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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



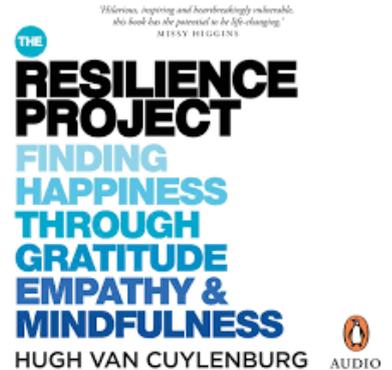
REMINDERS FOR WEEK TWO TERM TWO 2021

Friday April 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somers • Flourishing Friday
Monday April 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somers
Tuesday April 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somers
Wednesday April 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somers campers return at 3pm
Thursday April 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent meeting 2:30pm • Assembly 3pm
Friday April 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

In the next few weeks all students will be involved in lessons on Gratitude. The older students will be learning about positive vs negative thinking with the younger students learning how they can identify the grateful moments of their life.

First thing in the morning is a great time to practice gratitude. Do you, like me, wake up grumpy and start the day with a million negative thoughts? Try replacing those negative thoughts with what you are grateful for. Give it a go. It could make a huge difference for the rest of your day.



BEANIES – Navy & White

The cold weather has arrived.

Time for a Bolwarra beanie?

\$15, see Nicole in the office.

ANZAC DAY RESTRICTED SERVICE

Due to the restrictions being placed on services this year schools will not be marching as per usual on ANZAC Day. Charlee Coates will be representing our school at the service and will lay a wreath on our behalf. There will be a small ceremony held at school tomorrow involving all students.

PARENT GATHERING – Thursday 2:30pm

The challenges of Covid have also presented us with opportunities. We now have the opportunity to rethink how parents can positively contribute to our school.

Next Thursday April 29th at 2:30pm we would like to hear from our parents on how they would like to support the school. We encourage anyone available to join us for a cuppa and a chat.

If you are unable to join us but wish to contribute to the school please let me know via e-mail lee.gibbons@education.vic.gov.au

SOMERS

On Tuesday morning we farewelled Zeppy Vallance, Julia Stiles, Jaemie Heinrich, Jemma McFarlane, Yarinda Thomas, Zarah Bott, Chad Daniel, Charlie Arnold and Lou Impey as they joined other Grade 5/6 students from the Portland/Hamilton area at Somers Camp.

The campers are not due to return until next Wednesday April 28th.

DISTRICT GOLF – Monday May 10th

Any grade 4-6 students interested in this event need to get a note from the office.

2021 PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday June 11th

Friday December 3rd

One more day still to be decided

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES

April

Sunday	25 th	-	ANZAC DAY
Wednesday	28 th	-	Somers Camp finishes

May

Tuesday	4 th	-	School Photos a.m.
Wednesday	5 th	-	School Council
Friday	7 th	-	Division Athletics in Warrnambool
Monday	10 th	-	Primary School Golf Tournament
Tuesday	11 th	-	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5 Writing
Wednesday	12 th	-	Rural cross-country at Narrawong p.m
Thursday	13 th	-	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5 Reading
Monday	17 th	-	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5 Conventions of Language
Tuesday	18 th	-	District Cross-Country
Wednesday	19 th	-	GRIP Leadership for Student Leaders
Thursday	20 th	-	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5 Number
Wednesday	26 th	-	Winter Series – Grades 4-6

June

Friday	11 th	-	Report Writing – Day. Student free day
Monday	14 th	-	Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Friday	25 th	-	Last Day of Term 2

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Asher Witchell who turns 9 next Thursday.

STATEMENTS – Attached to today’s newsletter are statements. Payments can be made in instalments via Bpay, Direct Deposit - please remember to include your name and where funds are to be allocated ie: school fees, ipad etc.) or payment by cash or cheque to the office. Please note we do not have eftpos at school.

PIE HEATER - . 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.

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 3 which was distributed today, is due back at school by next Friday, 30th April.

EASTER RAFFLE Thank you to everyone who donated items and sold raffle tickets. We raised \$380.00.

REMINDER

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Tuesday, 4th May

Please make sure you have your child’s
order envelope ready
to be sent to school with your child
on or before photo day.

Chaplains' Corner – What's going in your family's memory bank?

How the year flies by! Term 2 is now under way. And the question, "What did you do over the holidays?" always delivers a wonderful variety of answers. Every family has its own special collection of memories. And it's not just about who stayed at home, or who went camping, or who did this or that. It's simply about how we spent time together.

Kids love telling their stories about family projects, activities, outings and visits. So, there's a big deal here for mums and dads: what's going into the memory banks of your family? If in our adult years we can recall what happened in our own childhood, the same will be true for our offspring. Decades from now they will look back at what's going on right now at your place. Much will be forgotten, but much will be remembered too. So, we need to stop and think for a moment....

- **What's going on at your place these days?** – Yes, one day may simply drift into the next. Life is like that. Nothing too much out of the ordinary happens. Just the routines of life it seems. But even the ordinary comings and goings will lodge in the memories of your kids.
- **We need a touch of wisdom** – Our family way of living and loving creates life-long memories for our kids whether we realise it or not. Wise parents will be sensitive to what happens day by day. Our family is quietly taking much more on board than we would ever realise.
- **What about these memories then?** – It's up to us to make some choices. Are we leaving joy-filled memories of happy family exchanges and events in our kids' memory banks? Or are we leaving the very opposite? Memories which will sit there for years tinged with disappointment and sadness?
- **Let's commit to creating the good memories** – It's about how we get along, how we encourage, how we express thanks, how we build up each other and our kids. All it takes is the will and the effort to focus on what is going right for us, the little things we can be grateful for.
- **A loving family doesn't have to get everything right** – Life isn't that kind to any of us. Sure, there will always be hiccups, the wheel will fall off every so often. So, what's important then? Simple. It's how we deal with those hiccups. We need to look for good ways to sort out our difficult stuff.
- **Our kids will learn that life isn't easy and straightforward** – And, if we go about it the right way, they will learn from us how to cope with setbacks, misunderstandings and stress in ways which are effective, workable and, above all, loving. These are great lessons which create great memories.
- **The alternative option is not pretty** – When a family is constantly in turmoil, when anger rules, when family members are attacked verbally or physically, the memory bank is flooded with darkness, stress and terrible pain. The sadness just sits there. For years. It never goes away.
- **Keep the leash on stress and tension** – When they run riot, the price tag is way too high. There are better ways of moving forward. Try sharing, not yelling. Try sitting down, not marching back and forth. Try listening, not interrupting. Remember, you're in the memory shaping business here.

So, let's work really hard to promote good memories. Ask each family member on their birthday – parents and kids: "What have been the highlights for you this past year?" This is a great way to recall what's gone well for the birthday person. The responses may surprise you! Don't forget, though, that each day you are creating memories for your crew. And they will last a life time. Go for joy, not pain.

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