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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Friday July 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Diary of a Wombat' workshop 9:30am Prep &amp; Grade 1</li> <li>• <b>ASSEMBLY 3pm</b></li> </ul>
Monday July 24 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life Education Van – Parent session at 9am</li> </ul>
Tuesday July 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life Education Van</li> </ul>
Wednesday July 26 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday July 27 <sup>th</sup>	
Friday July 28 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No Assembly 3pm</b></li> </ul>

### **BEHAVIOUR AUDIT – Term 2**

The following students will receive Kindness Awards after being named in the Behaviour Audit completed by all students from Grade 3 to 6 late last term;

Mitch Finck	Lachie Compton	Luke Fidge	Harry Rethus	Lilly Swanson	Samuel Herbertson
Daniel Goode	Gina Shemeld	Ayden Perkins	Taya Field	Zaidin Van Zyl	Charlie Piergrosse

**Below is a selection of comments that the students made on the Behavior Audit.**

*We need more footballs.*

*I love this school because of the people.*

*I like our school. It has nice people here.*

*I think we should put nets on the soccer goals so every time we kick a goal we don't have to go get the ball.*

*We should make the bush track a cross-country run (Bushy).*

*Our school has lots of good things in it.*

*People are helpful.*

*I think Melbourne camp is a good idea.*

*This is the best school in the world.*

*I like Annie and Mr Boots.*

*Need to fix basketball court.*

*People are kind and very funny.*

*It has nice people that are friendly and amazing leaders.*

*My comments are I love my school.*

*This school has good teachers.*

*I reckon it's going to be fun for me.*

*I think this school is all right because they play soccer and Jake is good at it.*

*The staff are super nice.*

*I like this school a lot.*

*I like being at this school because of the staff and my peers and classmates.*

*I like it here, all the people are nice.*

*This school is the best. We have good students. The teachers are nice and smart. We have good helpers. We have good sports equipment.*

*This school is the best. I love the staff, teachers and students and the Bolwarra Bogans footy team is the best!!!*

*This school is amazing and that is all I can say.*

*I have lots of friends and I have lots of fun.*

*Bolwarra is a good school because there is nice students and teachers,*

*People are nice, kind and friendly.*

*I like this school because it has lots of friendly people.*

*I like this school because it has fun teachers.*

*I never get hurt at this school.*

*I like how everyone is so kind to me.*

*I like this school because everyone is friendly.*

*How many kind people in our school, all the kind teachers,*

*It's got a good environment.  
That oval is so big that everyone can play on it.*

## **YOU CAN DO IT! STARS**

**Academic Excellence – Caught 10 times**      Seth Price

**Getting Along– Caught 20 times**      Jack Taylor      Anthony Price      Seth Price      Millie Flannery

**Academic Excellence – Caught 20 times**      Charlee Coates

*Our stars will receive their awards at assembly tomorrow.*

## **'DIARY OF A WOMBAT'**

Monkey Baa Theatre Company is presenting a live performance of 'Diary of a Wombat' at CEMA in Portland on Monday July 31<sup>st</sup>. All students will be attending.

As a bonus preview to the live performance, our Prep and Grade 1 students will be involved in a workshop at school tomorrow from 9:30am to 10:30am.

## **BOOK DAY – Friday August 25<sup>th</sup>**

Students will be encouraged to dress up on this day as their favourite book character or a representation of their favourite book.

We have an author visiting who will be conducting workshops. More details to follow.

## **HISTORY FROM FACEBOOK**

'Along the Henty Highway - Not far past the former Caledonian Inn is the Bolwarra Primary School. In the 1870s students used rooms at the former Inn for classes after the school burnt down. The photo is of students at the Bolwarra State School in 1947.'



## **BOLWARRA FAIR /GRANDPARENTS DAY**

Grandparent's day at Bolwarra will be Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>; the Bolwarra Fair will follow this on **Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**If you can assist any way with the Fair let us know.**

## **LIFE EDUCATION VAN**      Following is the timetable for Life Education Lessons;

Monday July 24<sup>th</sup>      9:30am – Grade 4/5A  
                                 11:30am – PrepM

Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup>      9:30am – Grade 5/6T  
                                 11:30am - Grade 2/3C  
                                 2:30pm – Grade 1/2E

## **LIFE EDUCATION PARENT SESSION - Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> 9am**

Have you ever considered the following? What is my child learning in Life Education? Have you seen inside the Life Education mobile classroom, or know of Harold? What drug education is appropriate for primary school students? Why do we have health and drug education? Want to know more? NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

## **IMPORTANT EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 3 DATES**

<b>July</b>	Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	-	'Diary of a Wombat' workshop
	Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	-	Life Education
	Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Life Education
	Monday	31 <sup>st</sup>	-	'Diary of a Wombat' performance
<b>August</b>	Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Big Day Out – Grade 6 students
	Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Book Day activities
				Disco
	Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Music Festival
	Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	-	District Basketball
<b>September</b>	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Father's Day Stall
	Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	-	Arts Council Performance - Zeeko
	Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Supercamp – Grade 3/4
	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Supercamp – Grade 3/4
	Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	-	Supercamp – Grade 3/4
	Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Last Day of Term 3
			-	Assembly/Shared Lunch 12pm

**LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Daniel Goode who turned 9 last Saturday, Mykybie Trigger who turned 6 on Tuesday, and Luke and Samuel Fidge who will both turn 11 on Saturday.

## **PARENTS CLUB NEWS**

**LUNCH ROSTER** – The new roster for term 3 is in the office. Helpers are needed for each of the 7 Fridays of this term. Please pop into the office and add your name to the list on a date that suits you.

The rostered helpers need to collate the orders on Wednesdays (approx. 1/2hr); shopping, preparation, and serving, depends on the days' menu – see Nicole in the office for details.

## **BOOK CLUB ORDERS – ISSUE 5**

**Issue 5 which was distributed today, is due back at school by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

## **SUPERCAMP – GRADE 3/4**

Grade 3/4 Supercamp forms and statements are attached to today's newsletter.

Please finalize camp payments a.s.a.p.

A reminder Grade 5/6 Melbourne camp is 30/10/2017-3/11/2017. Cost to be confirmed; Approximately \$420 each. Full payment will need to be finalized by 20<sup>th</sup> October. Weekly/fortnightly payments are welcome. See Nicole in the office.

## **JOBS TO DO AROUND THE SCHOOL**

There are always small jobs that need to be done around the school; From time to time these will appear in the newsletter so if you have some spare time after school pick-up or on the week-ends please feel free to tackle any of the jobs listed.

**CURRENT JOB:** Trellis at toilet site needs panels re-secured. Tools required – tiny nails and a hammer. See Nicole for purchase of nails.

## **PORTLAND ARTS CENTRE**

### **THE CROW FAMILY**

**An Urban Parable about families, scavengers  
and cake told by the real life Pidd-Davey Family**

**Saturday 22 July 7.30pm**

Adult: \$25.00 Concession: \$20.00

Family of 4: \$70.00 Under 18s: \$15.00

## Chaplain's Corner – Enjoy the seasons of life!

Can you believe it? Half a year has gone by. Winter has moved in with its cool days and winds. The rain visits regularly. A friend from Queensland said they rather liked being “down south.” Their observation? “You have seasons here.”

Life has its seasons too. Every parent knows this one. From the crib to childhood, to the ups and downs of the teenage years, to young adult life, then often marriage or partnership, the kids arrive and the cycle starts all over again for them. But the seasons continue on for us too – from the many years of rearing a family, to the empty nest, to grandparenthood days, to the years when the brain remains youthful but the body doesn't! And tucked away there somewhere is the universal use by date. So, what are some ways of welcoming, enjoying and coping with life's seasons? Try these....

- **Life's seasons bring changes** – Some of us find change easy. We welcome it. Great. “What's next?” we ask. Bring it on. We love looking around the next corner. To live like this is a wonderful gift. Resilience at its purest.
- **Change loving mums and dads bring a bonus** – Their kids learn to roll with the punches. Difficulties are there to be worked on. Life's challenges are mountains to be climbed, not closed doors which can't be opened. We grow through the setbacks.
- **There is one season which is a real toughie** – And every parent has to deal with it, like it or not. It's the season of letting go. Of preparing the herd for the world out there and then standing back with the door open. We can't hang on to them.
- **And this season calls for special effort** – It's about helping your kids to solve their own problems, to think first before making decisions, to figure out consequences prior to making commitments, of letting them learn to deal with life. The real stuff that's waiting.
- **The real danger then is holding on too long** – Rather than welcoming this new season of increasing independence for your kids, the protective parental mode kicks in. We still want to live their lives. We may hand out finance. We still go in to bat for them.
- **Protective parents rob their kids of their new season** – A young adult who runs home when the first big hassle arrives has not yet arrived in their new season of independence. We're not here to pat their heads. We're here to help them cope.
- **There's no problem in being an advisor** – That's a very different role from rushing in to rescue your kids when life runs riot – as it does for all of us. Our kids in their forties often ask for our angle on a given situation. But the final call is theirs, not ours.
- **As our kids leave, we welcome the next season** – The empty nest is a whole new stage of life. It has its many benefits. But it has its many adjustments too. Sadly, some parents continue to interfere in the lives of their kids. Unhealthy for all concerned.

Sure, do your very best with your crew so they can launch into their next season of life. And do yourself a favour. Start looking forward. Do you have a bucket list? How are you preparing for your next season? What plans are you shaping up? What boxes need ticking? There's no rush. Just recognize life's seasons and enjoy them wisely and well!

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