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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



### REMINDERS FOR WEEK TEN TERM ONE 2021

Thursday April 1 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent/Teacher Interviews</li> <li>Last day of Term</li> <li><b>Dismissal 2:30pm buses run an hour earlier than usual</b></li> </ul>
Friday April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b></li> </ul>

### REMINDERS FOR WEEK ONE: TERM TWO 2021

Monday April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term 2 begins</li> </ul>
Tuesday April 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Somers Camp for 9 Grade 5/6 students begins</li> </ul>
Wednesday April 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Somers</li> </ul>
Thursday April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Somers</li> </ul>
Friday April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Somers</li> </ul>

### 2021 NEW STUDENTS



Today we introduce Fletcher and Aiysha, who are new to Bolwarra in 2021.

Pictured left is Fletcher Hodgins. Fletcher started Prep this year. His older brother Cooper was a school leader in 2019.

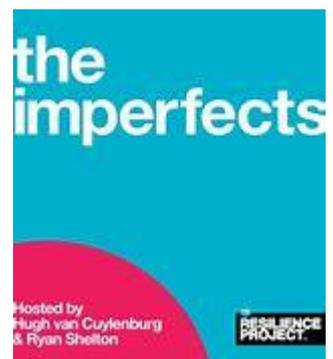
Pictured right is Aiysha Pollock who has joined us from Warrnambool this term. Aiysha is in Grade 5 and has joined 5/6A.



### THE RESILIENCE PROJECT - Must listen to Podcast

Please take an opportunity over the holidays to listen to the following podcast. It describes very closely what we believe in at Bolwarra and what we are trying to teach our students. Would love to receive feedback on this after you have listened.

Welcome to the very first episode of The Academy of Imperfection! Presented by The Imperfects, this new series of conversational lectures will feature experts talking about different areas of imperfection with students Hugh, Ryan, Josh and you. The inaugural guest lecturer is someone we are extremely excited about. Ben Crowe. Along with Brene Brown, Ben has easily been the most mentioned person on The Imperfects over the last few years. Since working at NIKE for decades, Ben has worked closely with everyone from Andre Agassi to Cathy Freeman and surfing champion Steph Gilmore. And more recently with our very own Hugh van Cuylenburg and Ryan Shelton! Here, Ben talks to the class about the importance of self-compassion, connection and purpose. We dare say, this is the one that might just change your life - or at the very least, help you embrace your weird for a few days. For more from Ben Crowe, please visit his website [mojocrowe.com](http://mojocrowe.com) or find him on Instagram. <https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/the-imperfects/id1476501557>



## **BOLWARRA SCHOOL COUNCIL 2021**

President: Anna Impey  
Parent Members: Zoe Calderwood  
Jake Coates  
Marty Starick  
Shannon Curran  
Ben Menzel  
Ernie Arnold  
Staff Members: Nicole Chapple  
Adam Thompson

- Parents are encouraged to pass on any suggestions or concerns to any School Council Member.

## **POLICY UPDATE**

At our recent School Council meeting the following policies were updated;

- Student Wellbeing and Engagement
- Head Lice
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Child Safety

All 4 updated policies can be found on our website [www.bolwarraps.vic.edu.au/](http://www.bolwarraps.vic.edu.au/) or we are happy to provide you with a paper copy on request.

## **DISTRICT ATHLETICS**

A great day was had by all schools and students at the District Athletics yesterday. Rurals placed 3rd in *First Past the Post* and 2nd in *Handicap*. Congratulations to Portland Primary for winning *First Past the Post* and St Johns the *Handicap*.

Individual results were;

Paddy Impey – 1st in Long Jump, 2nd in 100m, 3rd in Triple Jump and 4th in High Jump.

Kekoa Vallance – 4th in Shot Put

Arlee Wilson-Holmes – 1st in Shot Put, 2nd in Triple Jump and 3rd in Long Jump.

Gracie Piergrosse – 3rd in hurdles

Yarinda Thomas – 2nd in 100m and 3rd in Hurdles.

Chad Daniel – 2nd in Shot Put

William Rethus – 3rd in Hurdles

Charlie Arnold – 2nd in Shot Put, Discus and Triple Jump.

Zeppy Vallance – 3rd in Shot Put

Lou Impey – 2nd in Shot Put and 3rd in Discus

Lou and Charlee were part of a winning relay team

Paddy and Arlee were their age group champions.

Paddy, Yarinda, William, Arlee, Charlie, Lou and Charlee have all been chosen to represent our district at the Division event in Warrnambool on May 7th.

Huge thanks to Mrs Arthur and Mr Thompson for looking after our students yesterday and also for running a High Jump pit each. Thank you also to Marty Starick and Jake Coates for helping to run the High Jump pits.

## **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

On Thursday **Mr Cummins** will be holding his interviews in the **meeting room next to the Staff Room** while Miss **McDonald** will be in Mrs Arthur's classroom – enter door at the far end of the corridor, and **Mrs Arthur** will be in her own room – enter at the door closest to the front of the school. Mr Thompson will be in his own room.

**PIE HEATER** – A reminder that the pie heater will be operating next term. Please remember the following when sending your child with food for the pie heater:-

- Wrap securely in foil
- Name and class to be written clearly
- Tell your child they have a hot lunch so they know to place it in the lunch tub in the morning

## **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 1 & 2 DATES

<b>April</b>	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Parent/Teacher Interviews 8am to 2pm Last Day of Term1- dismissal 2.30pm
	Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>First day of Term 2</b>
	Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	-	Somers Camp starts
	Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>ANZAC DAY</b>
	Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	-	Somers Camp finishes
<b>May</b>	Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Photos a.m.
	Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Council
	Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Division Athletics in Warrnambool
	Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	-	Primary School Golf Tournament
	Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	-	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5 Writing
	Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	-	Rural cross-country at Narrawong p.m
	Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	-	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5 Reading
	Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	-	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5 Conventions of Language
	Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	-	District Cross-Country
	Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	GRIP Leadership for Student Leaders
	Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	-	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5 Number
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	-	Winter Series – Grades 4-6	
<b>June</b>	Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Report Writing - Day student free day</b>
	Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Queen's Birthday Holiday</b>
	Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Last Day of Term 2

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following students who will celebrate their birthday during the holiday period:-  
Kelvin Moore (10), Fletcher Hodgins (6), Zach Price (9).

### **EASTER RAFFLE**

**DONATIONS:** Thank You to those families who donated items for our raffle. The draw will take place tomorrow.

*WISHING EVERYONE  
A VERY  
HOPPY EASTER*

**DISMISSAL IS 2.30pm TOMORROW  
Buses run an hour earlier than usual**

## Chaplains' Corner – Easter, a time for hope

Ever stopped to think about the Easter and Christmas seasons? You don't have to be a person of faith to recognise that, behind these holiday times, there is a deeper, richer meaning. At Christmas time it's very obvious – the peace theme looks us in the eye. The time when we try to put aside differences and stress so we can enjoy each other's company. We want Christmas to be a time of joy.

Easter also carries its deeper meaning. Especially on Easter Sunday when families everywhere have their Easter egg hunt around the house and out in the garden. Those chocolate eggs are signposts to life and hope, not too distant from the hope-filled dimensions of the Easter faith. So, how might this time of Easter come as a blessing to us and our families? Consider....

- **Take some real time out** – And families do this in endless ways. The camping gear is dusted off and put to use, or the fishing gear is brought out, or we visit our relatives in places we can't normally get to. We try to do something just that little bit different.
- **We do some planning** – Sometimes good things just happen. Very nice when they do. But the together times go better with some good ideas behind them. Always invite the family to come up with suggestions about what they'd like to do together.
- **We put away the small screen** – Easter is a good time to be present to each other without the distraction of that game, or media post, or Facebook catch up. Others can wait. Let's be on deck for conversation, for sharing, for encouragement, for listening.
- **We take time to be grateful** – Easter is a great time to pull up for a while to list what is going well for us. Our homes, friends, health, work, all that's blessing us. We don't pause to be thankful nearly enough. We run the risk of always wanting instead of thanking.
- **We are happy to be us** – Warts and all. Instead of beating ourselves up about what isn't right, or how things are going against us, we learn to relax about who we are and what we're about. We accept our limitations, our rough edges, our mistakes, our stuff ups.
- **We choose to lift our game** – The Easter hope anticipates better times. And invites us to lift our game. Why not quit putting others down so often? Why not choose to listen better? Why not forgive or ask for forgiveness? Why not create a new way of being and doing?
- **We move outside our box** – Sure, there are set routines and duties which help every family to function. But is it time for a bigger picture? Some project you've been putting off? Or a place you'd love to visit? Or a skill you'd really like to master? Give these some thought.
- **We will put up our hand** – This is a hard one. Too many of us think we have to be able to cope with everything as parents. Anxiety, stress and loneliness kick in even though we're surrounded by family and friends. Maybe it's time to reach out for help? If so, just do it.

Easter is a great time for tuning in to the needs of our crew. So, let's keep an eye on what's going on around us. If we need support from time to time, be assured our kids do too. Become a keen observer. Talk less. Observe more. Sit around with the gang. Stop being a busy freak. As you allow a new hope to touch your life this Easter time, you'll find it's contagious. Perhaps we could all do with a pandemic of hope!

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