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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 EIGHT: TERM FOUR 2021

Friday November 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flourishing Friday – Disco 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Monday November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resilience Project 2:30</li> <li>Transition Session for 2022 Preps 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Wednesday November 24 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AFL Clinic 9:30am</li> <li>Swimming Lessons</li> </ul>
Thursday November 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly 3pm</li> </ul>
Friday November 26 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pupil Free Day</b></li> </ul>

### OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OHSC)

We have been successful in obtaining a \$75000 Grant each year for the next 3 years to have an OHSC program run at our school. The School Council will be going through the process of appointing a provider during the next few weeks.

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria, Gayle Tierney

*"We understand working parents need flexibility. This announcement will no doubt make life easier for many families in our local community."*

*"This support will make an outside school hours facility viable for many schools in Western Victoria – and it will mean so much to busy working families across the state."*

*"Those two hours after school finishes each day shouldn't be a barrier for parents or carers getting back into work or study once their children are at school – we're investing to ensure our kids are cared for when families need it."*

### NEW PLAYGROUND



Our new playground is very close to arriving. As a result, the old playground is being removed and we hope to re-establish it in another part of our school grounds.

Thanks to Shannon Curran, Ben Menzel and Ben's father for starting this process as pictured.

### **SILLY SOCK DISCO** – Flourishing Friday (tomorrow 2:30pm)

A note was sent home on Tuesday with information – if your child/children wish to attend the Disco please return the permission form, together with \$4.00 per child, tomorrow morning.

### GRADE 2/3 SLEEPOVER



### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

**Next week Grade 5/6 students will need shorts and a shirt to wear over their bathers for their lesson.**

## **SCHOOL EXCURSION**

Despite the challenging weather conditions, the students had a great day on our excursion.

- Heywood Playground
- Heywood Skatepark. Too wet for an exhibition from Ava and Kekoa but Jenna gave us a very informative lesson on the first steps to becoming a skateboard wizard.
- Heywood Water Tower Mural. Thanks Troy Lovett for speaking to our students about the magnificent portraits on the tower and the significance of these important people in our history.
- An amazing lunch. Christine Duyvestyn and her helpers provided us with a meal which was gratefully appreciated by our students
- Andrew Duyvestyn gave the students a practical lesson on the history of wood cutting over the past 200 years.



## **RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS - Parent Seminar Wednesday December 1st**

In a media-saturated culture, how do we ensure young people are engaging in respectful relationships? What can we do to help them set and respect boundaries, and to support them as they navigate adolescence? Parents and carers are looking for well-informed, practical and positive suggestions that help inspire and create the best kind of relationship between themselves and their children - communicative and collaborative. Join us for a fun and informative evening where you can expect to be delivered some tools to help strengthen your parent/child relationships. No parent or child shaming, no moralising or fearmongering; just jam-packed with informed advice, strategies, and up-to-date research.



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and has been quoted in and written for various publications including The Age, The Sydney Morning Herald, ABC Online, SBS Online, Grazia and Girlfriend Magazine.

Please see attached flyer for all details.

## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

<b>November</b>	Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Flourishing Friday 2:30pm
	Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Prep 2022 Transition session 2:30pm
	Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	-	AFL Clinic 9:30am Swimming Lessons
	Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day</b>
	Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	-	Prep 2022 Transition session 2:30pm
<b>December</b>	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Swimming Lessons Parent Forum on Respectful Relationships 6:30pm
	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Grade 5/6 students Workshop on Respectful Relationships
	Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	<b>Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day</b>
	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Orientation Day
	Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Council 6pm
	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	-	Last Day of Term 4

## 2021 PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November – Curriculum Day

Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Report Writing Day

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Gori Stellini who turns 12 on Tuesday.

**BOOKCLUB ISSUE 8** which was distributed today is due back at school by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

This year, rather than asking local businesses for donations, we have purchased local Community Gift Cards for our raffle prizes ranging from \$50-\$200 and have had some prizes donated anonymously. Tickets will go home on next week's newsletter.

**Congratulations!**

**Charlee Coates**

Well done on achieving a Leadership Scholarship for 2022. We look forward to you becoming part of the PSC Community.

# SEED Workshops Parent/Carer Seminar

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**Delivered by:** Catherine Manning, CEO & Program Director of SEED Workshops

**On:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 6.30-8.00pm (1hr + Q&A)

**At:** Heywood & District Secondary College

**Please RSVP to:** [lee.gibbons@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:lee.gibbons@education.vic.gov.au) or tel. 5529 2374

Feedback for our Parent/Carer Seminar;

*'Great content that is current and relevant to all parents and carers. This seminar gave me great food for thought and provided really great ideas and practical strategies. It was a pleasure to hear Catherine speak.'*

**K Hallam | Social Worker – Student Wellbeing | Parent**

*'I am taking much away from this evening. It certainly did exceed my expectations! Thank you, Catherine.'*

**A Mitchell | Parent**

*'The content was extremely relevant and helpful. All parents and teenagers need to get this type of knowledge. Thank you.'*

**R Price | Parent**



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# BOLWARRA

## STREET CORNER MEETING



Planning for bushfire is easier than you think!  
Develop your fire plan step-by-step at your street corner meeting.

**CFA will be there to help answer your questions about how to be best prepared this fire season.**

**Where:**

**Bolwarra Primary School Carpark**

**When: Wednesday  
24th November 3:30pm**

For more information contact:  
**CFA Community Safety  
South West Region  
0447 583 952  
swrcommsafety@cfa.vic.gov.au**

- What is a Neighbourhood Safer Place - Bushfire Place of Last Resort?
  - What if the road is closed?
  - Will someone knock on my door to tell me to leave?
  - What about my pets?
  - What about the kids?
  - Could a fire reach my place?
- Can CFA run a workshop for my group, club of staff?**  
Yes, if you belong to a club or community group; or have employees who travel in high bushfire risk areas, talk to us about arranging a customised session.



**TS HENTY  
AUSTRALIAN  
NAVY  
CADETS**

Are you turning 13 this year or aged under 18? Do you have an interest in Sailing and the outdoors? The Australian Navy Cadets could be for you.

The Australian Navy Cadets adopts the values of the Australian Navy –

- Excellence
- Courage
- Respect
- Integrity
- Service



The Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) is a leading provider of youth development experiences. Becoming a Navy Cadet means making new friends, being part of a team that values you and experiencing challenges that will develop your potential as a leader. Adventure and fun are the key ingredients for all camping, water sport and team challenge activities. Navy Cadets learn how to sail, navigate and gain skills in everything from marksmanship, Firearms Safety, IT, communications, cooking and first aid to drill and seamanship as well as having the opportunity to attend local and interstate camps at minimal costs to families.

TS Henty also offers the chance for Cadets to move through the Rank Structure, starting at Recruit and moving through to Seaman, Able Seaman, Leading Seaman and Petty Officer.

Becoming a cadet means making new friends, being part of a team and experiencing challenges which develop you as a potential leader. Become an Australian Navy Cadet today!

TS Henty Parades Friday nights 5.45pm – 9pm during school terms, at the Australian Navy Cadet Unit, Lee Breakwater Road, Portland. If you would like more information please contact [co.tshenty@navycadets.gov.au](mailto:co.tshenty@navycadets.gov.au) or Leut Rob Cox on 0409 438 928, SBLT Gary Cox 0409 429 957 or SBLT Tammy Cox on 0419 807 482.



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Please contact Karen 0417501452 for more details.

We at Bolwarra, are collecting these on behalf of Rotary. Tags and clean lids can be left at the office.



Please leave your bread tags here to be recycled in Robe, S.A to fund wheelchairs for the needy, mainly in South Africa.



Please leave your plastic bottle tops here to be recycled.

LIDS 4 KIDS	WHAT LIDS CAN'T WE COLLECT?	LIDS 4 KIDS	WHAT LIDS CAN WE COLLECT?
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Please only collect plastic lids with recycle codes 2 or 4. All lids must also be the same size as a milk lid or smaller so that they fit into the shredding machines. Check for recycle codes 2 and 4 under the lid. We cannot accept numbers 1, 3, 5 or 7. If there is NO number, still collect it.

## Chaplains' Corner – What does freedom look like at your place?

There's a lot of chatter about freedom these days. Welcome stuff we'd all agree. Post lockdown it's much easier these days to come and go. Well, a bit like we used to know it. But not really. The old normal is being traded in for a new model. Except we don't know what it looks like. Not yet.

So, with freedom a talking point, it's timely to give it a thought or two. What does freedom mean for you, our mums and dads, for your families, for your friends? Just how do we preserve our freedoms while respecting and affirming the freedoms of those around us? These are pretty good questions so it's worth setting aside a few moments to give them our attention. Consider....

- **Our homes are the classroom for learning about freedom** – And it starts early. The nappy brigade aren't candidates for lessons about freedom. But it's not too long before they are. No, you don't own all the toys; the dog is not for kicking practice; stay away from the fire; get off the table.
- **Freedom has its limits, or else** – The parents who have trouble saying “No” are raising little princes and princesses with the mistaken idea that the world revolves around their wishes and needs. The entitlement brigade. Or, to be a tad more precise, the spoiled brats. Who become painful adults.
- **Freedom is not a single package** – Tucked away in there is responsibility, thoughtfulness, empathy, consideration. Before I do this, will my action help or hinder those around me? If a hindrance, what adjustments need to be made? Do I need to do this or that anyway if there is going to be a problem?
- **Freedom exercised happily and well is a great example** – Our kids need to see freedom at work. To hear mum and dad say, “Let's do this. Looks like fun. Any downsides? What have we missed?” The simple effort to describe a proposed action with attention given to any rough edges is a great model.
- **Freedom is not freedom if there is a cost to others** – The insistence on the old line, “It's my way or the highway” is the ticket to trouble. This is no longer freedom; this is all out power. And it gives birth to arguments, anger and relationship breakdowns. Bank on it. And it becomes contagious.
- **People obsessed with getting their own way leave their trademark** – Their version of freedom turns into a battering ram. They barge through life creating mayhem. The tensions they create mess up families, sporting clubs, even whole communities too. Compromise and teamwork are lost causes.
- **So, genuine freedom is worth our full attention** – If our actions promote the wellbeing of our homes, our schools, our local clubs, our community, let's get on with it. Let's make the effort to ensure that what drives us is not just for our own good but the good of others.
- **The real freedoms come at a cost** – Just in case the penny hasn't dropped yet. That pet project may have to be rethought if there's a risk of bringing hardship, upset or disappointment to another. These may not have been obvious to begin with. Now's the time for a rethink, for adjustments.
- **Freedom has that almost hidden question** – How can the exercise of my freedom not only help me achieve my goal but help those close to me to achieve their goals too? This is the big picture of freedom. My freedom can help you exercise and enjoy your freedom too.

In other words, genuine freedom is a great community builder. It's not just about me getting my way. It's about us working alongside each other, choosing to set each other free to achieve what is best, not just for me, but for you, for all of us. Take the time to show your kids what freedom really looks like!

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