

NUMBER 1

3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



### REMINDERS FOR WEEK TWO: TERM ONE 2022

Friday February 4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning How To Learn program</li> <li>• 'The Resilience Project' – Gratitude 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Monday February 7 <sup>th</sup>	•
Tuesday February 8 <sup>th</sup>	•
Wednesday February 9 <sup>th</sup>	• No Preps at school
Thursday February 10 <sup>th</sup>	• Assembly 3pm
Friday February 11 <sup>th</sup>	•

## 'THE RESILIENCE PROJECT'

*Please come on this exciting journey with your children.*

- All classes watched the introduction video to the program on Monday.
- A special introduction video for parents is ready for your viewing
- *View the first presentation of the series here: **Part 1: Meet Hugh and learn about The Resilience Project:** <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub-hugh/>*



### COVID UPDATE – Thank you

A big thank you to all our families on how you have managed the return to school. Despite the uncertainty around COVID the sense of calm around the school daily is reassuring.

When a student has tested positive the school needs to be notified. When this occurs, an e-mail will be sent to all those families with children in that students' class. At that stage it is a case of monitoring your child for any COVID like symptoms and sticking to the testing routine you have for your child.

It is important that we are contacting all families via e-mail. If you are not getting e-mails please contact us.

It is also important that if your child is absent from school for any reason that you contact us.

### RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

At Bolwarra we are extremely proud that we are a Restorative School.

- Restorative Practices is about teaching our students responsibility through experience.
- Restorative Practices helps us to be the firm and fair teacher that was the best teacher we can all remember.
- Restorative Practices is all about harm and relationships. When somebody does some damage in a relationship, we get to work on fixing that up.
- Restorative Practices is about acknowledging the past, rather than getting stuck in it forever.
- Restorative Practices provides young people with the skills that the world is telling us they'll need to succeed later on.

I am always available to speak one-on-one to any parent who wishes to know about this approach.

Manager: Jake Davies  
Assistant: Annie Rowe

Before and After School Care

# Bolwarra Primary School



Nutritious breakfast in the before school program and an afternoon snack where we use family recipes to cook meals, all menus approved by Nutrition Australia. An example menu is hanging up in our room, more than welcome to come and have a look!!

Both before and after school care programs are jam packed with activities for the children to enjoy. Both creative and physical experiences as well as all the latest toys and gadgets for the children to play with!

Our before and after school program is available for casual enrolment and for a routinely enrolment. Big Childcare programs are also eligible for Childcare subsidies and any questions about this can be answered by your program manager.

Contact the school for more information or pop in to see Jake and Annie during the program. Or email us at [bolwarra@bigchildcare.com](mailto:bolwarra@bigchildcare.com)

## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 1 DATE 2022

<b>January</b>	Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	-	Staff at School
	Monday	31 <sup>st</sup>	-	<b>All students start</b>
<b>February</b>	Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Rest Day for Preps
	Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Rest Day for Preps
	Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Rest Day for Preps
	Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Rest Day for Preps
	Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	-	Open School Evening
<b>March</b>	Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	District Tennis
	Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	-	District Swimming
	Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Rural Athletics
<b>April</b>	Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	-	BMX Trick Bike Show
	Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	-	District Athletics
	Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Isabelle Treloar who turns 6 on Saturday, and Clancy Stirling who turns 11 on Wednesday.

## **BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1**

Issue 1 was distributed today; Orders, together with correct money, need to be back at school by Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> February.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

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### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



## **SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR THE BUSHFIRE SEASON**

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**



Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days' notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

### ***What can parents do?***

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletter.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see:

- <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://www.facebook.com/cfavic))
- Twitter ([twitter.com/CFA\\_Updates](https://twitter.com/CFA_Updates))
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters
- Vic Emergency Hotline (1800 226 226)



## Junior Basketball Registration Now Open!!

### Juniors Domestic 2022 Autumn Season

- Registrations close **09<sup>th</sup> Feb**
- Teams & Game Times announced **15<sup>th</sup> Feb**
- The season will commence **16<sup>th</sup> Feb**
- Girls - Wednesday Nights
- Boys - Friday Nights

### Beginner Basketball Program - Coasters Hoops

Is the our 10 week introductory to basketball program, providing a fun, supportive and inclusive basketball experience for 5-7-year old's. 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 **8<sup>th</sup> March**

For more info or to register visit

[www.portlandbasketball.com.au/domestic](http://www.portlandbasketball.com.au/domestic)

or scan QR code



# PORTLAND

FRIDAY FEB 18	SATURDAY FEB 19	SUNDAY FEB 20
FREE SHOOT AROUND 4PM - 8PM	OPENS SOCIAL 12PM OPENS ELITE 4PM	JUNIORS 10AM U13, U15, U18

REGISTER // [clb3x3.com/events](http://clb3x3.com/events) • SEARCH PORTLAND LEARN MORE // [clb3x3.com](http://clb3x3.com) • [FACEBOOK.COM/CLB3X3](https://www.facebook.com/clb3x3)

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## PORTLAND SOCCER CLUB 2022 PRE-SEASON LAUNCH

### SOCCER TRAINING:

Under 12 and Under 14 – Thursday 3 February – 5-6pm Every Thursday during February.

Under 17, Women & Men – Wednesday 2 February – 6-7.30pm every Wednesday during February.

MiniRoos 5-9year olds – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 11am – Contact Les 0414559106

Friendly Society Park – Glenelg St. Contact David for more information 0409419813

## BMX COME N TRY –FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 From 2pm

Free Entry Goodie Bag & BBQ

For more information and registration please go to our facebook page or [ridenation.com.au](http://ridenation.com.au) and search Portland BMX Club



Meet Your OSHC  
Centre Manager!

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## About Me

My name is

**Jake Davies**



I have been working with children for five years. I have worked in education support in mainstream primary settings as well as in special education.

I love sport! I play soccer and cricket and a little bit of footy locally, but love watching many sports. I also enjoy drama and when I was younger, I wanted to be an actor! But then I found my passion for teaching.

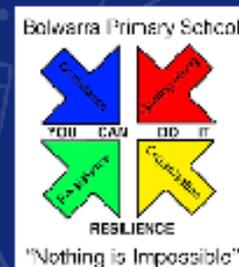
I am really looking forward to working at your school again and I am extremely excited about the opportunity of the before and after school program. Growing up, I attended a before and after school program myself and loved it. I am hoping the children have as much fun with me now, as I did when I was that age!

## My Qualifications are

- Studying Teaching at Deakin University
- First Aid in an Education and Care Setting

### Screened & Trusted

- ✓ Valid VIC Working With Children Check
- ✓ Recent Police Check
- ✓ COVID-19 Vaccinated



BEFORE SCHOOL CARE | AFTER SCHOOL CARE | HOLIDAY CARE

## Chaplains' Corner – We always need a fresh start!

A new school year brings with it a wonderful collection of possibilities, hopes and a dash of uncertainty and nervousness thrown in for good measure. A new start is a real marker – separating that which is now history from what today holds for us, let alone tomorrow and next week.

There are very good reasons why we need to treasure a new beginning. Good common sense ones we can all hang on to. Just to wander into a new time frame without thinking, without being grateful for all that a new start offers is to miss the scenery of all that's going on around us. Consider....

- **A new start builds constructively on what we have already learnt** – All of us, including our youngest students, bring into today what yesterday has already delivered to us: wisdom, confidence and the keenness to enter into and enjoy our new beginnings.
- **We choose to capitalise on what we do best** – Not one of us can do everything. Nor can we always do perfectly what we like putting our hand to. That's life. Proof that we're human. The new year invites us to meet new challenges with joy, determination and patience even with our rough edges.
- **The new year sets us free to get on with life** – We all stuff up. We all make mistakes, saying the wrong thing at the wrong time, upsetting others without meaning to. We're all pretty good at that. The new year calls us to leave that behind, to craft up a new way of getting along with each other.
- **The new year is an open road to ticking boxes** – Some families have the terrific skill of dreaming up daring, even outlandish projects they'd like to tackle. May be not climbing Mt Everest or rowing to New Zealand. But fun things a bit out of the ordinary. So, go ahead. What's this year's big box?
- **The new year sees fresh skills emerge** – As our kids mature, they start wanting to do more on their own. It's a great sign when they announce that they don't need our help to do this or that. So, mums and dads create the space for their kids' to exercise initiative, for tackling brand new projects.
- **And encouraging initiative creates magic teamwork** – Sure, many kids barge into new tasks without any thought that something might go belly up. As it often does. But when that happens, mum or dad can move in to show how this or that can be done, or how that works. Without losing their cool.
- **And there is always new turf when it comes to education** – There's another kind of teamwork, just as exciting and fulfilling as anything that happens in the kitchen or the shed. It's the teamwork between home and school, of families at home supporting their child's teacher in the classroom.
- **This is not rocket science as the saying goes** – Hardly, it's plain obvious that the mum or dad who listens to their child's reading in the evening is investing in their literacy. Or playing with numbers may do wonders in nurturing a love of maths, believe it or not! Just go ahead, listen up, calculate.
- **Make a point of checking out the news from school** – Stay in the loop by reading the weekly news. And your child will bring home their reports too. If they sound a bit over the top, listen with a grain of salt. They may be wanting to grab your attention. If you're anxious, talk with your child's teacher.

So, let's enjoy all that 2022 holds for us – our families, our school community. There will be much to be thankful for. Let's embrace these new days, these new opportunities for growth for us as parents and kids. This new year offers us all so much at so many different levels. Blessings upon you all!

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