**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT****REMINDERS FOR WEEK TWO: TERM FOUR 2016**

Friday October 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 3/4 Port Fairy Camp ASSEMBLY 3pm
Monday October 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming 11am 4/5A 2pm 5/6T & PrepM
Tuesday October 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming 2pm 1/2E & 2/3C
Wednesday October 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council 7pm
Thursday October 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Friday October 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Region Athletics – Mitch Finck ASSEMBLY 3pm

YOU CAN DO IT! STARS**Getting Along – Caught 10 times** Brandon Wood**Organisation – Caught 20 times** Lachlan Clifford*Our You Can Do It! stars will be presented with their awards at tomorrow's assembly at 3pm***BEHAVIOUR AUDIT: KINDNESS AWARDS (Grade 3/4/5/6)**

The following students will receive Kindness Awards because they were named by their peers as being particularly kind in our recent Behaviour Audit.

*Elaina Cocks
Mitch Finck
Will Hunter*

*Alex Twomey
Samuel Herbertson
Marcus Zeunert*

*Nomes Amundsen
Abby McFarlane
Hayley Fidge*

*Angus Impey
Hamish Storrie
Rebecca Goode
Eli Herbertson*

These students will receive their award at tomorrow's assembly at 3pm.

As always I get wonderful feedback from the students as part of the Behaviour Audit. Below is a sample.

I like this school when everybody is nice to me and everybody is getting along because it makes me happy.

I like this school because the teachers are really nice and always lend a hand and are always there when you need it.

It's fun, people are always happy, everyone is friendly and funny.

It's great because the teachers are really interactive and nice. It's great because it's a small school and that you are adding new things.

I like all the teachers and staff because they are caring and also understanding. Also I like all the equipment and stairs around the school.

This school has been great it's going to be sad to leave. I've loved my last year of grade 6.

We have heaps of playground it's great.

I love this school I never want to leave. It has nice people in it.

Fun and good. It is a bundle of good.

Even though I haven't been here long I love this school. All the students are lovely, kind, friendly, amazing and funny/fun. Bolwarra is the best school I have ever been to. I can't wait until the end of the year.

I like the way we don't really have any people that bully and people are very kind and helpful. And every one looks out for others.

It is a great school and it is friendly.

I love teachers, they are kind. We have good 'You Can Do It' charts. People let people join in games.

Best school ever!

I love the Ga Ga court.

I think this school is awesome.

I invite any parent who has any questions about the Behaviour Audit to contact me. I'm happy to be contacted face to face, via phone or e-mail (gibbons.lee.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)

UMBRELLAS



At a recent SRC meeting the students told me that every classroom required an umbrella. Late last term they proudly delivered an umbrella to each classroom (thanks Anna).

Better late than never.

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Late last term our Environment Group (Stephanie Goode, Hayley Fidge, Briah Burford, Abby McFarlane, Janaya Grace, Maddy Amundsen, Sam Fidge, Rebecca Goode, Samuel Herbertson, Taya Field and Luke Fidge) presented a workshop at the 2016 Portland and District Kids Teaching Kids Conference. Our group went in wonderfully prepared as a result of the leadership of Olivia Coates. Thanks also to Jake Coates and Wendy McFarlane for assisting on the day.

BUS TRAVEL FORMS for 2017 due tomorrow

3 BAYS – Sunday October 30th

Interested students can pick up a form from the office. All students are encouraged to participate.

There is a cost of \$5 per student to cover the entry fee



ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Bolwarra Bollywood Bonanza!

A stage show extravaganza with all the colour, vibrancy and excitement of the Bollywood film industry. Experience and develop skills of acting, public speaking, dance, rhythm, music, theatre, and teamwork, alongside some cultural education and lots of fun! Every child will have the opportunity to participate and perform on stage, learning simple, yet impressive dance routines to songs from popular Bollywood movies or creating their own music and choreographing their own routines based around Indian movement and rhythms. Each class will be allocated a dance or musical item that will be taught to them through storytelling during the residency.

Jamel and Josh will be at our school from Tuesday October 18th to the 20th teaching our students a variety of dance skills culminating in a school concert on Thursday evening.

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

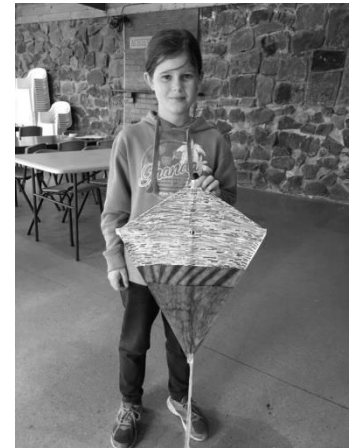


OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (To be collected end of October)

Each classroom is starting to collect items to fill a shoe box that will be given to a child overseas at Christmas. Classes are collecting gifts for a boy and a girl that are similar in age to themselves. Items that can be included are: something they can wear (t-shirts, hats, shorts,) something to love (teddy bear, soft toys, dolls) some things for school (pencils, notebook, sharpener) something to play with (tennis balls, cars, skipping rope, puppets) something special (craft kits, necklaces, sunglasses) something for personal hygiene (soap, face washer, comb, hairclips).

GRADE 3/4 CAMP - PORT FAIRY

Yesterday our Grade 3/4 students started their Port Fairy camp.



Join our Bolwarra Facebook group and you will be able to access lots of photos of our students at camp. There are currently 19 photos to view.

Today the students will be involved in many activities including fishing, a harbour cruise and a guided walk around Griffith Island.

SWIMMING CHARGES – Attached to today's newsletter are statements for outstanding swimming charges. Please call into the office asap and speak to Nicole to make arrangements to pay any outstanding amounts. All related costs must be paid prior to swimming lessons.

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

October	Wednesday	12 th	- School Council
	Friday	14 th	- Region Athletics
	to } Tuesday	18 th	- Artist-in-residence – Blue Guru
		Thursday	20 th
	Monday	26 th	- Arts Performance Philip Green Aboriginal Survival Technology 1.30pm
	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
	Saturday	19 th	- Bolwarra Fair
to } Monday	21 st	- Grade 5/6 Camp	
	Friday	25 th	- Campers return
December	Monday	5 th	- Parents Club
	Tuesday	6 th	- Orientation Day
	Tuesday	13 th	- Family Night
	Friday	16 th	- Decadent Day Grade 3-6
Tuesday	20 th	- Last Day of Term 4	

LEE GIBBONS..... PRINCIPAL

FAREWELL MONNI – Today is Montana's last day at Bolwarra. We wish her, together with her family, all the very best in their new location of Geelong.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Wendy McCarthy who will celebrate her birthday on Monday.

APOLOGIES to the following staff and students whose birthday wishes were accidentally omitted from our last newsletter of term 3. Ms. Poehland; Mitch Fink (10); Eli Herbertson (10) and Reece Morris (12).

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

- ❖ Lunch Roster – **2 Helpers are needed for next Friday** – Please call into the office and put your name on the roster. Helpers are needed for the next 3 lunch orders; please add your name to the list.

BOOK CLUB Issue 7 which was distributed today is due back at school by Friday, 21st October.

PIE HEATER REMINDER-The Pie Heater Does Not operate during term 4.



Season 2016/2017
Commences Thursday 6th October

Registrations: Please register online at: lavic.com.au
(Returning members will have received an email with your username and password that you will need to login with).
If you need help with registrations we will be able to help you on Thursday night from 3:45pm. Please come along early.
Where: Nelson Park, Portland.
When: Thursday 6th October
Time: 4:45pm
Cost: Fees are \$110 for the first child in the family, \$215 for 2 children and \$315 for 3 children in one family.
Come and Try: Let your child come along and try for \$5.
Any enquiries join our [facebook group: Portland Little Aths](#)

Chaplain's Corner – What do we expect from our leaders?

Be warned! I'm about to ride a hobbyhorse. So, apologies up front for the following rant. We all know the power of example. Kids quickly cotton on to the way mums and dads behave. What they say. How they deal with issues. Attitudes, especially about other people. How disagreements are met and resolved. All hopefully done well, in the right spirit and helpful to our kids. Top marks to the battalion of parents who work so hard to set healthy, creative and positive family guidelines.

So, why are the high profile leaders in our national life, people we have voted into office, so intent on undoing what effective parents are trying to do? Why the name-calling, the put down, the refusal to work together? Why the lack of basic courtesy? Why are commitments so short lived? Promises made so dispensable? Why the character assassinations? These people just don't grasp the power of example. And it's about time they did. Consider....

- **We all expect, even welcome, differences in ideas and policies** – No big deal. That's our democracy at work. We have to find ways through the tough stuff. Not easy, usually complex. And not everybody will be able to agree with every outcome. Life goes on.
- **But there is a big difference between people and issues** – Sure, let's encourage the robust exchange of alternative ideas, even when there's not much room to move. But when debates turn to personal attacks and name calling, it's time to blow the whistle. Not good enough.
- **What's so good about criticism and put down?** – These have become art forms far too often. If you don't agree with us on this or that policy, you must have a mental health problem of some kind, or you are not as smart as we are. Pathetic nonsense.
- **Whatever happened to teamwork?** – The people elected to leadership are not innocents abroad. But why isn't their experience, their background, their access to resources being directed to the co-operative resolution of the big issues facing us as a people?
- **What's so tough about finding common ground?** – Is every issue beyond negotiation and compromise? That every last point has to be argued over? Surely not. With no collective effort, there is no forward movement, no real hope for a better, kinder, more accepting nation.
- **And what does this mean for our families?** – Our mums and dads are doing their darndest to set acceptable standards of behaviour for their kids. But there is often no back up from our national leaders, people who too easily settle for conduct which wouldn't be tolerated in many families.
- **It's time for our leaders to lift their game** – Let's expect from them what many parents expect from their kids: courtesy, tidy up your own mess, express thanks, co-operate rather than compete, respect ideas which are different, build people up, work for good outcomes.
- **And here are a few more for good measure** – Remember, it's our country you're supposed to be running, not yours. Forget the colour of your politics – if you are as well informed as you often claim, then put it to good use, bring effective outcomes for all of us.
- **Mums and dads need support, people their kids can look up to** – But the chances are pretty good that they are not finding too many positive examples in public life. Time for a change, time to work together, time for mutual respect, time to be noticed for the right reasons.
- **We don't live in an ideal world** – We take that for granted. We can't tick every box or solve every issue. Life is too complicated for that. But we should cut and polish what we can – and this includes doing much better in working and living together with respect and acceptance, from the top down.

All the very best to our mums and dads who are building their own little communities with loving effort. More power to you!

John – stay in touch revsimmo@gmail.com