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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### REMINDERS FOR WEEK TWO: TERM THREE 2020

Friday July 17 <sup>th</sup>	
Monday July 20 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday July 21 <sup>st</sup>	
Wednesday July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
Thursday July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Friday July 24 <sup>th</sup>	'Flourishing Friday' 2:30 to 3:30pm

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

### **LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK**

All students in Term 3 are learning about Leadership and Teamwork. Leadership and Teamwork play a role in Positive & Respectful Relationships. Positive & Respectful Relationships in turn is an important plank in helping us to flourish. The character strengths of **Bravery** and **Perspective** play a role in being a true leader. Bravery is doing the right thing even when it's hard or you're afraid. Perspective is understanding multiple sides before making decisions, and giving helpful advice to others.

### **TERM 3 AT BOLWARRA**

At this stage school we will continue to operate in Term 3 as we have been doing since returning from on-line learning. We will continue to be guided by the State Government and our situation could change at any time. Any changes made will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

### **CAMPS**

After discussions with School Council it has been decided to wait and see on the prospects of camps going ahead this year. Ideally we would like that our students were involved in camps in 2020 but the health and safety of our staff and students comes first and will not be compromised.

Camps proposed for this year are;

Grade 5/6 – Camp Cooriemungle September 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Grade 3/4 - Port Fairy October 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>

Financially we will find it difficult to run our camps if a number of students pull out.

**Are you intending to send your child on camp if we give them the Ok to go ahead?**

Can you please e-mail me at [Lee.Gibbons@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Lee.Gibbons@education.vic.gov.au) with your thoughts on camps for 2020.

### **2021 Enrolments**

We are still unable to conduct school tours for 2021 enrolments. We are still available for contact via phone or e-mail in regard to 2021. Enrolment packs and forms can be accessed from the school or via our school website.

Phone: 55292374

E-mail – [Lee.Gibbons@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Lee.Gibbons@education.vic.gov.au)

All schools in the Portland and District area encourage students to go to their local school. Your local school can be found at [www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au)

**STUDENT ABSENTEES** - Please remember, if your child is away from school, to contact the office at the start of the day, as the school needs to record all reasons for absenteeism.

**DRINK BOTTLES** – All students need to have their own drink bottles at school. Please make sure your child has one and brings it to school. They can fill them from the drink taps but they may not drink from the taps

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Mykibie Trigger who turns 9 on Saturday; Diana Daroui (10) and Zeppelin (11) on next Tuesday.

**BOOK CLUB** – Issue 5 was distributed today and orders should be back at school by Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER** – If anyone would like to add their favourite recipes for print, there is still time.

Send them along to school with your child or email to [bolwarra.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bolwarra.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Unfortunately, due to the circumstances during term 2, the completion of the book had to be postponed.

## **FLOURISHING FRIDAY**

'Flourishing Friday' was a great way to finish Term 2. Students were involved in art, basketball, outdoor games, karaoke, Lego and mindful colouring.



**LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL**

## Chaplains' Corner – Resisting our current enemies

Some enemies just hang around. We can't dodge them or imagine they don't exist. Try uncertainty for starters. May be throw in fear as well for good measure. These C19 days are dishing these out for so many of us. Yes, we are blessed to be living a fair distance from the hotspots. But we can't help wondering if the virus will arrive here sooner or later.

And mums and dads have a pretty good ace up our sleeves. We may not realise it though. This ace card is about getting on with our life as a family. It's about valuing and maintaining our routines. It's about doing well what we've always done. It's also about practical wisdom. Consider for a moment....

- **We can't stop the world and get off** – But we can stay on top of life's endless supply of difficulties. We can outwit the messy stuff without losing our cool. We can look anxiety in the eye and not cave in. We can move ahead with confidence. No matter what turns up.
- **We have a truckload of help on our side** – And that goes for all of us. Like keeping our regular routines, like doing what is needful, like being on the look out for our partners and kids, like taking time out for a cuppa, like slowing down to get some energy back.
- **We can't ignore our enemies** – Uncertainty and fear hunt for all of us. Being tough minded and resilient is a bonus but you still can't rule out being anxious in this current climate. So, we have to find sensible ways to respond to what's going on.
- **Take care with the news** – It's one thing to stay up to date with what's going on. But it's quite another to be obsessive about it. Beware the 24/7 news channels. Go one better and turn the TV off. Being absorbed with bad news empowers uncertainty and fear.
- **Do what needs to be done** – Keep up the drill on hand washing, sanitizing, keeping hands away from faces, covering up when sneezing or coughing. Once your kids are in the swing of all this, you're well ahead. Easy protection. Saves constant nagging too.
- **Make life as normal as possible** – Like all of us, our kids become fearful of what they don't understand. Sure, help them get the drift of what the virus is about. Just don't let it become the only topic of conversation. If you stay positive, they will be at peace.
- **Embrace your routines as good friends** – They keep everyone's feet on the ground. Get your gear ready for school, tidy the bedroom, feed the pets, put the rubbish out, find your reader, work on the jigsaw together, leave no room for the virus to have airplay.
- **Respond wisely to your kids' questions** – Our kids are great at asking questions. If they ask about the virus, give answers in kid speak. Don't brush any question off. Tailor your answer to their age. Explain "pandemic" simply in your own words.

Stay tuned to your own needs. Yes, we need to be aware of how our kids are handling the news about the virus. But we need help too. Being uncertain and fearful about the impact of C19 upon us personally and our families are real concerns for all of us. Financial stress and anxiety about survival are realities for so many. Let's be there for each other, our kids and other families in these difficult times. This will curb the subtle power of uncertainty and fear.

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