



BOLWARRA

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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 EIGHT: TERM FOUR 2020

Friday November 20 th	• Grade 5/6 Camp Cooriemungle
Monday November 23rd	• Transition for 2021 Preps 2:30pm • Grade 3/4 Bridgewater Camp
Tuesday November 24 th	• Grade 3/4 Bridgewater Camp
Wednesday November 25 th	•
Thursday November 26 th	•
Friday November 27 th	• Flourishing Friday 2:30pm

END OF YEAR SPECIAL EVENTS

December is normally a very busy time for our school, but as we abide by the current restrictions in place, many of those special events will not be going ahead.

- There will be no family night, although we are still expecting Santa to provide presents for the students before the end of the year.
- There will be some sort of Graduation for our Grade 6's but it will have to be a virtual event for our parents. Details are still to be decided.
- We were hoping to hold the Grade 2 Sleepover but at this stage no sleepovers at school can go ahead.
- We will still be holding Decadent Day for the Grade 3 to 6 students on the same day as Prep-2 Excursion.

PREP PHOTOS OF OUR CURRENT GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Below are photos of Chantelle Shemeld and Daniel Goode from Prep in 2014.



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS – Tabloid Sports Tuesday December 1st

On Tuesday December 1st all students will be joining students from Narrawong, Dartmoor, Heywood Primary and Secondary participating in a Tabloid Sports Day. The day will be held at Heywood Secondary School and we will be following all current Covid regulations. More details will follow.

BRIDGEWATER CAMP – Grade 3/4

Next Monday and Tuesday our Grade 3/4 students will be having their camp. They will be involved in surfing, rock pooling, geocaching and archery. They will also be doing the seal walk and the 'Seals by Sea' tour.

PARENT SURVEY

We had 46% of our parents complete the result. This is a very high result compared to other schools. Thanks for the response. We now eagerly await the results.

FLOURISHING FRIDAY



Last Friday's 'Flourishing Friday' included slime making, tennis, cricket, lego, mindful colouring and outdoor games.

CAMP COORIEMUNGLE – Day One



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

November	Friday	20 th	-	Grade 5/6 Camp - return
	Monday	23 rd	-	Grade 3/4 Camp
	Tuesday	24 th	-	Grade 3/4 Camp
	Friday	27 th	-	Flourishing Friday activities 2:30pm
December	Tuesday	1 st	-	Tabloid Sports Day
	Wednesday	2 nd	-	School Council
	Friday	4 th	-	Report Writing Day – No students at school
	Friday	11 th	-	Flourishing Friday activities 2:30pm
	Tuesday	15 th	-	Grade 2 Sleepover
	Wednesday	16 th	-	Decadent Day – Grade 3-6 Excursion – Prep/1/2
Friday		18 th	-	Last Day of Term 4

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Gori Stellini who turns 11 on Monday, and Callum Richardson who turns 11 next Thursday.

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 8 is due back at school by **tomorrow, Friday, 20th November**.

Orders for Xmas can be held at the office for parent collection if requested. Please let Nicole know if you want your order to be held and arrangements made to meet and collect at the gate.

DRINK BOTTLES – All students are required to have a drink bottle at school. In line with the COVID regulations, children cannot use the drink taps to drink from; however they are able to refill their drink bottles from them.

With the warmer weather children need to drink plenty of water and therefore must have **their own** drink bottle on their classroom table or in their school bags. **Please ensure your child has a drink bottle at school every day.**

HATS All students (and staff) are required to wear a hat when out in the school yard during recess, lunch and P.E. Please check with your child that they have a school hat and that it is clearly named. Students without a hat will have to sit undercover during recess and lunch.

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

This colourful 81+ page cookbook has been selling fast and we have had to print more.

To order, send note and money to school with your child, or ring the office and arrangements can be made for pick up at the gate or to be sent home with your child.

TYRENDARRA U-13 CRICKET TEAM PLAYERS WANTED

Players wanted for the above cricket team.

Aimed at children 9+

Fun and skill based, not scoring, everyone welcome!

Training at Flinders Park Portland

4.30pm Tuesdays

Games in Portland

(Venue rotates each fortnight)

4.30pm Wednesdays.

Free of charge.

For more info contact

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Chaplains' Corner – Any dramas at your place?

Just in case you're wondering, it happens in every family. Personality clashes. Arguments about this and that. Differences about what should happen and when. Sometimes we handle these stresses really well and feel good about this. Other times all hell breaks loose. When chaos rules, the hassles may go under the carpet, but only to upset us later.

For our sake and our family's, we have to do better than simply march from one family showdown to the next. Constant stress is the ticket to raised voices and often damaged relationships. There's a choice to be made here. Between trying hard to find workable ways forward, or simply settling for one shouting match after another. So, consider....

- **Let's get one thing cleared up early** – There's no perfect family. Every family has its joys and pains, its ups and downs, its good times and its dramas. It's called life. So no point comparing your crew with the families of friends or neighbours.
- **As parents, we bring our past into play** – This is a subtle one. The family we grew up in as kids shapes the way we care for our own family. If our upbringing was loving and caring, that's how we'll shape our own family. Without even realising it.
- **But the past can be unkind** – Not all of us had the benefit of a loving family though. If we grew up in a climate high on drama, high decibel disasters, shouting matches with winners and losers, it may be very hard to rewrite the script for our own crew.
- **So, what is the pathway to family peace then?** – First up, any change doesn't come easily. We all know that. It's too easy to stick with what has been even if it's super painful. The initial step is to want to do better in our parenting. It's a choice.
- **We have to ditch the win at all costs approach** – Simply because this doesn't achieve anything apart from ongoing warfare. The real point? What outcome is most likely to best meet the needs of everyone involved? Forget winning and losing.
- **Be wise about timing** – There's no point trying to sort out a difficulty if you, partner or kids are ready to explode. Back off. When the emotions have settled, clear thinking and problem solving come a lot easier. Solutions are scared of high temperatures.
- **When it's time to talk** – Wait for the calm to arrive. Then quietly find out all you can. What are the needs of each? What has gone astray? Why has this become a drama? You can't move ahead without knowing where everyone is at.
- **Search well then for ways to move ahead** – Just because you're a parent doesn't mean you will always have the solution. Ask your kids for effective ways to meet everyone's needs. Encourage problem solving. This gives ownership to all players.
- **Activate the agreed way forward** – Take the steps that will work best. Don't rush. Be patient. Give encouragement. Remember, you're coaching your kids to work on life's hard stuff. Treat this as a learning experience for them. This kicks great goals.

Your family can become a source of light and hope for other families. Remember, it's not about perfection. It's about being real, about making the best of life's ups and downs.

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Student Declan shares his first year thoughts...

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

Seeing my class and teacher and not knowing where to go!

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

Being Class Captain and doing the leadership activities as well as sports and swimming days.

Have you made new friends?

Yes a lot and you will make friends from other Primary Schools too.

Who has been your favourite Teacher?

Pak Josh because he is nice and likes to have bit of a joke and is a cool Teacher.

What is your favourite subject?

Technology because you use your own ideas to create.



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

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

"Everyone is nice and if you need help ask and they will give you help."

3 Words to describe PSC



Nice
Respectful
Friendly



Transition Week

The transition process has, and continues to look a lot different this year but we hope you have enjoyed our Transition 2020 so far at PSC!

Year 7 Subjects overview

English

In English we cover writing, reading and viewing, and speaking and listening. We study a range of different types of texts, over the course of the four terms, developing a deep understanding of the obvious and the not so obvious.

We are always looking to develop our writing skills, with a particular focus on writing for different purposes and audiences. Our speaking and listening skills are also important so we work on drafting spoken pieces and practice presenting our thoughts and opinions effectively.

We encourage class discussion to help clarify ideas and learn about the perspectives of others. We are preparing you with the skills you need for success in later life.

Humanities

In the Humanities we study the powerful forces that shape the world and affect our lives. You'll be taught the skills to investigate issues which affect you. In this class, you'll find out why the Portland area has been recognised by the United Nations as one of the most significant places in the world! You'll also investigate who really makes the laws which govern much of our lives, and what to do if you're unhappy about them!

As part of your study of First Nations culture and history you'll go on an excursion to the Tyrendarra Indigenous Protected area to see Australia's only UNESCO World Heritage site for Indigenous cultural value. Here you'll see constructions that are older than the pyramids in Egypt and the world's first example of fish farming.

You'll also work with your classmates to discuss ideas about our area's history and form opinions about the laws that govern our lives. You'll create informative posters, be given the opportunity to voice your opinion in debates; and investigate the powers that shape our nation.

By the end of the year, you will have the knowledge and skills to change the world.

BE RESILIENT
BE SUCCESSFUL
BE RESPECTFUL
BE CREATIVE

