



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### REMINDERS FOR WEEK SIX: TERM FOUR 2016

Friday November 4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 2/3 Excursion</li> <li><b>ASSEMBLY 3pm</b></li> </ul>
Monday November 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blast Cup</li> </ul>
Tuesday November 8 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questacon Science Circus – Whole School 10am</li> <li>Swimming 1/2E and 2/3C 2pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday November 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Thursday November 10 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Friday November 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ASSEMBLY 3pm</b></li> </ul>

### EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS – 2/3C

Our Exceptional Students this week are Elliot Munday, Esther Thompson and Ethan Smith.



Elliot is an exceptional student because he has the ability to get along with anyone in the classroom. He is quick to offer assistance to others with his caring nature. Elliot has a very resilient attitude. He does not let little things bother him and can always be seen bouncing back. Great job, Elliot!

Esther is an exceptional student because she is such a cheerful and thoughtful member of our class. She is always fair and tries to include everyone in all activities. Esther always strives to do her best. She always thinks carefully about the best way to complete a task, and then completes it to the best of her ability. Great work, Esther!

Ethan is an exceptional student because of the great persistence he has shown with all of his schoolwork. He has a great work ethic and puts in 100% effort to get the best result he can. Ethan can often be seen doing jobs around the classroom to keep it tidy and organised. Top job, Ethan!

*Our Exceptional students will be presented with their awards at assembly tomorrow at 3pm.*

### YOU CAN DO IT! STARS

**Resilience – Caught 10 times**

Tejay Hansen

**Organisation - Caught 10 times**

Jana Pao

**Confidence - Caught 10 times**

Kiah Cashin

**Persistence - Caught 10 times**

Alex Jacobson

**Academic Excellence - Caught 10 times**

Kiah Cashin

**Getting Along – Caught 20 times**

Ditanyia Hansen Zeek Roos Willow Iversen Jack Taylor

**Persistence – Caught 20 times**

Tommy Compton

**Academic Excellence – Caught 20 times**

Abby Saunders Lou Impey

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE – CAUGHT 50 TIMES**

Stephanie Goode Christopher Phillips

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## BOLWARRA COUNTRY FAIR

This exciting event is rapidly approaching – Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>

- Working Bee to get ready for Fair on **Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> 4pm to 7pm**
- All students are encouraged to enter the ART Competition. The theme is **Love where you live!!**. Students work will be displayed at the Fair and the winners also announced on the day.
- Parents able to volunteer some time on the day of the Fair please put your name down at the office.

**THANK YOU** to all who have volunteered to help on the day of the Fair – We still **need more helpers**, please add your name to the roster in the office, or see Bonnie.

We are asking for the following donations for our raffle – if you are able to help, please bring all donations to Nicole in the office:-

- Preps - something for **Mums**
- Gr. 1/2 - something for **Dads**
- Gr. 3/4 - something for **Outside**
- Gr. 4/5 - something for **Inside**
- Gr. 5/6 - something for **Kids**

**Tickets** will be sold on the day of the fair and the draw will take place at the Fair.

**Buskers** – We are looking for any **musical kids** to busk on the day for **half hour time slots each**. Please see Deb Schultz or Bonnie Taylor.

### **BLAST CUP**

Good luck to our cricket team who will be representing us next Monday 7th November at Henty Park Portland. Students will be playing games of cricket against other local/district schools.

**Spectacular in-school science show**

**QUESTACON - SCIENCE CIRCUS**

**Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> 10am - All students will be involved.**

**STATEMENTS**: Attached to today's newsletter are statements for outstanding school charges. These also include outstanding **camp fees** which need to be **paid by Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November**. Please see Nicole in the office to make payment arrangements.

## PREP PHOTOS OF OUR CURRENT GRADE 6 STUDENTS

From now to the end of the year the newsletter will include the Prep photos of our current Grade 6 students.



## 3 BAYS



28 students did an amazing job in participating in the 3 Bays on Sunday. The team of 8 was Abby McFarlane, Will Hunter, Lachie Compton, Morris Richardson, Samuel Herbertson, Eli Herbertson, Reece Morris and Hamish Storrie. The team of 8 plus was made up of Jonathon Goode, Tiarna Keegan, Harry Rethus, Alex Twomey, Rebecca Goode, Millie Flannery, Daniel Goode, Banjo Taylor, Chase Baker, Shantae Keegan, Hannah Rethus, William Rethus, Jemma McFarlane, Stephanie Goode, Angus Impey, Lou Impey, Elliot Munday, Jack Taylor, Tommy Compton and Charlee Coates. The smiles on the faces say so much about the enjoyment of the day. Miss McDonald did a great job in organising the teams and ensuring that everything ran smoothly. This event can't happen without the support of our parents. Thanks to Wendy McFarlane, Anna Impey, Debra Schultz, Stephen Herbertson, Kerry Madill, Catherine Trinnick, Emily Munday and Lucas Munday for driving the teams around the course.

For more photos please visit our closed group Facebook Page – Bolwarra Primary School or our website.

## **PARENTS CLUB – MONDAY NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

### **MEETING PURPOSE**

**TO HAVE AN OPEN CONVERSATION ON HOW THE PARENTS CLUB CAN BEST SUIT THE NEEDS OF OUR PARENTS.**

### **TARGET AUDIENCE**

**ALL PARENTS OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

**IF YOU WISH TO HAVE INPUT, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY**

**CHILDREN NOT OF SCHOOL AGE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND WITH THEIR PARENTS**

## UPWELLING PARADE



The UpWelling parade on Saturday was a spectacular event. Well done to all the schools for joining in and displaying the work they did with the Artist-In-Residence. Mrs Arthur did an outstanding job in organising everything for our students. The following students participated in the parade; Bryce Polaski, Reece Morris, Morris Richardson, Hamish Storrie, Abby McFarlane, Jemma McFarlane, Eli Herbertson, Samuel Herbertson, Gina Shemeld, Chantelle Shemeld, Angus Impey, Lou Impey, Willow Iversen, Chase Baker, Callum Richardson, Elliot Munday, Claire Munday, Chad Daniel, Alex Jacobson, Harry Rethus, Hannah Rethus, William Rethus, Tiarna Keegan, Shantae Keegan, Ezekial Roos, Seth Price, Charlie Arnold, Hamish McDougall, Millie Flannery, Emma Butler, Elaina Cocks, Jonathon Goode, Rebecca Goode, Daniel Goode, Ed Thompson, Zara Bott and Annabel Sutherland.

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## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

<b>November</b>	Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	- Grade 2/3 Excursion		
	Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	- { Blast Cup: Grade 6's cricket		
	Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	- { Parents Club		
	Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	- School Council		
	Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	- Working Bee 4pm		
	Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	- Bolwarra Fair		
	to	{	Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	
			Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	- Grade 5/6 Camp
	<b>December</b>	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	- <b>Report Writing Day-pupil free day</b>	
		Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	- Parents Club	
Tuesday		6 <sup>th</sup>	- Orientation Day		
Tuesday		13 <sup>th</sup>	- Family Night		
Wednesday		14 <sup>th</sup>	- { School Council		
Wednesday		14 <sup>th</sup>	- { Decadent Day Grade 3-6		
			- { Prep -2 Excursion		
Friday		16 <sup>th</sup>	- { Final Assembly		
			- { Shared Afternoon Tea		
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	- Alternative Program			
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	- Alternative Program			

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Roz Kerz who will celebrate her birthday tomorrow; Julia Stiles (7) and Jayden McCluskey (10) who both celebrate their birthday on Sunday; and Lilly Swanson who turns 10 next Thursday.

## **PARENT'S CLUB NEWS** – Next Meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Lunch Roster – **Tomorrow** – John & Judith

**Next Friday** – Donna & Sarah Rethus

**CRAZY CAMEL FUNDRAISER** – Reminder that pictures for this fundraiser are due in **NOW** – tomorrow is the last day.

## **PASTIE ROLLS** - \$12 per ½ dozen

Anyone wishing to place an order for Pastie Rolls, please send order, together with payment, to the office by Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November. Limited numbers available.

## . Chaplain's Corner – We all need to belong

There's no doubt about it. We all want to belong. To be loved and valued, just for who we are. Not for what we may be able to do, or for what we have. Being a lone ranger might be good cowboy stuff but it's not the real deal. Deep within us is the hunger to be accepted just as we are, warts and all. To feel lonely, or out of the loop, or straight out friendless creates a heavy heart. Each day dawns without joy, hope or anticipation. There is nothing much to look forward to.

If we feel we don't quite fit in anywhere, where do we look for an answer? Our family, our school and our community should be places where belonging is a given. And there is another side to this too. How do we help others to know that they are important to us? How do we pass on to our kids, our friends, others we know that they are important to us? How do we help them belong? Try a few of these....

- **Belonging starts at home** – Right from the cradle. It's one thing to share in bringing a new life into the world. It's quite another to give the love, the tenderness, the patience to nurture this new life, to create a deep, inner awareness that this little person is loved no matter what.
- **Some parents struggle to give this sense of belonging** – Their own life's story has not been kind. They have grown up without encouragement. Maybe criticism and hostility has ruled their roost. So, it's just that bit harder to give their kids what they missed out on.
- **What gives a sense of belonging, of being loved?** – It's not rocket science. One timeless description includes kindness, patience, not being jealous or rude, not being selfish or quick tempered, not keeping a record of wrongs, being supportive, loyal, hopeful and trusting.
- **How achievable is all this?** – Most would give this list quick approval and then wonder how to pull it off. Mums and dads are key players in modelling these keys to belonging and loving. No, we won't get it right all the time. Yes, we do well to get these right as often as we can.
- **What's the pay off in helping our kids belong?** – Every family has to deal with tension, stress and trouble of one kind or another. The beauty of having targets to aim for (as in the list above) is that even a small start can be made in ensuring our homes are good places to be.
- **Many families are pretty much on target anyway** – The boxes are being ticked, the right attitudes are running the home. Brilliant. There's always room to lift our game of course. In the process we reduce strain and build each other up rather than tear each other down.
- **The same ingredients work at school too** – Teachers and students find the best in each other simply by activating kindness, patience and all else as listed. The outcome? School becomes a marvellous place to belong, to be valued, to try to do one's best, to care for others.
- **And they work on a wider front** – Working bees, parents' club and school events all rely on parents and kids investing these great qualities in each other and the school community. Can it really be done? Of course. It takes time, effort, the setting of priorities. All well worth it.
- **And the end result?** Together we create a caring environment in our homes and our school where belonging and being valued is our trademark. Not just for our kids, but for us – as parents and staff too. And this special flavour then flows out into the wider community.

Let's help each other belong – We need to be on the lookout for each other's wellbeing. As much as we need to belong, so we need to be accepting, caring and loving people ourselves. There's not a lot of joy in our terribly fractured world. So, let's do what we can. Starting in our families.

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