incredible development and for us all to contribute in a practical way to our children's future. We would ask therefore, that all like-minded families **contact** the school office and **express** their solidarity with the Board and staff in making this project a reality. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like more details or have further questions.

Yours in Him, Paul Arundell

...forgetting what is behind, and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14

Late to School?

If your child arrives late to school, ie. **after 9.15am**, they must come to the school office for a late note.

Will your child be absent today?

For the safety and well-being of your child, would you please call the school (4787 8645) on the morning of your child's absence so that we are confident of their whereabouts.





Diary Dates

~ TERM 4 ~

29 October

Kindy visit to Wenty Falls Anglican Church Playtime

30 October

CSSA State Triathlon

3 November

K, 1/2 Excursion to Fairfield City Farm

7 November

Rhododendron Festival

9-11 November

School Cert Exams

12 November

Year 10 Graduation

17 November

Year 7 (2010) Orientation Day

20-22 November

Family Camp

4 December

Year 6 Farewell

10 December

Last day for Students Final Assembly

Wednesday 27th January 2010

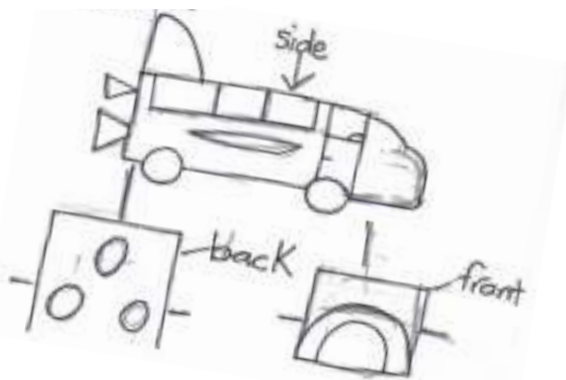
First Day back at School for all students



Rhododendron Festival 2009 Celebrating Space...



Our school is participating in the Rhodo Parade again this year on Saturday 7th November. Dress up in Space themed clothing and come and march behind our school bus (rocket!). We would love for as many students to come along as possible. Please return your pink slip to the office as soon as possible to confirm that you'll be coming and times that you may be able to assist with our stall. Details of meeting time and place will be in next week's flyer.



Some of our Year 5/6 Students have sketched pictures of what they imagine our school "rocket" will look like in the parade.

Jellybean Guessing Competition!

Year 6 Fundraiser for end-of-year Formal

Starting tomorrow.... you can have the chance of winning a yummy scrummy big jar of jellybeans!

Just 10cents per guess or 6 guesses for 50cents

Come to the front office to pick your numbers!



Join us on
Friday 6th November
at **1.00pm** for some school
Lunchtime Fun.

Activities include:

BALI BEBEK STORE

A Selection of Items from Bali will be on Sale in the Library.
50% of Proceeds will Support an Orphanage and School in Indonesia.
Parents/Carers are welcome to shop between the hours of 9am-2pm.

Music and Dancing

Food

A Selection of food items will be on sale in the auditorium.
More information to come.

and more.....

These activities will replace the disco scheduled for
Friday 6th November. Due to circumstances beyond our control
there will be no disco this term.

Community Prayer Times - Term 4

Mondays 3.00pm - 3.30pm
Fridays 9.00am - 9.30am
(No prayer meetings in Week 6)

All prayer times will be held in
the Playdays Room.

*He heeded their prayer, because
they put their trust in Him.
1 Chronicles 5:20b*



*The moment one gives close attention to anything, even a blade of grass, it
becomes a mysterious, awesome, indescribably magnificent world in itself.*



Holy Trinity Presents

A Gingerbread House Night

Women of all ages are invited to come and...

Enjoy a time of fun & friendship Hear an inspiring talk
Build & decorate your own scrumptious gingerbread house

7th November 2009 - 7.15pm @ Holy Trinity Hall
(Armstrong St Wentworth Falls)

RSVP Return this form with payment to a church service representative
or the church office by Sunday 25th Oct.

****LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE****

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (h) _____ (m) _____

No. of Tickets: _____ \$28 per gingerbread house (max 2 people a house)

Payment options: (circle)

Cash or Cheque (made out to Holy Trinity Anglican church) **Some G.F. Houses Available** (Please circle if G.F.)

TOTAL \$ _____



What's on at Lunchtime??



Monday

- Bible Study with Mrs Heslop in the Playdays Room
- Gym for Years 3/4

Tuesday

- Photo Club with Mr Randall in the Computer Lab
- Gym for Years 5/6
- Secondary School Choir in the Music Room

Wednesday

- Art Club with Mr Randall in the Art Room
- Gym for Years 7/8

Thursday

- Gym for Year 9

Friday

- Gym for Yrs 10-12
- Bible Study with Amanda Barnes

School Photos

Orders are now being taken for group photos which include:
Chess Club / Student Leaders / Whole School Photo
Each print will cost \$14.00 and Order Envelopes can be collected from the front office.

Under 16 Girls Summer Basketball Competition

Blue Mountains Christian School is entering a team into the girls Under 16 Blue Mountains Basketball Competition at Katoomba Sports & Aquatic Centre.

The team is looking for 2 more players from high school to play on Friday nights this term and first term next year.

It's a new team looking for some fun, an opportunity to keep fit, and to learn some new skills. If you're interested, please contact Mrs Tracey Heslop via the school office (4787 8645).

Costs involved include Yearly Registration fee of \$75 plus a weekly fee of \$5

Web Site: www.lmfss.org.au for information on current parent groups and other services

GROUP	LOCATION	DATES & TIMES
"Kids & Confidence" <i>How parents can encourage confidence and resilience in kids to deal with life challenges (Facilitated by popular presenter Barry Palm)</i> Cost: \$30 (4 sessions)	Winmalee Presbyterian Church 482 Hawkesbury Road (cnr High School Drive) Winmalee <i>Partnership with Winmalee Community Hub</i>	Thursday mornings 5/11, 19/11, 26/11 & 3/12/09 Time: 10.00am – 12.30pm (childcare available)
"123 Magic" <i>A no-nonsense behaviour management program for 2-12 year olds.</i>	Lawson Public School (Adelaide Street entrance) Lawson <i>Partnership with Mid Mountains Happenings</i>	Friday mornings 13/11, 20/11 & 27/11/09 Time: 10am – 12.30pm (childcare available)
"Talking & Listening – Parents and Kids" From Faber & Mazlish book "How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk" Cost: \$30 (4 sessions)	Family Support Service 70 Old Bathurst Road Blaxland East	Monday evenings 9/11, 16/11, 23/11 & 30/11/09 Time: 7pm – 9pm
"Boredom Busters" A hands-on workshop giving parents ideas for low budget entertainment for kids – especially over the Christmas holidays. Cost: \$5 including materials	Katoomba Public School Merriwa Street Katoomba <i>Partnership with Katoomba Public School Hub</i>	Friday (1 day) 20/11/09 Time: 10am – 12.30pm (Childcare available)
"Koori Playgroup" A free playgroup meets weekly. Open to all Aboriginal & Torres Straight Islander Community members with children 0-6yrs. Transport available upper Mountains.	Wentworth Falls School of the Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls	Wednesday mornings Weekly Time: 10.30am – 12noon Contact: Ruby at Connect 4758 9966
"Multi-Cultural Playgroup" A free playgroup meets fortnightly. Open to families with children 0-5 from diverse backgrounds	Blue Mountains Family Support Service 2 Station Street Katoomba	Every second Friday morning 23/10, 6/11, 20/11, 4/12 Time: 10am – 12 noon Contact: Jill 4739 5963 Yola 4782 1555

COST: Varies per group (includes morning tea/supper, handouts, and childcare. Negotiable depending on circumstances)

CHILDCARE: Available at day groups by *Mountains Mobile Minds*

REGISTRATION: Lower Mountains Family Support- **Ph: 4739 5963**

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