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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



REMINDERS FOR WEEK SIX: TERM TWO 2017

Friday May 19 th	• ASSEMBLY 3pm
Monday May 22 nd	•
Tuesday May 23 rd	•
Wednesday May 24 th	•
Thursday May 25 th	•
Friday May 26 th	• Division cross-country • ASSEMBLY 3pm

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS – Grade 5/6T

Our Exceptional Students this week are Maddy Amundsen, Hamish Storrie and Jonathon Goode.



Maddy is an exceptional student as her confidence has blossomed so much this year. Maddy is willing to have a go at anything, and if she makes a mistake, she can shake it off, move on and have another go. Maddy is a great friend, as she is extremely loyal. She will look out for her mates, and be the first to help in times of need. Great stuff, Maddy!

Hamish is an exceptional student because of his wonderful leadership skills. Some people in the world are leaders simply because of their title. However, Hamish lives his leadership through his actions. He is the first to take responsibility when things aren't going right, and then to take action to improve

the situation. Hamish's determination in both his sport and his school work rub off onto all around him, making him an extremely positive influence. Awesome, Hamish!

Jonathon is an exceptional student as he shows great confidence in tackling any task. Nothing is too difficult for Jono to attempt, as he is not daunted by anything. He will simply break down what needs to be done into smaller, more manageable pieces, and then ask for help with the parts he can't do. Maths is a great example of this, where he will always push himself to do the most challenging version of the task that he can. Brilliant Jono!

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

YOU CAN DO IT! STARS

Organisation – Caught 10 times

Kiah Cashin	Anthony Price	Charlee Coates	Jack Taylor
Seth Price	Piper Tucker	Dakota Oliver	Ellie Bott
Braxtyn Moore		Arlee Holmes-Wilson	

Getting Along – Caught 10 times

Jack Taylor	Gracie Piergrosse	Matilda Cashin	Ava Jacobson
Seth Price	Daniel Goode	Arlee Holmes-Wilson	

Organisation – Caught 20 times

Matilda Cashin

Academic Excellence – Caught 10 time

Matilda Cashin	Sanjay Fenton	Arlee Holmes-Wilson
Zaidin Van Zyl	Lexi Araldi-Box	

Our stars will receive their awards at assembly tomorrow,

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

ACADEMIC EFFORT/ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT/ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Two nominations for academic excellence, Abby McFarlane (on the left) and Talisha Hockley. Working with natural materials. (Art work following.....)

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK ART COMPETITION.

Bolwarra students are busy creating their art pieces for the Glenelg Shire Council's 'Hands Up for Reconciliation' Art Activity, as part of this year's National Reconciliation Week (NRW).

Students have been asked to decorate hand templates, using any medium or styles, to reflect the reconciliation theme. The hands will be displayed, with other student's creations, at the Portland Civic Hall on Friday, May 26 and Thursday, June 1.

NRW is an annual celebration for all Australians to reflect on our shared histories, and on the contributions and achievements, of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Sally Poehland
MARC Teacher and Classroom Teacher.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

I trust all of our Mothers had a great day on Sunday and were appropriately spoiled.

Thanks to Sarah Rethus and Michelle Price for organising the Mother's Day Stall.

ENROLMENT WEEK – JUNE 5TH to 9th

If you have a child starting Foundation in 2018 we encourage you to enrol in the week starting Monday June 5TH. Any parents wanting to have a look around our school can make a time for a tour during this week.

All schools in the Portland and District area encourage students to go to their Neighbourhood School.

DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY

At yesterday's District cross-country the following students participated: Kade Perkins (14th), Angus Impey (33rd), Tiarna Keegan (5th), Alex Twomey (11th), Gina Shemeld (35th), Lachie Compton (5th), Ayden Perkins (8th), Charlie Piergrosse (10th), Luke Fidge (11th), Eli Herbertson (16th), Annabel Sutherland (13th), Rebecca Goode (17th), Hamish Storrie (2nd), Abby McFarlane (11th), Talisha Hockley (14th), Janaya Grace (20th) and Briah Burford (23rd).

All of our runners did a great job in cold wet conditions. Thanks to Matt Hockley for setting up our gazebo for us.

Tiarna, Lachie, Ayden and Hamish have now qualified for the Division cross-country in Warrnambool on Friday May 26th



RURAL CROSS-COUNTRY - Champions



WORKING BEE – SUNDAY, June 25th 1pm: details to follow

IMPORTANT EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES

May	Friday	26 th	-	Division Cross-Country in Warrnambool
	Tuesday	30 th	-	AFL Clinic
	Wednesday	31 st	-	Winter Series (football, soccer & netball – Grade 5/6)
June	Monday	5 th	-	Parents Club 9am
	Friday	9 th	-	Report Writing Day –student free day
	Monday	12 th	-	Queen's Birthday Holiday
	Wednesday	21 st	-	School Council
	Sunday	25 th	-	Working Bee 1pm
Friday	30 th	-	Last Day of Term 2	

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Miss McDonald who will celebrate her birthday on Sunday; and Ed Thompson who turns 8 on Monday.

PARENTS CLUB

Lunch Roster: Tomorrow – Sarah and Anitha; Friday, 26th May –Anitha
Helpers are needed for Friday, 16th June and Friday, 23rd June. Please add your name to the list in the office.

Chaplain's Corner – Lessons from above

It usually happens several times a day. They're easy to hear. But if there's cloud cover, we can't see them. What are they? Mostly Perth bound flights from Melbourne flying over the beacon at Cashmore. At anywhere between 36,000 and 40,000 feet. Late night flights may be heading for Doha, capital of Qatar, or Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates. One morning last week a Johannesburg – Sydney flight flew over our school. Fascinating really.

Well, think of it. For a few moments we have a whole community of people closer to us than Heywood. We will never meet them, know their business, or why they are travelling. We can't connect with them. No point trying. We can easily find out their destination but will never know why they are going there. This raises some stray thoughts about our families. About where we are all headed in the way we run our homes. Think about these....

- **Our homes are direction setters** – And the directions are set early. Our kids learn about life mostly from what happens in our homes. Mum and dad's aims, purposes, intentions are all constantly shaping their grasp of what life is all about. They're getting their bearings from us.
- **Our families shape our kid's opportunities** – Mums and dads who have a reason for getting up each day open the windows and doors of opportunity for their offspring. Their kids learn to welcome each day too because good stuff is bound to happen.
- **But watch out, there is a flipside to this** – Parents without ambition, purpose or direction, who haven't yet figured out why they are here or where they are going are robbing their kids of any chance of their finding worthwhile directions and purposes for their own lives.
- **It's hugely important to know our purposes** – The busyness of family life is about daily survival, paying the bills and keeping some sanity around the place. All very draining. But these force us to sort out our priorities, about what is really important to chase up.
- **A plane ticket has a price tag** – And there is a cost in knowing where we are going as a family. What values are we teaching our kids? How are we going in not just telling them about what is right and wrong but living out these values? We need to check our behaviour.
- **How often do you talk about direction, purpose and values?** – Of engaging your kids in talking about outcomes, about how positive behaviours produce positive outcomes? Of how selfish behaviours produce outcomes which are stressful, upsetting and costly?
- **Once the plane door closes, you're committed** – There's no exit until the plane lands. Sadly, some parents exit family life early. For whatever reasons, the home community is fractured. Life goes on but it's costly, especially for kids. Direction is lost.
- **Let's commit to working on the hard stuff** – Regular flyers have their own stories of being bumped around in rough weather. Of putting on the seat belts. Parents need to sit tight and work on life's bumps without trying to jump out. Listen, learn, accept responsibility, forgive.
- **So, help your kids become frequent flyers in life** – Of learning how to enjoy the good times. How to hang on when tricky problems show up – as they will. Talk with them about the future. About what they might like to do. Of what life may hold for them.

It's about doing the obvious. Take the time to listen to their reading. Find out how school is going. What they've learnt. Celebrate the joys. Enter into their anxieties. Do things together. It's about them, about where they are going in life's journey. Be wise and travel well with them.

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