

NUMBER 37

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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 NINE: TERM FOUR 2020

Friday November 27 th	• Flourishing Friday 2:30pm
Monday November 30 th	• Transition for 2021 Preps 2:30pm
Tuesday December 1 st	• Tabloid Sports Day
Wednesday December 2 nd	• School Council
Thursday December 3 rd	•
Friday December 4 th	• Report Writing Day – No students at school

2020 Tabloid Sports: HDSC, HEYCON, Dartmoor, Bolwarra & Narrawong Schools.

This day is funded through a grant received by the group (Respectful Relationships Program) bus costs and lunch are supplied. The lunch will be sausages in bread and a fruit box. Children will need to take a drink bottle, hat and their snack including fruit. If children have special dietary needs they will need to take their own food. Children wear school uniform. Children will be placed in a group with students from other schools. The program will be run by 'Education Sports Carnival'.

WHEN: Tuesday 1st December

WHERE: Heywood District Secondary College

WHAT TO BRING: (wear) School uniform, hat, snacks, drink bottle, sunscreen and any medication.

LUNCH: BBQ lunch will be supplied
(bring your own lunch if you don't like sausages)

TRAVEL: 9:15am by bus
Return to Bolwarra by 2:45pm

A permission form has gone home that needs to be signed and returned.

PREP PHOTOS OF OUR CURRENT GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Below are photos of Elliot Munday and Emma Butler from Prep in 2014.



CAMPS

How wonderful that our camps were able to go ahead. I can't thank Mr Thompson, Mrs Arthur, Julie, Katie and Sherryn enough, for giving up their personal time to devote to our Coorimungle and Bridgewater camps. They were rewarded by seeing the students showing great respect, empathy and kindness over the duration of the camps.

BRIDGEWATER CAMP – Grade ¾



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

November	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
December	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 Hamish McDougall who turns 11 tomorrow.

SENSORY GARDEN

Rebecca (one of our Integration Aides) has been successful in receiving a grant for a Sensory Garden Project. We are asking for donation of items to be used in the construction of this garden. Old gumboots (if possible please bring to school in a recycle plastic bag). Any cutlery that can be used in the making of wind chimes. These items can be sent along to school with your child or call the office to arrange drop off at the front gate. You may like to call into the school over the weekend and bags of these items can be hung on the bag hooks outside the grade 6 classroom.

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

This colourful 81+ page recipe book would make a great Xmas gift: for grandparent, mum/dad, family members and friends. To order, ring the office and arrangements can be made for pick up at the gate or to be sent home with your child.

Chaplains' Corner – It's time to dance to a new tune

When it comes to outcomes for families, there's a standout winner. Without thinking too much about it, most mums and dads want their kids to be happy. And will do as much as they can to make this happen. But there's a catch with this admirable goal. What does happiness actually look like?

If happiness is about everything going right, then our kids' happiness will have big gaps. Or if it's about solving every problem, or always making the right call, or never losing the plot, happiness will go into hiding. So, we need to think about what it is that we are really trying to achieve in our homes. Consider....

- **We need to ponder what happiness actually looks like** – If it's dependent on life being permanently friendly, then we're going to lose it. Ordinary happiness will be easily thrown by setbacks, disappointments, tension and stress. There has to be something more.
- **Happiness has a helper** – It's called joy. For genuine joy runs deep. It doesn't flinch when the wheel comes off. It doesn't give up. Or shut down. It's the inner compass that directs us when the days are dark. Joy gives us a firm footing; it gives us a steady hand.
- **Joy embraces the big picture without fear** – For real joy relies on the quiet certainty that the tough times will pass, that in the usual chaos of life there will be a way through, that when all seems lost, there is still another door to open.
- **And with the quietness there is an underlying peace** – We can look the tough stuff in the eye and not give in. The roots of joy go deep within us. But this doesn't happen in the blink of an eye. We have to make some bold decisions.
- **Instead of running in circles from one crisis to another** – We choose to stop. We back off. We call a halt to whatever has thrown us. This is not easy for many of us. It's about giving our hearts and minds a breather, a time to catch up, the chance to reflect.
- **Backing off requires discipline** – Yes, but it gives our minds and spirits a chance to process what's going on. The quiet moments renew our perspective; they take us outside the envelope; they free us to think in new and refreshing ways.
- **So, this is much more than just happiness** – This is about allowing the streams of joy and peace to flow into our lives, to bring refreshment to our hearts, minds and spirits. Our inner batteries go into recharge, our longing for peace is met in new and unexpected ways.
- **This renewal of our inner depths touches our families too** – Instead of flying off the handle, or being in constant shouting mode, or looking for things to go wrong, or blaming our partner or kids for our troubles, we are the bringers of peace and wisdom.
- **And this is the real transformation** – Happiness is no longer a goal, it is a by-product of a much deeper change within us. We model for our families a new way of coping with everything that life delivers without going under. We offer joy and peace.

Of course we want the best for our families. But we can't give what we don't have. Let's take the time, let's make the space for our minds and spirits to dance to the tune of joy.

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