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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

VISION To provide a positive school environment that allows every individual the opportunity to flourish.



REMINDERS FOR WEEK TEN: TERM FOUR 2020

Friday December 4 th	• Report Writing Day – No students at school
Monday December 7 th	•
Tuesday December 8 th	• Orientation Day
Wednesday December 9 th	•
Thursday December 10 th	•
Friday December 11 th	• Flourishing Friday 2:30pm



PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

We had 23 replies to the survey – this was a very high response compared to other schools. The results overall were quite stunning and a resounding positive endorsement of what we are doing at Bolwarra Primary School. Having acknowledged this, we the staff, are determined to continue developing positive relationships with our families.

Highlights of the survey included:

<i>Teachers are enthusiastic and positive e about teaching</i>	100% positive
<i>The school provides opportunities for my child to make decisions and solve responsibilities</i>	100% positive
<i>Teachers at this school model positive behaviour</i>	100% positive
<i>The school treats my child with respect</i>	100% positive
<i>The school takes parents' concerns seriously</i>	96% positive
<i>Teachers at this school expect my child to do his/her best</i>	96% positive
<i>My child feels safe at school</i>	96% positive
<i>The school respects and values my family's beliefs and wishes</i>	96% positive
<i>My child feels accepted by other students at school</i>	96% positive
<i>I feel well supported by my child's school and teachers to help my child learn from home</i>	96% positive

PREP PHOTOS OF OUR CURRENT GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Below are photos of Kiah Cashin and Millie Flannery from Prep in 2014.



MRS ARTHUR ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Next week Mrs Arthur will be on Long Service Leave for 5 days. We have Mrs Ashley Anderson replacing her.

SUMMARY OF END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

As we wind up this extraordinary year our last few weeks will look different. Below is a summary of what we intend to cover.

- **ORIENTATION DAY** – Tuesday December 8th. Our current Grade 6 students will be attending their 2021 secondary school of choice. We welcome our 2021 Prep students and all students will spend time, until lunch, in their 2021 classrooms.
- **GRADUATION** – As there will be no family night we will have a special graduation for our Grade 6 students on Tuesday December 15th at 2:30pm. Only parents of Grade 6 students will be able to attend (the session will be livestreamed on WebEx). The Graduation will include student leader speeches and a Christmas song.
- **DECADENT DAY (Grade 3 to 6) & EXCURSION (Prep to 2)** – These will go ahead as per normal on Wednesday December 16th.
- **FINAL ASSEMBLY** – Our 2020 Student leaders will conduct a final assembly for all students on Thursday December 17th at 3pm. No parents will be allowed unfortunately.
- **LAST DAY OF TERM** – Last day of term will be Friday December 18th. There will be no Shared Lunch and this will be a clean/up day for the staff and students. School will finish at 2:30pm.
- **GRADE 6 SPECIAL EVENTS** – Grade 6 will also be involved in some events such as a special lunch and also they will be involved in painting a self-portrait as a legacy they leave at Bolwarra.

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES (All activities dependant on current Health advice)

December	Friday	4 th	-	Report Writing Day – No students at school
	Tuesday	8 th	-	Orientation Day
	Friday	11 th	-	Flourishing Friday activities 2:30pm
	Tuesday	15 th	-	Grade 6 Graduation 2:30pm
	Wednesday	16 th	-	{ Decadent Day – Grade 3-6
				{ Excursion – Prep/1/2
	Thursday	17 th	-	Whole School Assembly 3pm
	Friday	18 th	-	{ Clean/Up Day - 2:30pm dismissal
				{ Last Day of Term 4

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Clair Munday who turns 10 on Sunday.

BOLWARRA RECIPE BOOK – \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00

A further 30 copies have been printed. To order, you can send your money and a note, to school with your child, or you can ring the office and make arrangements to pay/have sent home/pick up at the gate.

SENSORY GARDEN

We Need:-

- **Old gumboots**
- **Any old cutlery for making into wind chimes**
- **For further information call the office.**

Chaplains' Corner – What your family needs now

It takes effort. Commitment. Choices have to be made. It's a great target but there's no guarantee of hitting it. For a loving family doesn't happen by chance. It's an outcome. It only happens with patience, determination and acceptance. Who wants a home driven by chaos, infighting, short fuses and confusion? No one in their right mind. Yet this is what some mums and dads seem to settle for.

A loving home is a safe place. The peaceful centre of a troubled world. Where everyone is valued, where differences of opinion are simply seen for that, just differences. Where anger and putdown do not have the last word. Where a new day is a fresh chapter, a new opportunity to get along. To bring out the best in each other. But is this some kind of wishful thinking? Is a loving family possible? Or is it beyond our reach? Consider....

- **A loving family is not about being perfect** – We're all too human for that. We all get tired, or say the wrong thing, or stand on each others' toes. So, it's not about getting everything right, or always saying the right thing at the right time.
- **A loving family has realistic expectations** – Since perfection is not the big deal, it's about mums and dads accepting and living with each other's rough edges. And their kids' too. And love accepts that those rough edges can become smooth with time.
- **A loving family has boundaries** – There is a difference between what is acceptable behaviour and what isn't. Love draws lines in the sand. Step over that line and there are consequences. Freedoms are withdrawn, or extra chores have to be undertaken.
- **A loving family teaches responsibility** – Each member has their role to play in helping the family function. And they are thanked for their efforts. Nothing is taken for granted. Sure, there will be the need to coach our kids to do some tasks but that's part of the deal.
- **A loving family knows what they're about** – It's about rearing people who take pride in what they do. The last thing we need is a battalion of self-indulged kids and young people who think the world owes them something. That they are the centre of the universe.
- **A loving family produces great spin offs** – With those lines in the sand, with clear expectations of what is acceptable, the end product is a blessing. There emerges a whole new generation of young people able to make their world safe and secure too.
- **A loving family looks out for the danger signs** – Mums and dads are on the alert for anything that puts their family at risk. Differences which go unresolved are out of bounds. Tensions are addressed before outright anger arrives. Stresses are taken seriously.
- **A loving family does a lot of listening** – And this is not always easy given the busyness of our lives. But love is about staying tuned in, of picking up that something is not right, of observing a family member being unusually quiet. It's about helping each other unload.

Let's get one thing clear. Our world needs loving families. Real parents bringing up real kids with real expectations. No, it's not about getting everything right. But it is about making choices to enjoy each other, to encourage each other, to let loose wonderful young adults who know how to make their world and ours a much better place.

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Orientation Day

Restrictions have lifted and Orientation Day is back on the calendar!

Tuesday 8th December 2020
(Primary Schools will distribute information)

(Continuing with our Year 7 subject information)
Visual Art

Visual Arts at PSC is where the 'Creative Magic' happens. At Year 7, students will explore the idea of using their own experiences to generate ideas for artworks. They will create artworks using Drawing, Lino Printing, Watercolour Paints and Ceramics that we fire in our very own kiln.

The Art Department is a buzz of activity and offers a safe space for students to discover their creativity. There are always senior students working on their projects that can mentor and inspire our younger students, and we offer a weekly Art Club and various activities throughout the school year such as Chalk Art Day, Photography Competitions and the exhibition of students work.

We are passionate about the Arts and aim to give the students a pathway to explore their individual creativity through a variety of subjects such as Visual Arts, Graphics, Photography and Media Studies.

Health and Physical Education

Physical Education aims to build on skills and fitness. Throughout the year you will participate in swimming, minor games, SEPEP soccer and sofcrosse. The lagoon run and beep test are annual highlights of our fitness program as students set personal challenges and friendly rivalries each year. Health explores resilience, rights and respectful relationships, puberty and personal wellbeing. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of inter-school sports.

LOTE - Indonesian

Learning a new language is a great way to explore the world around us!

At PSC, students learn Indonesian as a second language. Our Indonesian classrooms are colourful, fun and busy spaces where students learn about Indonesian language and culture. In Year 7, we learn to greet each other and talk about ourselves in Indonesian; we learn about popular sports and watch an Indonesian soccer movie; and we also explore schools in Indonesia and talk about our own school life using Indonesian. (Fun fact: In Indonesia, school starts at 7am!) We start off the year learning some new words and by the end of the year, we are able to write a whole paragraph in Indonesian about ourselves and our school life.

So, 'sampai jumpa' in the PSC Indonesian classrooms to discover the fascinating culture and language of Indonesia.



Student Caity shares her first year thoughts...

What do you remember about your first day at Portland Secondary College?

I remember meeting new people and finding out my confusing classes.

What has been your favourite thing you have been involved in?

I don't really know what my favourite thing is, there's too many.

Who has been your favourite teacher?

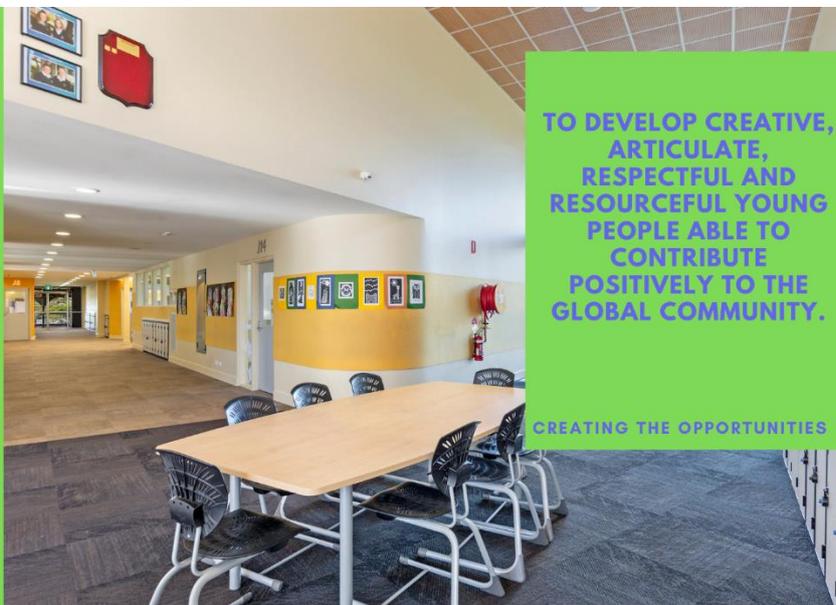
My favourite teacher is either Miss Speers or Miss Jasper. Miss Speers because she was my Grade 5&6 Teacher so she knows the way I work and Miss Jasper because she's chill and fun.

What is your favourite subject?

I have two, PE and Humanities because they're just fun classes to be in!

What were you worried about before you started? How do you feel about that now?

When I first started at PSC I was worried about getting lost and if people will like me. Now I feel so much better, everything is so much easier than I thought it would be. It's like weight has been lifted of my shoulders and I'm not scared anymore.



TO DEVELOP CREATIVE, ARTICULATE, RESPECTFUL AND RESOURCEFUL YOUNG PEOPLE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY.

CREATING THE OPPORTUNITIES

Caity's advice for our Grade 6 students attending PSC next year?

"It's not as scary as you think."

3 Words to describe PSC



Respectful
Clean
Sophisticated