



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



REMINDERS FOR WEEK FOUR: TERM ONE

Friday February 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 3pm
Monday February 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming 11am 1/2E & 4/5A 2pm 2/3C
Tuesday February 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming 2pm 5/6T & PrepM • Information Night
Wednesday February 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRIP Leadership in Mt Gambier - Student Leaders & Mr Gibbons • Preps do not attend school • School Council 7pm
Thursday February 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Tennis
Friday February 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 3pm

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS – Grade 5/6T

Our Exceptional Students this week are Luke Fidge, Lachie Compton and Ayden Perkins



Luke is an exceptional student as he has shown himself to be extremely industrious so far this year. Nothing is too hard for Luke, as he will always have a go and complete any task to the best of his ability. If he can, Luke will jump in and help others when needed, making him very well respected amongst his peers. Great start to the year, Luke.

Ayden is an exceptional student as he has made every post a winner so far in 2017. He has shown a fantastic ability to use his initiative to get tasks done independently, whilst also asking and clarifying when unsure - making sure everything he completes is of the highest possible standard. Great stuff Ayden, you have set a high bar so far.

Lachie is an exceptional student due to his all-round resilience. He is rarely flustered, and isn't afraid to ask for help when stuck, either from the teacher or the peers around him. Lachie is great fun to be around, and this, combined with the fact that he is always nice to others, makes him a highly respected member of the class. A fantastic start to the year, Lachie! Keep it up.

Our Exceptional students will be presented with their awards at tomorrow's assembly at 3pm

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school so far in 2017 has been outstanding. Children, like adults, perform better and feel more comfortable when they are in a routine. Attending school every day is a positive healthy routine.

Children who miss school may feel left out socially when they return to school. There are times when missing school is unavoidable (illness, family situations) and on these occasions we will work hard to ensure the student doesn't feel left out on their return.

SWIMMING LESSONS START NEXT WEEK February 20th & Tuesday February 21st

Monday Feb 20th, 27th, March 6th, 20th & 27th
11.00am – 1/2E & 4/5A - 2:00pm – 2/3C

Tuesday Feb 21st, 28th, March 7th, 21st & 28th
2:00pm – PrepM & 5/6T

REMINDER Swimming forms together with payment must be returned by tomorrow. (Payments of \$10 per lesson can be paid weekly or in a lump sum).

WELCOME BACK MRS HUGHES – SPECIALIST MUSIC CLASSES

This week we welcome back Mrs Hughes who will be working one day a week on alternative Tuesday/Thursday.

Mrs Hughes will be providing specialist Music classes for each class; they will receive one hour of music per fortnight. This will take the place of the 30 minutes of specialist Health that each class was receiving. Health will now be taken by the classroom teachers and will also be covered within the 60 minute P.E. sessions.

Mrs Hughes will also be working with our classroom teachers on the analysis of the data they build up of each individual student to improve student outcomes.

NEW STAFF



We welcome Annie Rowe to Bolwarra. Annie is an Education Support Officer (Integration aide) working in Grade 1/2E and 2/3C.

Annie comes to us with lots of experience having worked at the Portland Bay School for over 15 years.

INFORMATION NIGHT – Tuesday February 21st 7pm

- Introduction of Seesaw – This is a tool that allows parents to view their child's work on a digital platform.
- Hi 5 – Empowering students to deal with playground issues.
- The idea of Fairness at Bolwarra. What does it mean to us?

From 7:30pm to 8:15pm parents will be able to visit classrooms to see the Learning How To Learn work and to speak to their child's teacher. From 7pm to 7:30pm a teacher will be on duty in the yard to supervise students in the school grounds.

It would be great to have many parents attend this evening. We encourage parents to come with any questions that they have about their child's school life for 2017.

DISTRICT SWIMMING



Thanks to those students who represented our school at the District Swimming yesterday; Sam Fidge, Morris Richardson, Abby McFarlane, Luke Fidge, Jonathon Goode, Alex Jacobson, Tiarna Keegan, Gina Shemeld, Elaina Cocks and Millie Flannery. Well done to Sam Fidge who won his Butterfly event. Mr. Thompson was helped out by Fiona Flannery and Janie Jacobson in supporting our team.

SHADE HOUSE



Thanks to a generous funding opportunity provided by United Way Glenelg and the amazing work they do for local community organizations we are very fortunate to have a shade/hot house structure being built into our vegetable garden. This will potentially serve as an outdoor classroom expanding capacity for teachers to work with students

in a variety of environmental science experiences. The shade house will also enable a productive space for the Environmental Group to raise strong seedlings all year round.



A huge thank-you to our builder Michelle Duncan, for her passion and expertise. She has cleverly designed the structure to maximize sustainability. We also extend our appreciation to Portland Home Timber and hardware for kindly donating timber for the internal work benches. We look forward to seeing the completion of the project over the next few weeks.

Thanks to Olivia Coates for organizing the people above on this outstanding project.

DUNCAN BUILDERS

IMPORTANT TERM 1 DATES

February	Tuesday 21 st	-	Information Night 7pm
	Wednesday 22 nd	-	No Preps
		-	GRIP Leadership in Mount Gambier Student Leaders
	Thursday 23 rd	-	School Council 7pm
		-	District Tennis
March	Wednesday 8 th	-	Division Swimming
	Monday 13 th	-	Labour Day Holiday
	Tuesday 14 th	-	Rural Athletics – All Students
	Wednesday 22 nd	-	District Athletics
	Friday 31 st	-	Last Day of Term

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Zaidin Van Zyl who turns 9 on Wednesday.

PARENTS CLUB

- ❖ **LUNCH ORDER** Lunch Roster **tomorrow** is Sonya Goode and Bonnie Taylor
 - **PLEASE** - Helpers needed for Friday 24th Feb, 10th March; 17th March and 24th March. If you can help, please add your name to the roster.
 - Any new parents to the school would be assisted/guided through the procedure so please don't hesitate to come along and volunteer, get to know our school community; you will be most welcome.

PORTLAND HOCKEY CLUB

"Hockin2Hockey" gives young girls and boys the opportunity to learn the basic skills of hockey, develop fundamental motor skills and make friends all while beginning their lifelong love of hockey. This fantastic program is for primary school aged Children (5-12yo) and includes six weeks of skills based Hockey and your choice of participation packs for only \$55. Your first session is free. Register online and pay \$85 and Portland Hockey Club will reimburse you \$30 at your first session.
When: Saturday 18th February 9.30am
Where: All Saint's Primary School. Cnr. Fawthrop and Must St.
Any enquiries contact Nikki Edwards on 0431433522.

BAYVIEW COLLEGE

OPEN DAY Sunday 19th February 2017
Open Day 2.00-4.00pm Enter via Bentinck Street
Next open day: Saturday 22 April 2017
10.00 -11.30am
Consistently challenging students to have active, curious, creative and questioning minds as they journey towards adulthood.
119 Bentinck Street, Portland 3305 I
P:5523 1042 I www.bayview.vic.edu.au

ANNUAL HARVEST THANKSGIVING AUCTION

Date: Monday February 20th, 2017
Time: 7.30pm sharp
Where: Bolwarra Uniting Church

Be prepared to "bid up big" at our annual fundraising evening packed full of bargains (?) and laughs.

Everyone welcome – bring friends who like to have fun!

Multi-Agency Information Session

Planned Burning Program and Personal Fire Plan Development

Where: Heathmere Fire Station, 1045 Princes Hwy, Heathmere

When: 1st March 2017 3pm – 6pm

Find out how fuel reduction works reduces bushfire risk to your community

Discuss your personal fire plan

Learn how agencies, communities and individuals can work together to reduce bushfire risk

What:

For more information call:

5527 0444 or 0429 565 893

Chaplain's Corner –

Any boundary pushers at your place? Kids who constantly test the limits you so carefully put in place? If so, spare a thought for the Columbus family, especially Christopher's mum and dad. He quit school at 14 years, and took to sea as a teenager. His most famous voyage was across the Atlantic. He was after a quick route to India but instead landed in Central America. It was a daring adventure. He crossed an ocean boundary not yet tackled by other sailors of his day.

So, what was Christopher like as a kid growing up? We don't know for sure. But the chances are he was not too good at taking "No" for an answer. Once his mind was made up, that was it. His proposal for his big expedition was knocked back several times before King Ferdinand of Spain put up the cash. But even this did not happen right away. He was persistent, clever, unafraid and in a hurry. We've all met people like him. May be you have one living under your roof perhaps?

- **What's the point about boundaries?** Every family needs them. It's all about putting routines into place. It's about simple, workable ways of getting things done. Boundaries build respect, teamwork and understanding. Chaos reigns without them.
- **We place a value on being compliant** – And for good reasons really. When our kids observe the boundaries, life is a lot less hassle. We get things done without having to run debates or endure endless arguments about who does what around here.
- **We need to explain why compliance is necessary** – If we all run red lights or ignore speed limits, watch out. So, when it comes to safety issues around the house, compliance is a must. Non-negotiable. There are very good reasons for sticking to these rules.
- **But it's not just about toeing the line** – Although it may drive us towards insanity at times, we do well to try to answer the "Why?" questions which are often posed by even the youngest members of the family. It's a sound move to come up with good answers too.
- **So, we need to create space for our kids to think for themselves** – The day is certainly coming when they will have to function without mum and dad looking over their shoulders. It's called standing on your own two feet. Making their own call on the difficult, tricky stuff.
- **Some parents are control freaks** – While usually filled with good intentions too. What they say is what goes. Their young adults then arrive in a messy world never having wrestled with real complexity. They don't know how to think or cope. Anxiety is just around the corner.
- **So, look for ways to help your kids think things through** – You don't need to have all the answers. Show your kids how to work out the pros and cons of a given situation. How to figure out what's right and what isn't. What's good and what's best. Listen. Respond. Advise.
- **Be tough on yourself** – When the next awkward moment arrives, you will doubtless have a view on what should be done. First up, keep it to yourself. Ask your child, "What do you think we should do about this?" Press them for ideas. Give them a process to tackle it well.
- **Our world needs thinkers** – People who are not swayed by those who want us to be compliant, to go along with their view of life. Train your kids to sort out their own minds, to learn how to shape their behaviour by trustworthy values and principles.

Our old mate, Christopher Columbus, didn't arrive where he wanted to. But he did achieve a great milestone anyway. He crossed a huge ocean boundary. He was passionate, persuasive and patient. Our families need to be compliant where it counts but ready to assess other boundaries with clarity, wisdom and effectiveness. Make sure you're producing thinkers at your place!

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