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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 NINE: TERM FOUR 2021



Friday November 26 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pupil Free Day – Curriculum Day</b></li> </ul>
Monday November 29 <sup>th</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 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Wednesday December 1 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respectful Relationships Parent Seminar</li> <li>• Swimming Lessons</li> </ul>
Thursday December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respectful Relationships workshop – Grade 5/6 at Heywood</li> </ul>
Friday December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Report Writing Day –NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL</b></li> </ul>

**PARENT SEMINAR Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup> – now at Bolwarra Primary School 6:30pm**  
**See attached flyer**

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### PREP PHOTOS OF OUR CURRENT GRADE 6 STUDENTS

From now to the end of the year the newsletter will include the Prep photos of our current Grade 6 students, where available. Below are photos of Callum Richardson, Charlee Coates and Charlie Arnold in Prep in 2015.



## TIE DYE FOR DIABETES – Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>

To raise funds for Type 1 Diabetes all students will get to wear their Tie Dye shirts at school. Students will come in casual clothes and everyone will change into their shirts at school. Gold coin donation will go towards Type 1 Diabetes research.

## FAMILY NIGHT – Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>

It has been decided that we will have a family Night this year. This will happen on Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5pm. This will involve families bringing their own picnic rug and tea and enjoy a quick celebration of our school year. Formal proceedings will start at 5:30pm and will include the following.

- School Leaders' Speeches
- 2022 Students leaders announced
- Drawing of the Christmas Raffle
- Grade 6 Farewell
- Carol singing

## TRANSITION



On Monday we welcomed 6 of our 8 2022 Preps for a one hour Transition session.

They will have another session next Monday.



## IPADS IN 2022

In 2022 our iPad program will change, and we will not be offering an iPad Lease program. Students in Grade 4 will have the use of a supplied iPad which will remain at school. Parents of students in grade 4 2022 may still purchase an iPad through our supplier. However, as there is no lease program the iPad would need to be paid for in full at the beginning of 2022. If you are interested in doing this please contact us before Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup> so we can order sufficient iPads for the beginning of 2022.

## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

<b>November</b>	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
	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	{ Parent Forum on Respectful Relationships 6:30pm
	Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	{ Grade 5/6 students Workshop on Respectful Relationships
	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day</b>
	Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Orientation Day
	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Council 6pm
	Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	-	Tie Dye for Diabetes
	Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	-	{ Student Leaders for 2022 Speeches and voting 2:30pm
	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	-	{ Family Night 5pm
	Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	-	{ Decadent Day Grade 3-6
	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	-	{ Prep/1/2 Excursion
	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	-	Lunch with families and a final Assembly from 12pm
				<b>LAST DAY for 2021</b>

## 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 Callum Richardson who turns 12 tomorrow; and Hamish McDougal who turns 12 on Saturday.

**BOOKCLUB ISSUE 8** Due to tomorrow being a pupil free day, please ensure that all orders are in by Monday morning 29<sup>th</sup> November.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** – Raffle books are attached to today's newsletter. Please return tickets, together with money,

## Chaplains' Corner – The run up to Christmas

As the end of the year rushes towards us, we are torn in two directions. Our inner optimist says, “How good is this, a chance to slow down and put the feet up.” But our inner pessimist adds, “That’s just fine, but how on earth will we get everything ready for the end of school, for Christmas, for holiday planning?”

This end of the year is full on pressure time. Why? Well, it’s about tidying up our finances, paying the Council rates, attending end of year work parties, getting presents for the family, sending off Christmas cards, and planning Christmas dinner. And this is just the start. Our to-do lists start breeding, growing by the day. Yet we worry about what we’ve missed. So, how do we make the most of this end of year time?

- **There is one big deal goal here** – It’s to make it through to year’s end without going under. Of keeping, not losing the joy of winding up the year, of staying on top of our busy-ness not crashing beneath its load, of keeping our cool, of being the source of calm for our households. It’s do-able.
- **Let’s get another thing straight** – It will be a miracle for most of us if we tick every box, if we get everything sorted. Sure, if the focus is right, the really important tasks will be done. But just take it for granted that somewhere, somehow, the wheel will fall off. We always miss doing something.
- **So, it’s not about perfection, it’s about being real** – Once we’ve mastered the skill of setting priorities, life becomes a lot friendlier. Make the time to work out the absolute have-to things to be done. Keep the list as short as possible. You’ll then become wise stewards of your time and effort.
- **Don’t be the lone ranger in getting things done** – Take a careful look at that growing list. Who can do what at your place? Use the word “delegate” often. Turn tasks into group projects. Putting up the Christmas decorations, tidying up the living spaces, helping wrap some presents.
- **Take a break when you need it** – We all have limits to our energy whatever our age. Weariness can turn us all into cranky people who exhaust the juices of patience and tolerance. Besides, what’s the point in turning the season of joy into a climate of calamity? Zero. Doesn’t make sense.
- **Keep an eye open for others** – Don’t miss this one. Somewhere in our networks of contacts, someone will be doing it tough. A loved one has just passed. Illness has taken over. A relationship has crashed. How about a special text, or an invite to a cuppa, a small gift? Just do it.
- **Make space for the traditional Christmas story** – Filled with celebration, of wise men bringing gifts, of a young family doing it tough out the back in the stable, of rough, uncouth shepherds turning up to see what was going on. Captivating because of its simplicity. Inviting us to ponder a little.
- **And make room for Santa** – Any dad worth his salt has donned the red costume and tried to conceal his identity. Kids love the drama of it all. For some the problem is how Santa with his bulging tummy and sack makes it down the chimney. With the gas heater there too. Well, he’s big and smart.

Here’s a final thought to take on board. Don’t break the bank. We all have budgets to balance. The last thing we need is a Visa Card that smirks at us. Don’t hurry. Look for family gifts that invite the creative, that exercise the brain, that are fun for families to work on together. They are out there waiting to be found. So, enjoy these last few weeks of school and the run up to Christmas. A blessing upon you and yours!

## 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:** Bolwarra Primary School

**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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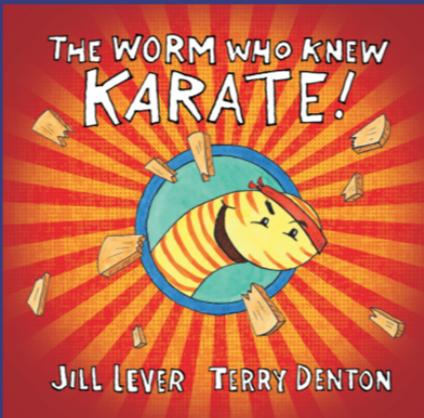
Catherine has appeared on numerous television and radio programs including The Project, ABC News Breakfast, Sunrise, A Current Affair, Today Tonight and ABC Radio National discussing a range of topics including the sexualisation of children, respectful relationships, and pornography. She is a consultant for ClickView Australia, and a regular contributor to ATOM (Australian Teachers of Media) Screen Education & Metro Magazine 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.

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