

NUMBER 20

24<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 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>
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### REMINDERS FOR WEEK ONE: TERM THREE 2021

Monday July 12 <sup>th</sup>	•
Tuesday July 13 <sup>th</sup>	•
Wednesday July 14 <sup>th</sup>	•
Thursday July 15 <sup>th</sup>	•
Friday July 16 <sup>th</sup>	• Flourishing Friday 2:30pm

### RESILIENCE PROJECT - Mindfulness

On Monday in our lessons the Grade 5/6 students made 'Mindful Glitter Jars' to help them understand how our brains react to different feelings. The Grade 3/4 students learnt more about mediation as a mindfulness technique. The Prep/1/2 class learn how being mindful can affect our feelings.

### RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Last Thursday I spent 3 hours with my Principal colleagues listening to Adam Voigt. Adam is a fearless advocate for education, an expert on Restorative Practices implementation, and highly respected as a school and education commentator in the Australian media. What was brilliantly illuminating for me about this talk was that we at Bolwarra are on track with how we deal with student wellbeing. I believe we are working together with our students to fairly fix any problems that may occur, and this is enabling us to improve the odds of our students flourishing.

### P.J. DAY



### POLICIES PASSED AT SCHOOL COUNCIL

At our most recent School Council Meeting the updated *ICT and Internet Acceptable Use* policy was passed. It can be found on our school website <http://www.bolwarraps.vic.edu.au/> or we are happy to provide you with a paper copy on request.

### PREP 2022

Enrolments - We are now taking school tours for 2022 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>

## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 3 DATES

<b>July</b>	Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	-	First Day of Term 3
	Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	-	'Flourishing Friday'
	Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Assembly 3pm
	Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	'Flourishing Friday'
<b>August</b>	Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Council
	Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Assembly 3pm
	Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	-	'Flourishing Friday'
	Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Assembly 3pm
	Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	-	Whole School Excursion
	Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
<b>September</b>	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	District Basketball – Boys
	Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	-	District Basketball – Girls
	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	-	'Flourishing Friday'
	Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Assembly 3pm
	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Last Day of Term 3</b>

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following students and staff who will celebrate their birthday during the holiday period:- Mr Cummins (30<sup>th</sup> June); Gracie Piergrosse (10) and Freddie Phillips both celebrate their birthday on 1<sup>st</sup> July, and Lexi Araldi-Box turns 10 on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

## **2021 PUPIL FREE DAYS**

Friday August 27<sup>th</sup>  
Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **FRIDAY LUNCHES**

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	Porcupine Meatballs (with or without mash)	<i>no helpers needed</i>	
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>whole school excursion – no lunches</b>		
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>		
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<i>any suggestions welcome?</i>		
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> September	<i>any suggestions welcome?</i>		

❖ Sarah Rethus and Adele Curran who have volunteered their help on the roster for 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August respectively, please note the changes.

**WHITE T-SHIRTS** – A reminder to send along a white T-Shirt for tie-dying. Some students have brought their T-Shirt to school already – those who have yet to bring their shirt along, the holiday period may be a good time to get one and bring it to school in the first week of next term.

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



**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)



**MAGIC OF STORYTIME**

Join us as Teresa Paris  
 Financial Controller of  
 Port of Portland reads Seadog.

  
 Friday 25 June 2021

  
 11.00 am

  
 Glenelg Library  
 Portland



Special guest  
 appearance from Bella.

Book and activity giveaways  
**THIS IS A FREE EVENT**



Whatever else we have to do in this life, nothing matches being a parent. For a variety of reasons. Being a mum or dad brings out our best and our worst, our strengths and our weaknesses too. We learn as much if not more about ourselves in rearing our kids than we learn about them. Simple really. We haven't walked the parenthood journey before so our kids introduce us to brand new plots, challenges, joys and difficulties. It's one of the greatest learning curves this life offers.

We make a bad call if we think we can tackle parenthood on our own. Sure, we can't expect others to bring up our kids. But we can learn much from other parents. About what works and what doesn't. If we think our kids are pulling new tricks not ever seen before, we've a lot to learn. There are no new tricks, just the old sort which just about every family has bumped into. And if they have found ways to cope, then they are worth listening to. And maybe we can share some of our learning with them too....

- **We need to start right** – When junior is still a bump in the tummy, we know that life is about to change. It will never be the same again. And most parents to be, hopefully all, look forward to the task of introducing this new little life to the world that waits for them.
- **Start observing other parents** – Before our own children arrive, we have pretty fixed ideas about how other parents are going. “I'll never let my child talk to me like that” or “Why don't they pull that young tyrant into line?” or “How do they put up with those little brats?” Ring any bells?
- **But our self-righteous assessments soon change** – Our little bundles of joy may become time bombs carefully designed to ruin our sleep, test our patience and generally keep us on red alert. In ways we had never contemplated. Grudgingly we realise that parenting is not a pushover after all.
- **So, let's focus on what we do well** – We may discover a wonderful inner capacity to be patient no matter how much or how little sleep we get. We will develop that special gift of learning the differences between genuine cries for help and the kind that are strictly attention getting.
- **And as our kids grow, our capacities for coping grow too** – Each special stage introduces us to new parental playing fields. From playgroup, to kindergarten, to primary and secondary school, to young adulthood. Each stage brings its blessings and its opportunities. We are always kept on our toes.
- **It's not about making the right call every time** – If only. Our humanity is the rock-solid guarantee that our parenting will always be a blend of wise direction and misplaced effort. No need to beat ourselves up over this reality. Again, it's a matter of discovering and applying new insights as we go.
- **Whatever happens don't make comparisons** – With other parents and their families. You'll lose this one most of the time. Others may seem to have it together. But what you don't see are the joys and hassles at their address. Our kids may seem like angels to outsiders when on display!
- **Stay with the right agenda for your family** – It's uniquely yours. Where do you need to set the limits, or shape up some workable routines for your family? What are the rough edges that need to be smoothed over? What behaviours need to be affirmed and which need a touch more discipline?

You need to be alert to another great surprise. Yes, believe it or not, it's a certainty that other parents may be taking some cues from your parenting style. They will see the boxes you are ticking well. And will be learning from you just as you may be learning from them. Be of good cheer.

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