

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

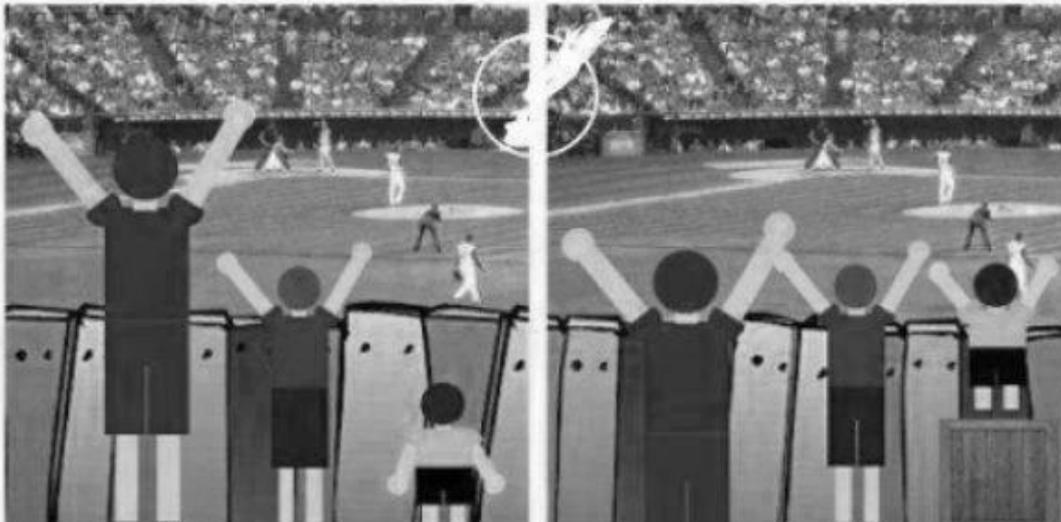


REMINDERS FOR WEEK THREE: TERM ONE 2017

Friday February 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning How To Learn Program • Assembly 3pm (Prep/1/2/3 area)
Monday February 13 th	
Tuesday February 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning How To Learn Program
Wednesday February 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Swimming • Preps do not attend school
Thursday February 16 th	
Friday February 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 3pm

ASSEMBLY – Tomorrow 3pm

As part of tomorrow's assembly our new Preps will be introduced to the school by their Grade 6 Buddies.



We will also be discussing the poster pictured which has been prominent in our school in 2017. What does it mean? Can we learn anything from its message?

NEW STAFF



We welcome Sherryn Place to Bolwarra. Sherryn is an Education Support Officer (Integration aide) working in Grade 1/2E. Sherryn is a permanent staff member.

We also have Sharon Peucker, Annie Rowe and Jake Davies who are also working at our school. More information on these workers will appear in the following newsletters.

DISTRICT TENNIS – Thursday 23rd February 4pm

Any students interested in participating in the District Tennis should see me as soon as possible to receive extra information. The event is held outside school hours and players are responsible to get themselves to the event. To participate, students must be turning 9 or older during 2017. Players must be able to serve and participate in a rally.

SWIMMING – Starts Monday 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

Please read and return the attached form. The 2nd group of 5 lessons will occur in Term 4.

INFORMATION NIGHT – Tuesday February 21st 7pm

From 7pm to 7:30pm all parents are invited to an important information session about Bolwarra Primary School in 2017. This will be held in the Prep/1/2 building. This session will include the following:

- Introduce 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.

IMPORTANT TERM 1 DATES

February	Wednesday 15 th	-	District Swimming
		-	No Preps
	Tuesday 21 st	-	Information Night 7pm
	Wednesday 22 nd	-	No Preps
		-	GRIP Leadership in Mount Gambier Student Leaders
		-	School Council 7pm
	Thursday 23 rd	-	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 Maddy Amundsen who turns 11 on Tuesday.

PARENTS CLUB

- ❖ **Thank You** to everyone who contributed to fundraising last year. Parents Club have purchased a new fridge for the school canteen.
- ❖ **LUNCH ORDER SLIPS**...Parents please ensure order slips are filled out correctly.
ie: an order slip for each child – child's name; grade/class teacher; order with correct money please.
Please note that we will not be including drinks and icy-poles for lunch orders.
 - Lunch Roster **tomorrow** is Sonya Goode.
 - Helpers needed for Friday 17th Feb and 24th Feb.
- ❖ New lunch order roster is in the office – 2 or 3 Helpers are needed each Friday between (approx) 12-2.30pm plus collation of orders on Wednesdays. Please add your name to the list. New parents would be most welcome and will be assisted by a parent who is familiar with the running of Friday lunches.
- ❖ **Second Hand Uniforms** – If you have any second-hand uniform items, we are taking donations for the Parents club/School 2nd Hand Uniform Stall. Items can be left at the office. Items can be purchased for a gold coin donation.
- ❖ **Helpers are needed** to complete odd jobs around the school. There is a list in Nicole's office if you would like to tackle any of the jobs or if you can help please see Bonnie.

BOOKCLUB - ISSUE 1 is due back at school by **tomorrow Friday, 10th February.**

2015 TEA TOWELS Last few left selling at \$5 each. Can be purchased from the office.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to help cover the costs of school trips, camps & sporting activities. The allowance is paid to the school to cover these expenses. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card, you may be eligible for CSEF. The annual CSEF amount per primary school student is \$125.

Please see Nicole, for an application form, if you think you might be eligible.

STATEMENTS for the 2017 school year are attached to today's newsletter.

A reminder that camp costs can be made in instalments between now and camp departure dates. This can make it easier than having to pay a lump sum closer to the time. All other school costs can also be paid in instalments.

Payments can be paid via direct deposit (see Nicole for details and ensure that your name is noted on the payment) or by cash to Nicole in the office.

Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp – 30th October to 3rd November – Approximate cost \$430.00 per child.

Grade 3/4 Super Camp Halls Gap -18th -20th September – Approximate cost \$180.00 per child.

Please see Nicole in the office to make arrangements.

PLAYERS WANTED

Are you interested in playing Australian Rules Football?

Heathmere Junior Football Club are currently inviting both male and female players to register in **under 12's and under 14's** for the 2017 season.

Games are held every Sunday from April through to September with training nights on Thursday's at the Heathmere Recreational Reserve.

Registrations will be held on the 9th, 16th and 23rd February, so come along.

Eftpos will be available on the registration nights.

Any inquiries can be forwarded to Ian Peters on 0408 389 541 alternatively email Ian on ijpeters66@gmail.com or keep an eye out on the Heathmere Junior Football Facebook page for updates.

HOT SHOTS COMMUNITY PLAY TENNIS is once again being offered to interested parents & children during the month of March at Portland Lawn Tennis club. Details as follows:-

5 Week program, \$25 payable week one.

Commences Friday March 3rd – Friday March 31st 2017

Equipment provided.

Times:- Red Group (5-7yr olds) 4pm-4.45pm Orange Group (8-10yr olds) 5-6pm.

Co-Ordinator: Karen Malseed

To register your child please text or call PLTC Secretary Jane Booth - 040364859

Chaplain's Corner – When your kids hit their forties!

Our youngest bloke phoned up last night. He's 43. Wife, a couple of kids in primary school. First up, he wanted to check on his mum and dad. Nice. Then plenty to talk about: how his kids are settling in with their new teachers, their reading skills, school generally. Add in the management of business overheads, juggling clients, advertising, just staying afloat. Sorting out his car after a young driver collected it. Joys, challenges, difficulties. Life. The real stuff.

Have you ever tried thinking into your family's future? What will your mob be like a few decades from now? What they will be phoning you up about when they're in their forties? That's a long way off, you may be thinking. Yes, true. Heaps to do now. Full days, readers to listen to, lunches to be made, bags to pack, bills to pay, washing to put on the line, sporting commitments. So it goes. No wonder most parents are time poor. But where's it all heading? Consider....

- **Life will be kind to most of us** – Those kids who may now drive you around the twist at times will easily make it to their forties all being well. And you'll still be their mum and dad. But life will have changed. Dramatically. So make sure you are still talking with them then.
- **How do we keep the communication going?** – It's not rocket science as the saying goes. The conversations of today are the foundations for the exchanges of tomorrow. Be assured. Start listening early. Enjoy sharing ideas, suggestions, problems and small talk with them.
- **You can't start too soon** – Make time work for you. If you're too busy to listen to your kids, adjust your priorities. It's that simple. When did you last swap ideas with them? When did you last tune into their hopes and fears? Overly busy people miss these special moments.
- **Every kid responds to listening** – Don't be tricked if their minds seem to be elsewhere. It's amazing how a child or young person can absorb what's going on around them. Without giving any signs. They do take note. They know if your interest in them is really genuine.
- **Basic questions always work well for you** – How was school today? What was fun? What did you learn? What happened at lunchtime? Was anything too hard for you today? Did something go wrong? How did you sort that out? How are your friends?
- **There's no need to interrogate** – These questions may get a really good conversation up and running. But don't stress if you strike out. Kids like adults need their space too. Wait a while. There's no point trying to drag out responses if the time isn't right.
- **It's never too early to ask your kids for their take** – On a given situation. Where would you like to go for a holiday? How can we do this better (may be chores around the house)? How do we patch up that friendship? What sort of apology might work?
- **Our kids all have families and responsible jobs** – What's really interesting is that they still phone up for mum and dad's advice. They're often keen for some wisdom from outside the immediate stresses they are dealing with. Many years later we are still a resource for them.
- **So, the future may seem a world away but put down good foundations now** – You will be glad you did. Yes, the years may seem to drag at times but they still come and go. The last thing you want is to lose the love and joy of family life in the many days to come.

How's it happening at your place? Work hard to make your home a centre of love, fun and encouragement. There will always be hard times. Try not to let them have the last word. Look forward to those distant days when your kids phone up just to see how you are going. They are very special and depend on what's going on now under your roof. Listen carefully, often.

John – stay in touch revsimmo@gmail.com