

NUMBER 7

12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

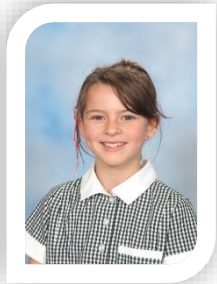


### REMINDERS FOR WEEK EIGHT: TERM ONE 2019

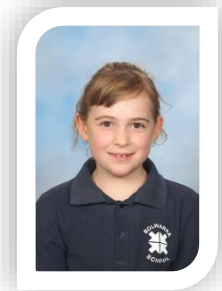
Friday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Division Swimming – Shantae &amp; Charlee</li> <li>• Parent Community 2:30pm</li> <li>• Assembly 3pm</li> </ul>
Monday March 16 <sup>th</sup>	•
Tuesday March 17 <sup>th</sup>	•
Wednesday March 18 <sup>th</sup>	•
Thursday March 19 <sup>th</sup>	•
Friday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Community 2:30pm</li> <li>• Assembly 3pm</li> </ul>

### EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS – 2/3C

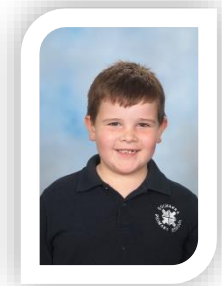
Our Exceptional Students this week are Dakota Oliver, Matilda Cashin and Zach Price



Dakota is an exceptional student because she shows great persistence and can be counted on to add extra detail to her work. Her work is always neatly presented and she takes great pride in everything she completes. Dakota brings energy into our classroom with her happy and enthusiastic nature. She displays patience and empathy towards her classmates, with her caring nature. Way to go, Dakota!



Matilda is an exceptional student because she has a go at everything with confidence and shows persistence to complete her best work. She has a vibrant imagination and excels in creative writing, where she writes fascinating stories. Matilda is always organised and ready to work. She is well liked by her classmates because she treats others with fairness and understanding. Wonderful work, Matilda!



Zach is an exceptional student because he gets along well with others and will always be on the lookout to help anyone who needs it. He sets a good example for others to follow and can be counted on to do the right thing. Zach is a resilient student who gets on with the job with no complaints. He makes friends easily because he takes the thoughts and feelings of others into account before speaking or acting. Great effort, Zach!

***Our Exceptional students will be presented with their awards at tomorrow's assembly at 3pm***

### RURAL ATHLETICS

Well done to those students who competed at our event on Tuesday. It was a fun, successful day.

### DISTRICT ATHLETICS – Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Students who have made this team will be notified early next week and will receive extra information about the day.

- Our school is in charge of High Jump at the District Athletics. Please contact me if you can help on the day.

### DIVISION SWIMMING

All the best to Shantae Keegan and Charlie Coates who are representing our school at the Division Swimming in Warrnambool tomorrow.

## 'MY DREAM JOB' Dress-Up

A great effort from our students in dressing up as their 'Dream Job'

Great job from Alex and his helpers who put on science experiments at lunch time and at assembly.



## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

<b>March</b>	Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	District Athletics
	Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	
	Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	-	Parent/Teacher Interviews p.m.
	Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	-	Parent/Teacher Interviews a.m.
				<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>

## 2020 PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> .....Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> .....Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Julie Wilson who will celebrate her birthday tomorrow; and to Hannah and William Rethus who turn 10 next Thursday.

## PARENT COMMUNITY NETWORK

### **FRIDAY LUNCH HELPERS ROSTER-**

Tomorrows Helpers .....Fried Rice – Demi Jennings & Melissa Smith  
20<sup>th</sup> March – B.B.Q. Sausages & Hamburgers – Justin – Lucas - Harry

## EASTER RAFFLE

**EGG DONATIONS-** A reminders that these donations need to be in by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. We hope to have multiply draws but need the donations in order to make up a variety of hampers. Please support this fundraiser.

## FREE - EX LIBRARY - RECIPE BOOK

There are a number of recipe books, which have been taken off our library system, in the office foyer. Please help yourself before they are put out with the re-cycle bins.

## Chaplain's Corner – The case for wisdom and common sense

We all need a daily dose of wisdom and common sense. Parents and kids, families and friends. True our kids have to learn what these look like and how to apply them. That's part of growing up. But mums and dads know that if we skip the daily dose, we run into all sorts of strife. It's called losing the plot, losing our cool, losing perspective. All three.

When wisdom and common sense go out the window, stand by for a code red within the family or among friends. Disaster is brewing. Hurtful words will be spoken. Selfish actions will kick in. There will be speculation about what others are doing and why. In case you're wondering, this is the start of a downward spiral. Relationships are about to rupture. Big time. Consider....

- **Harmony with others doesn't just happen** – It's the result of deliberate effort. Listening. Encouraging. Showing empathy. Practising compassion. Offering and receiving forgiveness. Simply being lovingly present to each other.
- **Wisdom and common sense go together** – Wisdom sets the direction; common sense puts wisdom into action. One directs; the other implements. Both are there for the asking. All of us, parents, kids, friends, our school family, can easily access both.
- **Wisdom and common sense keep harmony alive** – As we invest our efforts in maintaining harmony between family and friends, we attend to issues as they surface. We deal with misunderstandings right away.
- **A healthy family expects to deal with issues** – Life is not always about the good times. We are thankful for when the days are kind. But we know that there will always be difficulties to attend to. And that's the secret. To deal with them, not ignore them.
- **But putting wisdom and common sense to one side is high cost** – We start doubting one another's motives and behaviour generally. Trust disappears. Speculation creates worst case scenarios. Relationships go into free fall.
- **So, how does common sense kick in then?** – It's about being honest with each other. "There's something here I don't understand. Please help me." So, we look at whatever the problem may be, commit to resolving it and stay tuned to each other.
- **If we catch issues early though, a good outcome is likely** – It's when a concern, or anxiety turns up that we take notice. And commit to common ground. This is the ticket to goodwill, to ongoing working together, to reaching clarity as the outcome.
- **How do we avoid the risk of falling apart?** – Put simply, we start talking and listening early. Minor misunderstandings can give birth to major drama. We converse without blame, identify the issue and work on it. Wisdom directs, common sense acts.

If we don't make room for wisdom and common sense in our families and with our friends, there can be rather sad, long term consequences. Conversations stop. Connections break down. Our kids accept broken relationships as normal. Harmony within the family and among friends is history. We need to do much better. It's not too hard.

**John** – stay in touch [revsimmo@gmail.com](mailto:revsimmo@gmail.com)

# Portland Secondary College Scholarship Testing for 2021 Year 7 students!

**Be  
Respectful**

**Be  
Successful**

**Be  
Resilient**

**Be  
Creative**

When: Monday 16 March

Where: Portland Secondary College  
Junior School Building

Start Time: Arrive @ 5:30pm  
for a 6:00pm Start

Finish Time: Approx. 7:00pm

Academic & Leadership Scholarships  
available and all materials will be  
supplied on the night.