

NUMBER 19

17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

### REMINDERS FOR WEEK NINE: TERM TWO 2021



Friday June 18 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PJ Day</li> <li>Flourishing Friday 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Monday June 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Tuesday June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Wednesday June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Council 7pm</li> </ul>
Thursday June 24 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Friday June 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of Term</li> <li><b>Dismissal 2:30pm buses run an hour earlier than usual</b></li> </ul>

### PREP 2022

School Tours are currently on hold with our new Covid situation but we are still taking enrolments. If you require an enrolment pack for a sibling, pop into the school office. If any family or friends would like a tour of our wonderful school, please have them contact the office.

All schools in the Portland and District area encourage students to go to their local school. Your local school can be found by visiting <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au>

### P.J. DAY – Tomorrow – Gold Coin Donation

We encourage our students to come dressed in their pyjamas tomorrow. They will need to bring a gold coin donation, this will go towards Arlee's big chop for Cancer Council Victoria.

### CURRENT RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE

Current restrictions include that only essential visitors are allowed into school. Please contact the office if you believe it is essential for you to enter the grounds. If this is the case you will need to check-in using the QR code in the foyer.

- Unfortunately our parent community gatherings have been postponed until restrictions are lifted

### WINTER SERIES - Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>



Pictured are our Winter Series teams. Both Netball teams made the Grand Final narrowly losing, the football team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and the soccer team made the semi-finals. More importantly all students and adults had a great day.

## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES

June Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - P.J. Day  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - **Last Day of Term 2**

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Max Bott (8) and Jack Starick (9) who will celebrate their birthday on Monday; and Arlee Holmes-Wilson who turns 10 on Tuesday.

Apologies to the following students and staff whose birthdays were omitted from last week's newsletter:-

Jett Treloar who turned 6 last Sunday; Ava Jacobson turned 10 last Monday, and Nicole Chapple who celebrates her birthday today (Thursday).

## BEANIES HAVE ARRIVED

The cold weather has arrived! Time for a Bolwarra beanie? \$15, see Nicole in the office.



## 2021 PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

One more day still to be decided

## FIREWOOD RAFFLE

Return all tickets, together with money, to school by next Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and the draw will take place at assembly on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. The wood will be **delivered** to the winner.

## FRIDAY LUNCHES

We are able to run lunches next Friday as it is pizza which will be delivered, eliminating parent involvement on the school premises. We are hopeful that we can run lunches next term with the following pencilled in.

Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Dim Sims	2 Helpers	Kylie Stirling (another needed please)
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> July	Fried Rice	2 Helpers	Adele Curran and Sarah Rethus
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>any suggestions?</i>		
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> August	Chicken & Pumpkin Risotto	<i>no helpers needed</i>	
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>any suggestions welcome?</i>		
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<i>any suggestions welcome?</i>		
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> September	<i>any suggestions welcome?</i>		

**WHITE T-SHIRTS** – A reminder to send along a white T-Shirt for tie-dying.

Please make sure your child's name is written on the **inside collar**

This will take place next term.



## **Glenelg Shire Council Children's Services 2022 Kindergarten Enrolments** **Monday 12 July - Sunday 1 August**

Visit our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Glenelgshirechildrensservices> to keep up to date with all our enrolment news

Contact us by phoning 1300 453 635 or by emailing [enrolment@glenelg.vic.gov.au](mailto:enrolment@glenelg.vic.gov.au)



## Chaplains' Corner – Turn on the light

Last week's storms created panic for some of our friends in Melbourne. One family was without power for four days. Others are still waiting. So, their mobile phones couldn't be charged and the contents of their freezer will be history. And life after dark relied on torches, gas lights and candles. Very trying. Now, if you happened to be an owl, fox or feral cat, there'd be no problem. Darkness for this crew is pretty standard and life goes on for them regardless of fallen trees, power outages and darkness.

We prefer the light to get things done. It's just easier. But there's another way of thinking about light. Quite striking really. We can be people who are light bearers. No, not carrying our torches with us or having a candle in our pockets. But bringing out the best in others. Shining on the strengths and abilities of family and friends. Bringing out the best in them. Helping them find new ways forward, creating new opportunities for them, finding solutions for their difficulties, listening to their struggles. It requires a conscious effort though. Consider....

- **Being a light bearer brings hope** – As we show concern for our families and friends, it won't be too long before we recognise their struggles, their low points. If we are patient and invest the time, we may be able to cast some light on what they are going through. A new angle for them to think about.
- **A light bearer is committed to others** – This is a conscious decision. Rather than being wrapped up in our own traumas (and we all have something that worries us), we choose to be on the lookout for any signs in our family and friends which tell us that something is not going well for them.
- **A light bearer is not a sticky nose** – It's not about being intrusive, or prying, or wanting to know another's personal issues. Rather, it's about simply being there. A presence. Being on call. Letting that person know that they are not a burden to you. That you are happy to hear from them.
- **A light bearer is not a fix it expert** – Our big issues, especially family ones, often do not have quick solutions. Family stresses can be the hardest to sort out. So, an effective light bearer remains sensitive to feelings, body language and stray comments while not rushing in with solutions.
- **A light bearer is gentle and caring** – They have learnt through their own struggles with life that pain can be prolonged, a heavy burden to bear. So they have a deep insight into the tough territory that another person may be journeying through. They have been there and done that, as the saying goes.
- **A light bearer brings a loving stability** – Gentle words and actions are their strength. They are great listeners. They offer caring support. They will respond thoughtfully and wisely if their comment or advice is sought. They understand the power of a hand on the shoulder.
- **A light bearer reaches out** – Given their ability to tune into others, they will become aware that something is up without needing to be told. It may be an odd comment, or a stony silence. They read the signals and ask a caring question or two. How are you, really? What's happening for you?
- **A light bearer invests time in others** – Through their own struggles, they know the importance of making time a priority, of being available. This may require setting aside a current project to listen and encourage. There is a sacrifice in bringing the light to bear in the life of another.

A light bearer knows their own limits. They cannot be on call in helpful ways unless they have their own personal inner space for renewal and refreshment. Try being a light bearer. You are needed out there.

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