

NUMBER 21

15th JULY 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

REMINDERS FOR WEEK TWO: TERM THREE 2021

Friday July 16 th	• Flourishing Friday 2:30pm
Monday July 19 th	• Resilience Project 2:30pm
Tuesday July 20 th	•
Wednesday July 21 st	•
Thursday July 22 nd	• Assembly 3pm
Friday July 23 rd	•

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

Over the first 2 weeks of term all students will be involved in lessons around Emotional literacy.

On Monday the Grade 5/6 students learnt how to recognise and manage their uncomfortable emotions. Grade 3/4 were working on recognising how our bodies feel when we experience different emotions. Prep/1/2 were learning how we communicate our feelings nicely to others and to identify strategies when we have no one to play with.

Last night the teaching staff were involved in a Resilience Project Online Professional Development Session "Implementing TRP at your school".

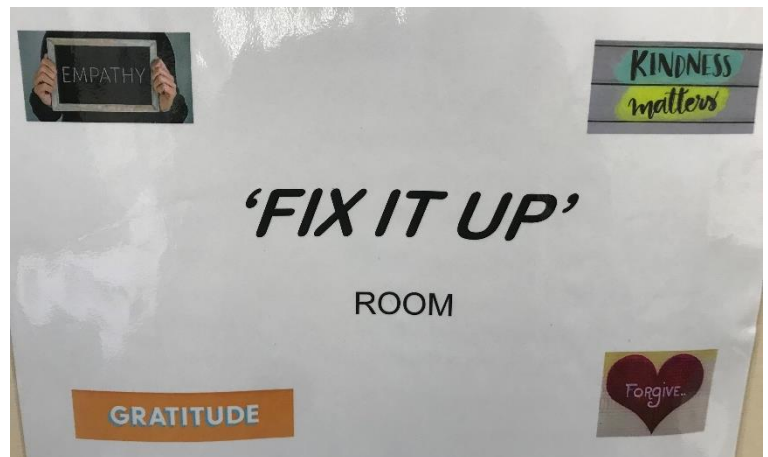
RESTORATIVE PRACTICES – 'Fix It Up' Room

In Term 3 we will continue on our journey to fulfil our school vision – 'To provide a positive school environment that allows every individual the opportunity to flourish.'

To support our vision, we only have two overriding school rules.

- Treat others the same way you would like to be treated &
- Do no harm

We will all break these rules at times. When this occurs, we see this as an opportunity to educate. We can do this in many different ways but often we will require the students to 'fix it up'. From Term 3 onwards we will have a dedicated space where our students and staff can fix up their mistakes, learning and growing from them.



'It's more important to be a good person than a good tennis player. That's always my priority to make sure I am a good human being. Being a good human being is my priority every single day.'

Ash Barty speaking at her press conference after winning Wimbledon

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

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

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mykibie Trigger who turns 10 on Sunday and Zeppelin Vallance who turns 12 on Wednesday.

BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 5 – Distributed today is due back at school by Thursday, 29th July.

2021 PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday August 27th

Friday December 3rd

STATEMENTS

Attached to today's newsletter are statements. Methods of payment available:-

- Bpay
- Direct Deposit – remember to include your name and fund allocation ie: school fees, ipad lease etc.
- Cash or cheque payment to the office. – We do not have eftpos at school.

WINTER WARMER TOMORROW – PUMPKIN SOUP

Tomorrow a cup of pumpkin soup with a small buttered bread roll is available for \$1.00. Please return the attached **BLUE** slip first thing in the morning.

- **Please note that this is only a winter warmer and not lunch. Students should still bring their normal lunch.**

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Due to the current COVID restrictions, should parents not be allowed into the school, next week's Dim Sim lunches will go ahead organised by staff.

Friday	23 rd July	Dim Sims	2 Helpers	Kylie Stirling (another needed please)
Friday	30 th July	Fried Rice	2 Helpers	Adele Curran and Sarah Rethus
Friday	6 th August	Chicken Wraps		
Friday	13 th August	Porcupine Meatballs (with or without mash)		<i>no helpers needed</i>
Friday	20 th August	whole school excursion – no lunches		
Friday	27 th August	Pupil Free Day		
Friday	3 rd September	<i>any suggestions welcome?</i>		
Friday	10 th September	<i>any suggestions welcome?</i>		

WHITE T-SHIRTS for tie-dying! If you haven't already sent a T-Shirt along with your child please send one along as soon as possible. Please make sure your child's name is written on the **inside collar**. Students will be working on this project in the coming weeks of this term.

Chaplain's Corner – We all need a fresh start

There's no doubt about it. And the start of a new term drives the point home. We all need a fresh start, a new opportunity to learn from what has been so that we can shape up what will be. As mums and dads, we are the key players in showing our families the way ahead. About shaping up a fresh tomorrow for our crew, about looking forward with real hope and anticipation.

And this means making choices. What strengths, what positives belong to our tomorrows? And what rough edges, what mistakes and bad calls need to be left behind in our yesterdays? The reality is that we can be trapped in attitudes and actions which regularly deliver stress and tension. For ourselves and our kids too. But a profound power is released when we decide to create a happier future. Consider...

- **Our past is a wonderful reservoir of good memories** – Every family has its list, of the first day at school, of milestone birthdays, of backyard footy “grand finals,” of holiday adventures, of learning new skills, of welcoming another family member, of the day the new puppy arrived. It's a long list.
- **But other memories are hiding in there too** – May be a misunderstanding that never got sorted. Or a relationship breakdown that evaded restoration. Or a critical spirit that seized on every apparent shortcoming. Instead of joy there has persisted a warlike footing with everyone living on the edge.
- **So, where to now?** – Actually, it doesn't require a truckload of thought. It's about majoring on all that's going well, of staying in tune with each other, of being alert to each other's needs, of addressing difficulties as they arise and working them through. But sadly, there is an alternative.
- **Playing family life in a minor key** – The alternative to a positive family setting is high cost and will require damage control. If the choice is to hang on to differences, of being critical, of putting each other down, of constantly recalling past mistakes and failures, then stand by for continuing pain.
- **Maybe it's time for a wakeup call?** – Tomorrow is shaped by yesterday and how we are coping today. If our family life is in fine form, that's great. But if not, we need real courage to own our part in whatever is astray. Why wait for our partner or kids to make the move for a better way forward?
- **Courage takes many forms** – It may require us to put up our hand and offer an apology for our part in the current disconnect. Or offering forgiveness for a wrong which has been costly for us. Of being wise enough to jettison grudges which never serve any useful purpose. Of simply clearing the deck.
- **Our families will flourish with any good move we make** – Our kids may not grasp all the ins and outs of tensions between mum and dad. But any progress towards peace and wellbeing will flow into their lives with huge benefits. Life is friendly after all. We can deal with the tricky stuff.
- **And the benefits to family can't be calculated** – Our kids will learn the value of valuing and learning from yesterday's lessons, of dealing with difficulties then letting them go. They will be able to anticipate tomorrow without unnecessary baggage. Hope cancels out the fear of ongoing conflict.
- **A new family project emerges** – With a commitment to keep the past where it belongs, the family is set up to create joyful, lasting memories. Great memories which will linger on for years, even decades. Mum, dad and kids are now in the business of building a bright future together.

It's time for that fresh start. We don't have to live in the shadow of past mistakes. Rather, we join forces as a family to learn from yesterday, to enjoy today, and create a tomorrow that welcomes us.

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Junior Basketball Registration Now Open!!

Juniors Domestic Spring Season (8-15 years)

- Registrations close **25/07/2021**
- Teams & Game Times announced **04/08/2021**
- The season will commence **11/08/2021**
- Girls (8-15yrs) - Wednesday Nights
- Boys (8-15yrs) - Friday Nights

Coaster Hoops Program (5-7 years)

Is the our 10 week introductory to basketball program, providing a fun, supportive and inclusive basketball experience for 5-7-year olds. Our Coasters Hoops program is designed to introduce kids to the game of basketball with planned skills and activities that will lead to modified game play and leading to match ready participants who will then easily transition into our local junior competitions. Commencing **17/08/2021**.

For more info or to register visit
www.portlandbasketball.com.au/domestic
or scan QR code



