

NUMBER 8

18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



### REMINDERS FOR WEEK NINE: TERM ONE 2021

Friday March 19 <sup>th</sup>	• Dress Up Day in Blue for Beyond Blue
Monday March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	•
Tuesday March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	• Rural Athletics at Nelson Park –all students
Wednesday March 24 <sup>th</sup>	• School Council AGM and March Meeting 7pm
Thursday March 25 <sup>th</sup>	•
Friday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	• Flourishing Friday 2:30pm

### 2021 NEW STUDENTS



Over the next few newsletters I am going to introduce the students who are new to Bolwarra in 2021.

Pictured left is Jett Treloar. Jett's family, Laura and Chris, are new to our school (although Chris is an ex-student).

Pictured right is Nicklaus Moore who joins his brothers, Hayes and Kelvin, at Bolwarra.

Both boys have settled into school quickly and are already flourishing.



### RURAL ATHLETICS – Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> Nelson Park

- Parents are responsible for transporting their children to & from the Sports.
- Students to be at Nelson Park by 9.00am for a 9.15am Start.
- Programme attached to today's newsletter
- Students will need to bring their own food and water for the day.
- Please note that there will be **NO CANTEEN/TEA/COFFEE/FOOD for sale for parents or students.**

As an added precaution, we ask that if any parents who have a portable shade set/up, could they bring it Tuesday morning to Nelson Park and set them up. We will have the school ones that can be set up as well.

### 'BLUE' Dress-Up – Friday March 19<sup>th</sup>

'BEYOND BLUE' Gold Coin Donation

This year our student leaders have decided that the charity they would like to support is 'BEYOND BLUE'. All students will learn more about this charity as the year progresses. Our first fundraising 'dress-up' day will be held on Friday March 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be 'Blue'.



## DIVISION SWIMMING

Shantae Keegan placed 3rd in the Backstroke and 20<sup>th</sup> in Freestyle. Shantae qualified in backstroke for the Region Swimming championships to be held tomorrow in Horsham. Have fun Shantae.

## 2021 PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>

Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

One more day still to be decided

## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

<b>March</b>	Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Beyond Blue Dress Up day
	Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Rural Athletics – All Students
	Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	-	Flourishing Friday
	Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	District Athletics
	Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	-	Parent Teacher Interviews (4pm – 7pm)
<b>April</b>	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Parent Teacher Interviews (8am-2pm)
			-	Last Day of Term1

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Hannah and William Rethus who turn 11 tomorrow; and Lou Impey who turns 12 on Wednesday.

## EASTER RAFFLE

**DONATIONS:** Families are asked to make an 'Easter Themed' donation. i.e.: Easter Eggs, Easter colouring books, toys etc. Donations have started to come in; These can be left in the tub in the office. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## BULB FUNDRAISER

Last chance!! All cash orders MUST be returned by 9am tomorrow – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and all online orders must be submitted by tomorrow as well.

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY is TUESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> MAY

Envelopes/Order Forms will be sent home with next weeks' newsletter. Please keep in a safe place till needed.



**PORTLAND AUSKICK CENTRE**

**WHERE:** HANLON PARK, PORTLAND, VIC

**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY April 21st and 28th, May 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th,  
June 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

**TIME:** 4:30 PM—5:30 PM

**COST:** \$85.00 INCLUDES AUSKICK PACK , All SESSIONS Term 2 , 2021.

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## Chaplains' Corner – What are your expectations?

Every family has their own way of doing things, their own way of being a family. Some may function a bit like ours. Others will be very different. But there's one way we are all the same. Every mum and dad have expectations about how they want their family to cruise along, about how to get on with each other, about how to keep the home organised, about what is right behaviour and what isn't.

From the moment each child arrives, parents want the best for that little person. Every achievement is applauded – that first smile, the first tummy role, the first steps, the first words, and so it goes. As they grow though, there are set expectations. And there will be a great variety from one family to the next. So, it's a good idea to think about what the expectations are at our place, with our crew. Consider....

- **Every family has its own take on getting along** – From the very earliest days, there are fixed do's and don'ts. Keep away from the fire, don't kick the dog, say "Thank you", put your toys in the box when you've finished playing.
- **Expectations are for everyone** – Each member from the youngest to the eldest plays their part. It's about teamwork, shared tasks, getting things done happily. Expectations create a real sense of belonging, that what I do is valued around here.
- **Expectations carry hidden blessings** – Especially when each child's efforts are noted and thanked. They feel important, that they have done something important all by themselves. They find their place in the big scheme of family life.
- **Without expectations, chaos arrives** – The house looks like a battleground. No one accepts responsibility for anything. It's a free-for-all where everyone loses. Items disappear never to be found. Dishes pile up in the sink. Dirty clothes lie everywhere.
- **May be our expectations need some fine tuning** – If chaos rules the home, it's time for a rethink, time to work out why obvious tasks are being neglected. This may take effort. The road back to order and job sharing could be long and difficult.
- **There could be a hidden roadblock** – The small screen, like fire, is a blessing and a curse, often the latter if we're not careful. Internet addiction is a killer of daily, set priorities. This includes gaming, net surfing and social media generally.
- **Expectations need to be applied to small screen use** – Put simply, there's no internet time if the agreed list of tasks is incomplete. And this applies to parents as much as it does to our kids. Just put that smart phone away until the house is sorted.
- **Home and school can team up on expectations** – Do you spend time listening to your child reading? When did you last read them a story? Have you played any games with numbers lately? Is there any homework to be done?

Expectations deliver great outcomes. Our kids learn responsibility, that their effort is a wonderful contribution to the whole family. They master basic skills. They feel wanted and valued. They become confident. So, do yourself a favour - check out the expectations at your place! Now, where did I put my wallet? And the car keys?

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