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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 ELEVEN: TERM FOUR 2021

Friday December 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 12pm – Farewell to Grade 6's • School Community Lunch
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REMINDERS FOR WEEK ONE: TERM ONE 2022

Friday January 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff officially resume
Monday January 31 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1 for all students
Tuesday February 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning How To Learn program
Wednesday February 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning How To Learn program • No Preps at school
Thursday February 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning How To Learn program
Friday February 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning How To Learn program

TIE DYE FOR DIABETES

A wonderful fundraiser for Diabetes. We raised just over \$100. Big thanks to Annie and Sherryn for organising the Tie Dye. A total of \$295 fundraised over the year will be forwarded on to the Type1 Foundation.



FAMILY NIGHT - Tuesday December 14th

Students (and some adults) enjoyed the entertainment provided by Big Childcare prior to our Family Night. (please find attached more information on Big Childcare).



We tried a different approach to our family night this year. I felt that it went very well. Always happy to receive any feedback though.



2022 STUDENT LEADERS

Our student leaders for 2022 are Zarah Bott, Shantae Keegan, Jemma McFarlane. Yarinda Intaraksa-Thomas and Chad Daniel.

FINAL ASSEMBLY/GRADE 6 FAREWELL/ LUNCH – Friday December 18th

12pm – Final Assembly to celebrate student achievement including a final farewell to our Grade 6's.

12:30pm – Lunch. Adults are encouraged to bring lunch to share with their children at the front of the school.

- Parents are able to take children home after the assembly.
- The **Bolwarra bus will not be running.**
- All other buses will be running **1 hour earlier than normal.**

NEW PLAYGROUND

Our new playground opened this week to a very excited student population. Thanks goes to Nicole who oversaw the project from start to finish.



TECHNIC LEGO

Thanks to the Parents Club and School Council for providing \$5000 worth of amazing educational Lego that our students will love in 2022 and beyond.



PREP PHOTOS OF OUR CURRENT GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Below are photos of Jaemie Heinrich (at Portland Primary), Gori Stellini (when he first joined us), Zeppy Vallance (Prep at Heywood), Xavier Buchanan (when he first joined us in Grade 3) and Zeke Roos (when he first joined us in Grade 1).



2021 GRADE 6 LEGACY

The Grade 6 students have left a permanent reminder of their time at Bolwarra. Huge thanks to Sherryn for her help with the students on this. The photo was taken yesterday and the portraits haven't all been completed. They will be before the end of the year.



DAY ONE 2022 – Monday January 31st

First day for all students in 2022 will be Monday January 31st

Staff officially resume on Friday January 28th.

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 1 DATES

2022	January	Friday	29 th	-	Staff at school
		Monday	31 st	-	All students starts
February	Wednesday	2 nd	-	Rest Day for Preps	
	Wednesday	9 th	-	Rest Day for Preps	
	Tuesday	15 th	-	District Swimming	
	Wednesday	16 th	-	Rest Day for Preps	
	Wednesday	23 rd	-	Rest Day for Preps	
March	Thursday	3 rd	-	District Tennis	
	Friday	25 th	-	Rural Athletics	
April	Monday	4 th	-	BMX Trick Bike Show	
	Tuesday	5 th	-	District Athletics	
	Friday	8 th	-	Last Day of Term 1	

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following students and staff who will celebrate their birthday during the holiday break:- Matthew (12) and Nathan (10) Rethus; Ellie Bott (10), Anna Warrener (7), Annie Rowe, Zarah Bott (11) and Charlotte Calderwood (9).

**WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY XMAS AND
A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Chaplains' Corner – How about slowing down?

Well, we've all finally made it to the end of the school year. And what a year it has been. In some ways memorable – we've done really well as a school community in coping with the endless challenges of Covid. No doubt about that. But a forgettable year too. Who wants to go back to remote learning, empty classrooms and unused playgrounds?

So, thankfully, we won't have another year like this one. A one off hopefully. We can now turn our minds to what's next. For most families there will be the time for a breather, to slip into the slow lane, to put the feet up for a tad longer than usual. To enjoy the blessings of the Christmas season as an essential ingredient of the downward shifting of the gears. So, why the need to slow down then?....

- **Family life is a full-on assignment** – There are no escape clauses. As we all know, bringing up our kids is a long-term investment of time and energy. As they mature, we have to roll with all the issues that go with the teenage years, the tricky and at times perplexing journey into adulthood.
- **Family life changes all of us** – What was important to us as singles fades into the background. The ongoing demands of the little person in the cot evolve into lessons about language and limits, of how to get along with siblings, of teaching gratitude, thoughtfulness and responsibility.
- **Family life creates teamwork** – As we press on with teaching our kids the niceties of what is acceptable behaviour and what isn't, we realise that other parents are jumping through the same hoops. That our challenges and perplexities about child rearing are theirs. We are in this together.
- **Family life stretches us** – It takes no time at all to wake up to the reality that there's no going back. We can't put that little bundle of joy back to where they came from. Instead, we discover wells of love, energy, understanding and patience which we simply were not aware of previously.
- **Family life wears us out** – No matter how much we love our partner and kids, weariness is never far away. Driving the family taxi to sports training or games is a regular routine. Often at early hours or for long distances. Illness produces fresh demands on our time, wisdom and caring ability.
- **Family life matures us** – It's not just our kids who do the growing up. We do too. We learn to keep the balance between what's important and what isn't. We dig new wells of patience, tolerance and acceptance. We work out when to hang loose and when to draw a line in the sand.
- **Family life keeps us humble** – It's not just that our kids learn from our guidance. They teach us. We stress the importance of being kind and understanding of others. But they're quick to call us out when we lose our cool with them or others. They keep us in order. We are human after all.
- **Family life needs the slow lane then** – This is why we need our regular break, our time to recover, to catch our breath. No matter how fit and youthful we may feel, we can't be an effective parent if the tank is empty. This leads to stressful showdowns, bad temper, tension and damaged relationships.

So, be brave enough to back off, to engage Park, to put on the handbrake. To help the family to slow down too. Help them understand the value of doing little or nothing, even in small doses. Parents who are refreshed and relaxed are a blessing. Your family needs you to rest up. Just do it.

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