

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



REMINDERS FOR WEEK FOUR: TERM FOUR 2016

Friday October 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topsy Turvy Day NO ASSEMBLY!!!
Monday October 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming 11am 4/5A 2pm 5/6T & PrepM State Titles – Mitch Finck
Tuesday October 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming 2pm 1/2E & 2/3C
Wednesday October 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Thursday October 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Friday October 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASSEMBLY 3pm Saturday – Upwelling Sunday – 3 BAYS

NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS – 5/6T

Our Exceptional Students this week are Ditanyia Hansen and Will Hunter.



Ditanyia is an exceptional student as she constantly tries to do her best work. Ditanyia thrives on a challenge, and will stop at nothing to make sure she completes work to the best of her ability. Once she completes a task, the next question is always 'What's next?' This makes Ditanyia an extremely independent worker. Awesome effort, Ditanyia

Will is an exceptional student due to his ability to get along with all his classmates. Will is not fussed which group he is working in, and will just get on with working to the best of his ability - a sign of excellent resilience. Will encourages others to have a go at any difficult task, and this is always appreciated by others. Great stuff, Will!

*Our Exceptional students will be presented with their awards at next Friday's assembly at 3pm.
(October 28th)*

YOU CAN DO IT! STARS

Resilience – Caught 10 times

Ethan Smith

Academic Excellence – Caught 10 times

Tejay Hansen

Persistence – Caught 20 times

Anthony Price

Jack Swanson

Confidence – Caught 20 times

Alex Twomey

Academic Excellence– Caught 20 times

Esther Thompson
Jack Swanson

Anthony Price

Elliot Munday

GETTING ALONG – CAUGHT 50 TIMES

Daniel Goode

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WEBSITE

We now have a website up and running. Visit bolwarraps.global2.vic.edu.au/. The site currently contains 11 different pages including newsletter, policies, calendar, wellbeing programs and school documents.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

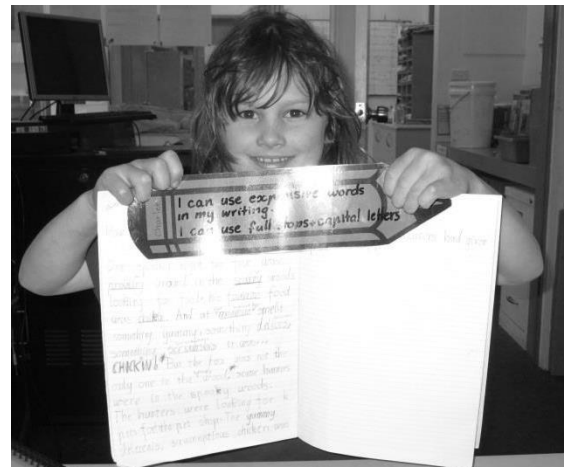
At last Friday's assembly we highlighted the Academic Growth and Achievement of Charlee Coates. Charlie has a specific writing goal (pictured on her 'large' pencil) which is '***I can use expensive words in my writing***'.

Recently Charlee started the following piece of writing;

How did the fox get to the Pet Shop?

*One spooky night the fox was **prowl**ing around in the **scary** woods looking for food. His **favourite** food was chicken. And at that **moment** he smelt something yummy, something **delicious**, something **scrumptious**, it was**CHICKEN!** But the fox was not the only one in the **spooky** wood, some hunters(to be continued)*

The bold words above are all expensive words that Charlee has used to improve her writing, thus achieving her original goal as a writer. Great work Charlee!



SHOUT OUTS

Our S.R.C (Student Representation Council) would like to give a 'Shout Out' to the following people;

Mr Cummins	Spending 3 days with the Grade 3/4 students on camp.
Mrs Arthur	Spending 3 days with the Grade 3/4 students on camp.
Justin Impey	Volunteering to assist on camp and making the kids laugh.
Evan Bott	Building a new retaining wall.
Casey Taylor	Building a new retaining wall.
Matthew Hockley	Fixing the Grade 4/5 Door.
Belinda Cashin	For running lunch orders last Friday (lovely hamburgers).
Michelle Price	For running lunch orders last Friday (lovely hamburgers).

CHILD SAFETY OFFICER

As part of the Child Safety Standards we have developed a role description for a Child Safety Officer. This role description can be found on our website or you can ask at the Office for a copy.

PARENTS PAYMENT POLICY

At our recent School Council Meeting a Parents Payment Policy was passed. This policy can be found on our website or you can request a copy.

MITCH FINCK – STATE TITLES

Last Friday Mitch competed in Ballarat at the Region Athletics in the 200 metres and triple-jump. As evidenced by the photo Mitch placed 2nd in the triple-jump.

Mitch now represents us at the Primary Track & Field State Finals in Melbourne on Monday October 24th.

This is an outstanding performance from Mitch and we wish him well on Monday, confidently knowing he will give his best, while showing sportsmanship.



XMAS BOXES – These are being collected in the 1st week of November. All donations should be brought to school by next Friday, 28th November.

TOPSY TURVY DAY – Tomorrow

On Friday 21st of October we will be having a Topsy Turvy Day. Come to school in either **back to front** school clothes or **back to front** casual clothes. **Make sure to bring a gold coin donation.**

Written by Abby McFarlane and Alex Twomey (SRC members)



BOLWARRA SCHOOL CONCERT
Tonight - Thursday October 20th
SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY CHURCH (EX-PORTLAND CINEMA)
STARTS: 7pm
STUDENTS: At Venue by 6:45pm

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

October	Saturday	29 th	- UpWelling Festival
	Sunday	30 th	- 3 Bays Marathon
November	Tuesday	1 st	- Melbourne Cup Holiday
	Thursday	3 rd	- Grade 2 Sleepover
	Monday	7 th	- Blast Cup: Grade 6's cricket
	Monday	7 th	
	Wednesday	16 th	- School Council
	Thursday	17 th	- Working Bee 4pm
	Saturday	19 th	- Bolwarra Fair
	to	Monday	21 st
Friday		25 th	
December	Friday	2 nd	- Report Writing Day
	Monday	5 th	- Parents Club
	Tuesday	6 th	- Orientation Day
	Tuesday	13 th	- Family Night
	Wednesday	14 th	- School Council
	Wednesday	14 th	
	Friday	16 th	- Decadent Day Grade 3-6
			- Prep -2 Excursion
	Monday	19 th	- Final Assembly
			- Shared Afternoon Tea
Tuesday	20 th	- Alternative Program	
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LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

PARENT'S CLUB NEWS – Next Meeting Monday 7th NOVEMBER

Lunch Roster – **Tomorrow** - Wendy McFarlane and Sally McMahon

Next Friday - Helpers needed—please add your name to the list.

BOLWARRA FAIR VOLUNTEERS/CAKE DONATIONS:

Volunteers are needed, on a roster system, to run the **Cake Stall and Show bag stall** on Fair Day. We are asking parents to man these stalls in **1-2 hour blocks**. Please put your name on the roster in the office. **Donations** for our cake stall would be very much appreciated – Please let Bonnie know if and what you are able to donate.

BOOK CLUB Issue 7 is due back at school tomorrow Friday, 21st October.

CAMP FUNDRAISER- MOVIE DAY



To raise money towards the Grade 5/6 camp, all students are invited to the Grade 5/6 classroom to watch the movie "Oddball" (Rated G).

- Next Wednesday, 26th October at Lunch time
- Free Entry
- Popcorn and Ice-creams for sale- \$2 each - Just bring your money on the day to purchase.

Hope to see you there!
Grade 5 and 6.

FOR SALE: Pope – 20m Auto Rewind Hose
Brand New – still in unopened box
\$100 ono (r.r.p. \$139)
See Freddie or call 0428 364 728

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT – OCTOBER MEETING

Since our last meeting in August, Lee shared with us his Principal's Report which highlights the many things both he, the staff and the students have achieved since we last met as a Council. Lee's report is broken down into the categories of Achievement (personalized learning needs), Engagement (active participation is students' own learning), Wellbeing (student connectedness to the school and each other), Productivity (continual implementation of strategies to support physical, human and social resourcing requirements needed to achieve our school plan) and other. There is a lot to cover on this report – feel free to catchup with Lee if you would like to know more – most of these are covered in the weekly newsletter as they arise.

The School's Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) progress discussion was positive; our teachers are continuing to take part in peer reviews – where they are observing each other's class room lessons and providing feedback to one another. It is a great way of having a set of fresh eyes in their classrooms that can assist and provide positive comments and look for opportunities that may not have not been explored or thought of.

We have launched our Bolwarra Primary School Website, it is now live. Great work done by Lee to get this developed. Please go and check it out and as always if you see anywhere we can improve or things that you think may be beneficial to add to it, then please see Lee or myself. We have discussed adding a calendar of events or important dates as well as teacher profiles....as always your input is valued.

Naplan results were reviewed and discussed, in short we were particularly happy with the growth rates of our grade five students and our grade three's sat above the average for the state. It's a complicated system to get your head around so if you want more information please take the time to catch up with Lee and get him to explain – it does make sense once you get it in layman's terms!

It was also great to hear that Lindy Sharp who is the Senior Educational Improvement Leader for our region is very impressed by not only our AIP but also impressed by the progress, changes and implementation we have made as a result of our commitment to the AIP.

For those of you who do not know what the AIP's objectives are and why we have one; an AIP is a document that describes what we see as the key improvement strategies of our school. It outlines how we will achieve these improvements through identified goal and targets as well as how we monitor their progress and successes.

For safety reasons we have decided that Council is going to cover the cost of removing the gum tree at the front gate. We have already had Woodrowe Tree Technicians in twice this month removing limbs that have fallen from the tree and with its positioning and the frequent comings and goings in and out of that gate we see it as an accident waiting to happen and would rather have it removed. At the same time we are also going to get a report done on the condition of all the trees in our yard. We understand that pulling down healthy trees is not ideal so we also discussed that we could possibly have a tree planting day to counteract any removals.

You will all have noticed the changes we are making to the school grounds. Council currently has a plan to implement (and finalise) further changes and upgrades to areas of our school grounds. Casey Taylor (Maintenance guru) and I are working on a document that will outline certain stages that we are wanting to achieve with the grounds. Once taken to Council we will then put this out for comment/discussion to see if we think we are on the right track - it is a chance for you to have a say in what you believe will be best for the grounds as well as a chance to put your hand up to help volunteer when the time comes to implement these changes.

The Bolwarra Fair is coming up, it will obviously go out in the newsletter closer to the date but we will be having a working bee on November 17th to help get our grounds ready. It would be great to see as many people as possible helping out. This is a time for us to showcase (or show off!) our school to the public. Depending on numbers we could possibly put on a BBQ tea that night?

Council reviewed the minutes from the last Parents Club meeting – please feel free to attend any parents club meetings, held monthly on a Monday at 9am. If you cannot get there and want to help out please catchup with Bonnie Taylor. Our Parents Club do some great stuff for our school and it's a fun and rewarding group to be involved in. Kids love it when their parents/guardians are "helpers" at school and get a real kick out of seeing their parents/guardians around the school grounds, also it's a great way to meet other families, get to know the staff better and have a greater understanding of what is going on inside our school.

As always if you have anything you want discussed at Council please see myself or Lee, likewise if you would like any further info on any points above.

Cheers Anna

Chaplain's Corner – Making Good News

Where's the good news these days? Well, don't bother with the evening TV bulletins. Car jackings, home invasions, people and nations beating each other up, thefts, arson and road deaths do not exactly inspire the human spirit. To be fair, there is the occasional story of kindness and care. The rest though is mostly nasty stuff. Anxiety and fear are increasing realities for our city cousins. Thankfully, in the bush, we are spared much of this violence, sadness and madness.

What's our response to this daily catalogue of human failure? Some families simply turn the TV off at news time. They can't see the point of their kids being constantly exposed to such savagery (or call it what you will). So, how do we correct the balance? How do we promote compassion, understanding and goodwill? And respond thoughtfully to the needs of those around us? What's the best way to rebuild lives and communities? A few ideas to ponder, especially to help our families....

- Let's start with our own world – Our homes need to be safe places where we work hard to get our own act into gear with our partners and kids. Hard work? Yes. Need self-control? Absolutely. Easy to blow a fuse? Of course. It's time now to go for positive family priorities.
- What does it take to cut and polish our home life? – The solutions are usually pretty obvious, but can be hard to activate. Give time. Listen. Relax. Share feelings. Celebrate the good things. Do the unexpected. Learn again to have fun (just in case you've forgotten).
- Coach your family – Every footy team has its strategies and structures. Essential. Families need these too. Think of your mob as a team. It's about who does what, like clearing tables, washing dishes, tidying rooms. It's called personal responsibility. How we get things done.
- Tune up your parental performance – Major on joy, problem solving, gratitude, mutual support. The stuff of dreams? Not at all. It's do-able. Partners on the warpath, yelling and screaming through their days and nights are creating destructive examples for their kids.
- Explain the world to your kids – You can't hide the world's pain from your family. Do your best to offer some insights and explanations as to why sad things happen. Why people hurt each other. Why there are wars. Why poverty is real. Why millions are hungry.
- You won't have all the answers – May be just a few. Make the Internet work for you. Do some research on a particular topic with your kids. No one has all the information. Help your kids understand that we live in a blessed country. Problems? Sure. Possibilities? Endless.
- Look around for ways to help others – It may be as simple as visits to a lonely person. Or offering a cuppa to a new neighbour. Or shopping for an elderly friend who can't get out much. We don't have to look too far to find people who need our help and encouragement.
- Explain why op shops are around town – They all have a charitable purpose of some kind. Run by people with passion and commitment. Take your good, surplus gear to a local op shop – and take your kids with you (but not for sale!). Explain how the shop helps others.
- Engage with local fund raisers – Street barbecues raise vital funds for local and global projects. Get in there and help. There'll be a job of some kind there for your kids. Make the effort. There's huge satisfaction in rolling up the sleeves for a community project.
- Be open to the big picture – Many families give financial support to help children and families in far away places. Outstanding charities ease the hunger and pain of millions. World Vision and the Fred Hollows Foundation are just two examples. Sign up, get involved.

Let's be the good news people taking a stand against the dark stuff which spoils our world.

John – stay in touch revsimmo@gmail.com

PORTLAND YACHT CLUB

LEARN TO SAIL-23rd OCTOBER

Brad 'Super Coach' Hein has jumped on board to head our learn to sail program which is exciting news.

Those looking to get into sailing or are just starting out this is for you! This will be running every Sunday morning from 23rd October. For those that are more confident there will be races for juniors to compete in the club's racing series.

New and old members invited - Yacht Club boats available - Fun and relaxed environment - Safety gear provided- Flexible sessions based on the groups needs.

For more information contact Mick:- Ph: 0431 297279 Email: Michael.doherty85@hotmail.com

CHILDREN'S LEGO CLUB

Portland Library every Saturday during Term 4

2pm-3pm

Junior and Teen

Concurrent Sessions

Lego Club Saturday sessions at the Portland Library.

Juniors aged 4-12 and teens aged 13 and over.

All welcome, no bookings required. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Phone: 5522 2265 for further information