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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 SIX: TERM FOUR 2021

Friday November 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Excursion
Monday November 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilience Project 2:30
Tuesday November 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Wednesday November 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming Lessons
Thursday November 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday November 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flourishing Friday – Disco 2:30pm

GRADE 5/6 DUNKELD CAMP



It appears that our Grade 5/6 students had a wonderful 3 days on camp.

After a disruptive year it was great to give this opportunity to these students.

Thanks to Mr Thompson, Mrs Arthur, Julie, Sherryn and Hannah for providing the kids with a great experience.



SCHOOL EXCURSION - Tomorrow

Our whole school 'Positive Education' excursion tomorrow will see us visit Heywood and Milltown.

9:30am	Leave School		
10:00am to 11:30am	Heywood Water Tower Murals	Heywood Skate Park	Heywood Apex Playground
12pm	Milltown – Old Time Wood Days		
2:00pm	Bus back to school		

At Milltown the students will have the option of lunch consisting of Stew, cooked in camp ovens, and damper.

Damper – Self raising flour, milk, pinch of salt for the plain damper and cheese for the cheese damper.

Chicken Stew – Chicken, bacon, corn, cornflour

Sausages and gravy

Beef and vegetable stew, mixed vegies and gravy.

Mashed Potato (butter and milk)

No added salt.

No nuts in anything.

REPLACEMENTS FOR REBECCA HOLMES

With the departure of Bec, we have been fortunate to obtain the services of Jake Davies and Lyndi Ball to replace her. Jake, who is now studying to become a teacher, after working with us as Education Support Officer, will be working from Monday to Wednesday. Lyndi will be working on a Thursday and Friday. Lyndi is an ex-parent of Bolwarra having had her 3 daughters go through our school.

SWIMMING

We have been very fortunate to have secured 3 swimming lessons for all our students before the end of the year. The lessons will be on Wednesday, starting from November 17th. A swimming/permission note is attached to today's newsletter. Please return the (tear off) permission note before the commencement of lessons on 17th November.

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

November	Friday	12 th	-	Whole School Excursion
	Wednesday	17 th	-	Swimming Lessons
	Friday	19 th	-	Flourishing Friday 2:30pm
	Monday	22 nd	-	Prep 2022 Transition session 2:30pm
	Wednesday	24 th	-	{ AFL Clinic 9:30am Swimming Lessons
	Friday	26 th	-	Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
December	Wednesday	1 st	-	{ Swimming Lessons Parent Forum on Respectful Relationships 6:30pm
	Thursday	2 nd	-	Grade 5/6 students Workshop on Respectful Relationships
	Friday	3 rd	-	Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday	7 th	-	Orientation Day
	Wednesday	8 th	-	School Council 6pm
	Friday	17 th	-	Last Day of Term 4

2021 PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday, 26th November – Curriculum Day

Friday December 3rd - Report Writing Day

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Hayes Moore who turns 9 tomorrow.

Chaplain's Corner – The value of a happy home!

It's one of those super obvious things really – when life is going well at home, then life generally seems pretty enjoyable too. But if our home is a battleground, everything else we do is affected by this.

A happy home is the place we look forward to at the end of every day or every shift. It's our retreat centre. Our place of joy and acceptance – even allowing for the hard work and constant adjustment that is just part of being a family. But if things are not good, then we begin to look for ways of escape. Longer hours at work, or reasons to be doing busy things elsewhere, or spending time with others which may not be especially helpful.

So, how do we work away at making our homes places of genuine enjoyment, harmony and satisfaction? Is there any great mystery here? Is there a magic formula? Consider....

- **Our home life is shaped by many and subtle forces** – Even unconsciously we bring the experience of our own childhood home into the families we establish. Some of this will be really special. Some of it may be a hindrance.
- **Our own history will instruct us** – With even just a dash of insight, we will know what of our past to preserve and what to set aside. Our partner will have their own history too so we need to focus on what will be good for both of us and our family.
- **We need to be realistic** – It's one thing to have an ideal view of how we want our family to function. It's quite another to expect, accept and cope with differences of approach, busy lives, the demands of little people and the fatigue which is part of this.
- **And reality is our friend too** – If we can set aside perfectionist tendencies, we learn then to be comfortable with the rough edges. This means that we can relax if things do come unstuck. They do not become a federal case to be argued over all the time.
- **We always look for the best outcomes** – Some people are born optimists and always look for the best. Some of us pessimists believing that life is against us no matter what. It pays to check out what is going right and celebrate that.
- **We go easy on ourselves first** – No, we don't have the answer to every question. Nor we get everything right either. But that's fine. To be at peace with ourselves lays the groundwork to be at peace with our partner and kids too.
- **We work hard at teamwork** – A family working together will become a great model for others. Shared responsibilities and chores lead to finely tuned co-operation. A happy team is a good crowd to belong to.
- **We create space for others** – By setting aside time for them. A family focussed solely on meeting its own needs is an essentially selfish one. An effective family finds ways to pitch in and make time for others, to make a difference in the wider world.

So, a happy home generates a solid base. We simply revel in being real people attending to real problems in real ways. We love being a family. And we are all set to enjoy the world around us. Enjoy the ride, work hard, hang in there. It's worth it!

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