

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

REMINDERS FOR WEEK NINE: TERM TWO 2020

Friday June 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil Free Day – no on-line learning
Monday June 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday June 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All classes at school
Wednesday June 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All classes at school
Thursday June 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All classes at school
Friday June 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All classes at school

THANK YOU FAMILIES

On behalf of the Bolwarra staff I would like to thank you for your support over the past 11 weeks. I know that the supervision of your children at home has been very challenging at times. Your patience during this time has been noted. Communication between families and school has been wonderful. I have been overwhelmed by the positive support that our families have given our school community.

On March 27th I wrote, *'We are all going into isolation but we do need to stay connected'*. Then on March 30th, *'Let's stay connected and we will continue to flourish at Bolwarra'*. I believe we have achieved these things through staying positive and working together. Of course this health crisis is not over yet and we still need to continue working together.

RETURN TO SCHOOL OF ALL STUDENTS

Next Tuesday June 9th all classes will be operating at school. The same health guidelines that we brought in on the return of the Prep/1 and 2/3 classes will continue to operate with all students back. This includes the following;

- There will be extra cleaning of the school during school hours.
- Children will need to bring their own Water Bottles. Bubble taps will be used to fill bottles but not for drinking from.
- There is to be no congregating of adults in areas inside or around school. We ask that students enter and exit school grounds without their parents.
- Unwell students must stay at home.
- Students will be supervised in regular hand hygiene practices throughout the school day.
- Parents are not to enter school grounds unless given permission. Please ring the office prior if you believe it is essential to come into the school grounds.
- Buses will run as normal.

These requirement are all new to us. Please contact us if you need any clarification. There may be things that we miss. Please contact us if you think we have not covered something.

RETURN OF ALL BOOKS BY THE END OF TERM 2

We are currently going through a large clean/up of our Library. We would like any Bolwarra/MARC books that you may have at home to be returned by the end of Term 2. Due to this there will be no borrowing from the Library for the rest of the term. Borrowing will begin again at the start of term 3.

There is also different equipment such as protractors which went home during the on-line learning that will need to be returned.

REPORT WRITING DAY – Tomorrow Friday June 5th (No students at school or doing on-line learning)

As you would have expected, reports this semester will look much different to the ones of previous years'. A separate letter will come out before the end of term about what these reports will look like

2021 SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to Anthony Price and Daniel Goode for receiving scholarships to Portland Secondary College for 2021. Also to Alex Jacobson who was successful in getting a scholarship to Bayview College for 2021.

BUSHFIRE SEASON PREPARATION

As our school is recorded on the Department's Bushfire-at-Risk Register (BARR), upgrade works were required for our nominated SIP (Shelter-in-Place) building in order to comply with the Department's SIP Assessment Guidelines.

These works started on Monday and will continue over the upcoming weeks. This will enable the P/1/2/3 building to comply fully with all regulations for the upcoming bushfire season.

2021 Enrolments

Due to the current health crisis we are 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: 55292375

E-mail - gibbons.lee.a@edumail.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

If restrictions are eased in June school tours may return as an option.

HOT LUNCHES/PIE HEATER WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY JUNE 9th

At Bolwarra during terms 2 and 3 students have the option of bringing food for lunch which will be warmed up in the Pie Heater

- ❖ Food must be wrapped securely in foil
- ❖ Students name and grade to be written clearly with black marker
- ❖ Food must be placed in the container in the classroom on arrival at school

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Shakiah Stellini who turns 12 next Thursday.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Friday June 5th

Pupil Free day

Tuesday June 9th -

All students back at school

Wednesday June 24th

School Council 7pm

Friday June 26th

Last day of Term 3



PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE

Creating the Opportunities

BOLWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you Bolwarra Primary School for your assistance throughout our Scholarship process.

Portland Secondary College was very impressed with the quality of the applications received, which is full credit to your dedicated staff and families.

Your community should be very proud of the staff at Bolwarra PS who have done an amazing job preparing their students for the transition into secondary schooling.



Daniel Goode
Academic Scholarship



Anthony Price
Leadership Scholarship

Congratulations to Daniel and Anthony for being awarded a 2021 Scholarship at Portland Secondary College. We look forward to seeing you continue to grow and develop your academic and leadership skills.

ON-LINE LEARNING

Grade 4/5/6

This week we have seen some Nature Art, Funny Faces Pizza and Frog Origami

Jaemie Heinrich



Kiah Cashin



Diana Daroui



Lou Impey

Photo of finished Pizza



Alex Jacobson

Photo of finished Pizza



Shakiah Stellini



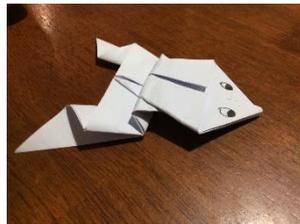
Daniel Goode



Clancy Stirling



Shantae Keegan



Chaplains' Corner – When tough issues arrive

It's a pretty good idea to take a second breath. To count to ten. To stand back a pace and take another look. Why? Because we all have to deal with tricky issues, especially in our families. A stray word, a misunderstanding, fatigue, ill health, or overload of any sort can lead us into making mistakes. Of saying the wrong thing. Of reacting rather than quietly thinking through the options. Of behaving in ways that we may have a lifetime to regret.

So, what's this all about? Simply this. Every family has its issues. Some we create ourselves. Some are generated by other family members, our partner or kids. Others appear out of nowhere. They arrive uninvited. We may react calmly or with surprise, alarm or even anger. Take your pick. So, given all this, we need to ponder a little....

- **Family issues are just that** – Issues only. They need to be addressed, resolved and put behind us. Yes, we have to look them in the eye. We have to figure out why this or that has become a problem for us. This may or may not be easy to do, though.
- **Certainly, there's no point dodging an issue** – Wisdom requires us to do our best to figure out how and why this issue has arrived. First up, it's a listening process, not a leaping to conclusions one. We don't rush in. We don't make rash judgments. We ask questions.
- **We look for what's behind this issue** – It might be hard but we have to find out what's driving this upset. Is the presenting issue the real deal? Or is there something hiding in the background? May be an unresolved long-term relational stress or tension?
- **Issues don't last long when families are kicking goals** – Mums and dads bless their families by working as a team, by giving each other time to share their concerns, by listening without interrupting, by regular encouragement, by facing issues together.
- **Work out what's a big deal and what isn't** – When it's small stuff, answers show up easily. A "Who spilt that milk all over the kitchen floor?" issue is not big time. Easily fixed. But "Is that really what happened?" may lead to much more difficult enquiries.
- **Every issue carries a trap or two** – The more complex the issue, the more angles there are to it. You may think you know them all. But you may not. So, be very careful about making judgments in the heat of the moment. Back off. Listen some more.
- **Don't confuse your assessment with truth** – Yes, your view may be right. And you may hold it with a passion that could lead to anger if you're not careful. But what if you've missed something? That small detail which could change the whole situation? What then?
- **So, weigh in with wisdom** – If your child arrives home from school with a horror story, listen to it. But it may not be the whole truth, or anything like it. Share your concerns with your child's teacher. Apply the maturity which your child doesn't have yet. Take time.

- **If there's a big deal issue in the family, also be wise** – Have you listened to all involved? Do you really know the whole situation? Do you understand where others are coming from? Are you gently trying to work it through or simply laying blame?

We are all fragile people. We all have to cope with unhappy stuff that lands on our plate. So let's function with grace, understanding, patience and forgiveness too. Life requires all these.

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