

NUMBER 20

29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### REMINDERS FOR WEEK ELEVEN: TERM TWO 2017

Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>

- ASSEMBLY/SHARED LUNCH 12pm

### REMINDERS FOR WEEK ONE: TERM THREE 2017

Monday July 17<sup>th</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> day of Term3
- Parents Club 9pm

Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup>

Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>

Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>

- ASSEMBLY 3pm

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

At Assembly last week Gracie Piergrosse, Ava Jacobson, Dakota Oliver and Alyssa Tait were celebrated for their work on independent writing. The 4 girls when needing help during their independent writing time will use other resources in the room before interrupting Miss Mac, who is explicitly teaching another group of students.

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

#### **Getting Along – Caught 10 times**

Sanjay Fenton

Morris Richardson

#### **Resilience – Caught 10 times**

Hamish Storrie

#### **Organisation – Caught 10 times**

Tommy Compton

Willow Iversen

Callum Richardson

#### **Getting Along– Caught 20 times**

Charlee Coates

Ayden Perkins

Daniel Goode

#### **Persistence – Caught 20 times**

Tommy Compton  
Eli Herbertson

Sam Fidge  
Luke Fidge

Jayden McCluskey

#### **Resilience – Caught 20 times**

Luke Fidge

#### **Organisation – Caught 20 times**

Emma Butler

#### **Academic Excellence – Caught 10 times**

Tommy Compton

#### **Academic Excellence – Caught 20 times**

Talisha Hockley

Hamish Storrie

### **50 LAPS**

Charlie Arnold  
Coates

Zarah Bott

Shantae Keegan

Jemma McFarlane

Ed Thompson

Charlee

Tommy Compton  
Charlie Piergrosse  
Compton

Alex Jacobson  
Mitch Finck

Seth Price  
Rebecca Goode

Zaidin Van Zyl  
Tiarna Keegan

Michael Wood  
Amelia Oliver

Taya Field  
Lachie

Sam Fidge

Harry Rethus

Hamish Storrie

Jonathon Goode

Annabel Sutherland

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

### HOW I GOT MY GETTING ALONG AWARD – ZAIDIN VAN ZYL

Last week at assembly, Zaidin van Zyl received an award for being caught 10 times getting along. Zaidin told us he got caught doing the following;

- Seeing people who were by themselves in the yard and inviting them to play with him.
- Helping other students in his class with their work.
- Noticing when someone was upset and cheering them up.

# Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

**Student "A"**  
reads 20 minutes  
each day

3600 minutes in  
a school year

**1,800,000 words**



**Student "B"**  
reads 5 minutes  
each day

900 minutes in  
a school year

**282,000 words**



**Student "C"**  
reads 1 minute  
each day

180 minutes in  
a school year

**8,000 words**



## **REPORTS**

Reports go home today. If you have any questions about any aspects of the report please let us know.

## **ATTENDANCE – Terms 1 & 2**

The attendance rate at Bolwarra this year has been very good. High non-attendance can have a large impact on academic outcomes. High attendance can be an indication that students are enjoying school.

## **FAREWELL TIM DONKERS**

Tim Donkers has been our computer technician for the past 4 years working 3 hours a week. Tim has now retired. Tim has done a great job at our school and we have appreciated his work. Next term Jay Pendant will take up the position.

## **POLICIES PASSED AT SCHOOL COUNCIL**

At our most recent School Council Meeting the Parent/Staff/Student Interactions policy was passed. The policy can be found on our website ([www.bolwarraps.global2.vic.edu.au/](http://www.bolwarraps.global2.vic.edu.au/)) or we are happy to provide you with a paper copy on request.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Mr Cummins who will celebrate his birthday tomorrow; and to the following students and staff who will celebrate their birthday during the holiday period:- Gracie Piergrosse (6), Freddie Phillips, Tiarna Keegan (10), Kiah Cashin (9), Brandon Wood (10) and Lexi Box-Araldi (6).

### **PARENTS CLUB NEWS**

- ❖ A very big thank you to all the parents who have helped with our Winter Warner Fundraiser. It has been very successful and we have raised approximately \$500.00 so far towards the heating /cooling system which has been installed in the new music room. We are still a way off our target and will be continuing the fundraiser next term. There is a roster in the office – you can volunteer to serve or offer to bake a donation of muffins. The Winter Warmer Muffin and Milo/hot drink will start again on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.
- ❖ Parents Club would like to thank those who attended the working bee on Sunday.
- ❖ Cars 3 Fundraiser – See attached poster.

### **JUMPERS/WINDCHEATERS**

Please encourage your child/children to collect and take home their jumpers/windcheaters which can be washed and name checked during the holiday period ready for the start of term 3.

It's a term that's been around for years. "Workaholic." It has various meanings. Usually it describes a person so committed to their job that they don't stop for a breather. They love what they are doing and just do it. Everything else falls into second place, often families too unfortunately.

And there's another kind of workaholic. The one who uses their work as an escape hatch. It saves them from dealing with non-work issues. Stuff that is too hard to handle. Often relationships, or priorities, or finance. It's easier to be on the job than cope with the complexity and untidiness of life. The realities we all have to deal with. So, with a term break coming up, how do we make good use of a couple of weeks away from school? How might workaholics become relaxaholics with their kids? A few ideas....

- **Not everyone can enjoy the break** – In many homes life has to go on more or less as usual. If one or both parents are working, plans have to be made to care for the family. This is easier if there are family supports. Not every family has this practical help though. Relaxation may not come so easily.
- **Hopefully there is room to flex** – Kids love different routines, places to go, things to do. Holidays offer the perfect opportunity for this. It's more about imagination than cash. Sure, some families have more to come and go on. Think about what your family might do within your budget.
- **Make up your own list of the simple, enjoyable possibilities** – Try board games, a jigsaw (fun for some, a nightmare for others!), watching a DVD together, creating or building something simple using basic tools.
- **What about making the most of our area?** – Has the family walked the length of the beach at Bridgewater? Or even our harbour's breakwater? Are there bikes to go riding? Or a picnic, or barbecue, kicking the footy on the town lawns? Or watching a trawler unload?
- **A holiday is about changing the routines** – Away from those which run our schooldays. Kids love variation. Doing the unexpected. Are there families you need to catch up with? Old friends you haven't seen in a while but who live close? A meal together could be a winner.
- **What about other outside activities?** – Do you have a tent? What about setting a camp in the backyard (but not if hypothermia is likely!) Or a bit of fishing (if you have both the interest and the gear). Creating a vegie patch perhaps.
- **There are other things to do too** – Do you have keen readers at your place? What about trying to get through a book during the break? Mind stretching is time well spent. Be careful about the small screen grabbing all the attention though.
- **Think about some projects** – Is there a room, shed or garage that could do with a bit of love? If it's the latter two, there will need to be some supervision probably. Ask your kids about what they want to keep in their bedrooms. And move on what they don't want.
- **What about stirring the creative juices?** – Some kids love music. But have they tried to write a song? And set it to music (if you have a keyboard)? Do you have artists at your place? What about sketching or painting something around the house or garden?
- **Some other project ideas** – Are there kennels overdue for a clean up? A bird cage (or any cage that houses a pet) needing a tidy? Is there bike or a car needing a wash and polish? What needs fixing out there? Anything the kids could tackle?

We all need a break from the usual patterns of school time. It's about balance between work and play. Some of us get this right without trying. Others of us may need to rethink our use of time. Whatever happens at your place, make this a holiday time to remember. Try not to let work rule the roost.

**John** – stay in touch [revsimmo@gmail.com](mailto:revsimmo@gmail.com)

