

NUMBER 29

17th September 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



REMINDERS FOR WEEK ONE: TERM FOUR 2020

Monday October 5 th	• Term 4 begins – All students at school
Tuesday October 6 th	• All students at school
Wednesday October 7 th	• All students at school
Thursday October 8 th	• All students at school
Friday October 9 th	• All students at school

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Starting Monday October 5th all students will be required at school.

The Department have outlined clear expectations for how school will operate during Term 4 (This information is current as at September 17th)

- Priority 1 – Wellbeing and Equity

The wellbeing, and particularly the mental health, of every student and member of staff is the highest priority.

- Priority 2 – Learning and Excellence
- Priority 3 – Transitions

Other important information;

- school camps and excursions cannot take place at this time
- Additional staff, including parent volunteers, must not attend school at this time.
- Parent-teacher information sessions and interviews must continue to be replaced with online and video alternatives.
- Schools must not conduct on-site school tours for prospective students and their families at this time.

MEET 'ROCKET' RODNEY EADE THIS EVENING – Thursday September 17th

All our dads are invited to join Melbourne's Shed Door Community via a Zoom meeting tonight, Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm. As most will know, Rocket is a former Hawthorn great who played 229 games for the Hawks. He is now the Schools Manager for The Fathering Project in Victoria.

Be part of a meeting with dads from everywhere. Our plan is to introduce The Fathering Project to our school.

Zoom Meeting ID: 6274526180



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Millie Flannery who turns 12 today. On the holidays Sherryn and Miss Poehland celebrate their birthdays on Thursday October 1st.

KINDNESS CHALLENGE IDEAS

- Make a beautiful artwork and send it to an elderly relative or friend who lives alone.
- Be a “virtual volunteer.” Volunteering helps people needing help, and also helps the people helping! There is a lot of evidence showing that volunteering leads to being more satisfied and having healthier blood pressure levels.
- Draw up your family tree. Ring relatives and ask about their details to add to the tree. Spend time really listening to their stories.
- Pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox – you can do this physically or online, choosing gifts as a family.
- Leave a surprise in your mailbox for the postie. You could leave a thank you note, a picture or a treat.

HOLIDAY/LOCKDOWN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS

- **Make a cardboard fort**

So simple but the fun can last for hours. Put any boxes you have out in the garage to good use. Don't have boxes to spare? A sheet fort using chairs and bedsheets can be just as fun.

- **Set up a treasure hunt**

Treasure hunts are pretty easy and depending on how many items there are, could last a while. Hide anywhere from 10 to 20 items around the house or outside to keep kids occupied for a few hours.

- **Take them to a virtual aquarium**

Aquariums are a great way to learn about the underwater world, and also a great way to relax the kids at the end of the day as fish can have a calming effect. Check out a bunch of virtual tours of aquariums from all around the world. <https://wbkr.com/free-virtual-aquarium-tours-from-across-the-world-video/>

- **Virtually visit the Louvre**

Transport you and your family to Paris, France by taking a digital tour of one of the most famous international museums, the Louvre www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne

- **Bake together**

Cookies, cakes, brownies. Anything! Baking is a great lesson in measuring, ingredients, and of course, making delicious goodies.

- **Sign up to Crikey Club**

If you've got an animal lover in your life, we recommend signing them up to Crikey Club. <https://crikeyclub.com.au/login.php> This fun online club run by Irwin's and Australian Zoo is a fun way to learn about conservation, with virtual zoo tours, activities and education all in one.

- **Have a picnic**

Grab a sheet, whatever food you have, and enjoy a living room picnic or take the fun out into the backyard if you are able. You can even play that memory game at the same time: “I'm going to a picnic and I'm bringing...” Each person takes turns remembering (in order) what everyone is bringing and then adds one thing each turn.

- **Write a letter**

Break out the envelopes, the stamps, the pens, and paper. No, we're not talking e-mails; we're talking old-fashion snail mail. Write a letter to someone you love, like grandma and grandpa, or a family member who lives far away.

- **Break out the board games**

Scrabble, Monopoly, Checkers, Chess, Snakes and Ladders...

Chaplains' Corner – For our Dads – Meet with Rocket Rodney Eade this evening!

Rocket is a great name in Aussie Rules with a hugely impressive record. This evening he is the special guest of the Shed Door Community, a network for blokes in Melbourne's eastern suburbs. The Shed Door crew have invited the Bolwarra dads to join in their meeting which is via Zoom, commencing at 7.30. See below for the Zoom address.

The low down on Rocket....

Recruited from Glenorchy (TAS), while still a schoolboy, Rodney Eade made his debut for Hawthorn as an 18-year-old. In his first season at Hawthorn he played in the 1976 Premiership team. He went on to play with the Hawks in their 1978, 1983 and 1986 Premiership sides. He played 229 games for Hawthorn between 1976 and 1987. He moved to Brisbane Bears in 1988 where he played 30 games before retiring in 1990.

Following his retirement, Rodney has had an extensive coaching career. He coached the Sydney Swans between 1996-2002, the Western Bulldogs from 2005-2011 and the Gold Coast Suns from 2014 to 2017.

In 1983 Rodney was made a life member of the Hawthorn Football Club and in 2005 he was inducted as an inaugural legend in Tasmanian Football's official Hall of Fame. Rodney was appointed coach of the Balwyn Tigers in 2018.

Rocket, The Fathering Project and Bolwarra....

Rocket also works as a Schools Manager for "The Fathering Project" in Victoria. The Fathering Project is an organisation that assists dads to form groups that organise fun activities at schools across Australia. The Fathering Project provides a safe and inclusive environment where fathers can engage with their kids and learn, share and connect with each other.

Rocket has already been in touch with Bolwarra Primary and is very keen to talk with us about setting up a dads' group here. Tonight is a good way to get to know Rocket a little better and to find out more about The Fathering Project.

All we need are some dads to put their hand up to help us get our own dads' group up and running with support from The Fathering Project.

Once we have some interest from our dads, Rocket will invite our Principal and interested dads to meet him via a Zoom conversation.

How to Zoom in tonight....

We can't wait to hear what Rocket has to say about footy, family and life.

When? Thursday 17 September

Where? ON Zoom!

When? 7.30 pm

Who's it for? Blokes (mid teens and up)

Zoom Meeting ID: 6274526180

The invitation is going to many dads, those who would normally attend the Shed Door Community in person but, via Zoom, is open to all dads whoever and wherever they may be. A wide-open invitation. Their comment: *While we can't meet in person, we look forward to seeing you on Zoom. The upside is, we can now welcome blokes from regional Vic, interstate and overseas. All blokes welcome.*

If you are a Bolwarra dad and would like to know more about the setting up of a dads' group at our school, let met know! See you on Zoom this evening.

Thanks, John – 0428 780 421, or email revsimmo@gmail.com