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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 TEN: TERM ONE 2022

Friday April 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flourishing Friday 2:30pm
Monday April 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilience Project
Tuesday April 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Athletics
Wednesday April 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Teacher Interviews 4pm to 6pm
Thursday April 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Teacher Interviews 8am to 6pm Tabloid Sports for students
Friday April 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Term 1 Assembly 12pm

BOLWARRA SCHOOL COUNCIL 2022

President: Anna Impey
 Parent Members: Zoe Calderwood
 Laura Treloar
 Marty Starick
 Shannon Curran
 Ben Menzel
 Ernie Arnold
 Staff Members: Nicole Chapple
 Adam Thompson

- Parents are encouraged to pass on any suggestions or concerns to any School Council Member.

RURAL ATHLETICS

Last Friday was a great day of Athletics. Students from Bolwarra, Narrawong and Dartmoor were outstanding all day. The smiles on the faces of the boys pictured was typical of the whole day.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS – Tuesday April 5th

Students who have made this team have been notified and have extra information about the day



BMX SHOW

Yesterday, Dartmoor, Narrawong and Merino schools visited our school to watch the BMX show. This was a huge hit with all students

NAPLAN

Grade 3 & 5 students will be involved in NAPLAN from May 10th to the 18th. If you wish to see what faces your child you can access the NAPLAN public site at <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM

Chad Daniel, Lexi Araldi-Box, Ellie Bott and Paddy Impey have been selected to be part of an on-line High Ability Program in Primary English. The students will attend one virtual lesson every Friday in Term 2.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – Thursday April 7th

On this day students will be split into Multi-aged groups to enjoy a variety of different fun outdoor activities. Student leaders will be in charge of a group each.

- Attached to today's newsletter is the list of interview time slots. If you have not returned your form and therefore not been allocated a time slot, please ring Nicole in the office to make a suitable time.

LAST DAY OF TERM – Friday April 8th

12pm –Assembly including Easter Raffle Draw.

12:30pm – Lunch. Adults and students can order pizza – see attached lunch order form, (or bring your own lunch) and eat with everyone at the front of the school. **Any adult orders can be included on student order form.**

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

POLICIES PASSED AT SCHOOL COUNCIL

At our most recent School Council Meeting the *SunSmart* updated policy was passed. It can be found on our school website <http://www.bolwarraps.vic.edu.au/> or we are happy to provide you with a paper copy on request.

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 1 DATE 2022

April	Friday	1 st	-	Flourishing Friday
	Tuesday	5 th	-	District Athletics
	Wednesday	6 th	-	Parent/Teacher Interviews 4pm - 6pm
	Thursday	7 th	-	Parent/Teacher Interviews 8am – 6pm
	Friday	8 th	-	Last Day of Term 1 –Raffle Draw

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Kelvin Moore who turns 11 on Saturday.



EASTER RAFFLE – DRAWN , FRIDAY, 8th APRIL

DONATIONS:- Thank You to those families who have brought in their donation of an 'Easter Themed' item for our raffle. Donations can be brought into the office until Thursday morning. There will be numerous prizes so get your tickets in to go into the draw to win!



Chaplains' Corner – Responding to a violent world

I'm over it really. Will Smith's assault of a comedian at the Oscars the other night was over the top. As was the sledge about his wife. And, as for President Putin, how on earth can he justify the slaughter of ordinary citizens and force millions to flee for safety? It's power gone mad. And many of our free to air TV shows don't do much better with cops and robbers type plots along with soured relationships. How can our families respond to this bleak season all around us?

The problem is a serious one. The danger is that we accept violence as a somehow normal way of behaving when things go wrong. That it's acceptable to lose our tempers to make a point or get our own way. That raising our voices to solve a difficulty is the only way to cope. Add to this sad list is the reality of bullying which has its own savage, tragic consequences if not brought to a halt. So, what can mums and dads be doing about this tragic flaw in our local and global communities?

- **Well, let's get one thing clear straight away** – Life is not a bed of roses as the saying goes. It can't be. There are too many complexities in simply existing. Sooner or later, actually sooner, we have to deal with differences of view, perspective and coping in our families.
- **Our family is as "normal" as the next one** – Every family has to deal with its stuff. Sure, some manage it better than others but we're all in it together. We haven't failed as parents if our kids have a falling out between them. This is bound to happen, many times.
- **We need to check out our own coping systems first** – There's no point getting stroppy with our kids if we haven't figured out effective ways of how we respond when the heat is on. One thing is certain. An angry physical response, the equivalent of an assault, achieves nothing.
- **Violence in any form gives birth to more damage** – Have you noticed the increasing reports of road rage? Of arson? Of dreadful attacks on other family members? Our TV news is increasingly a catalogue of emotionally disturbed people belting each other up, even taking their lives.
- **We have to act for the sake of our kids** – In all of this outrage, we need to spend time creating and keeping positive ways of setting and maintaining family harmony. And it starts with us, with mums and dads. We set the rules and we have to keep them, no matter how uptight we may get at times.
- **Some simple rules of thumb** – We don't react, we respond. There's a big difference. Reactions are about doing whatever comes into our heads with no thought given to the consequences. Responses are wise, patient and caring ways of addressing the latest family outburst without hurrying.
- **Which means that we have to become good listeners** – When our kids take sides over who has done what, we do them a great favour by choosing to listen. If everyone is sky high and screaming, then simply say that the matter will be addressed only when everyone has had time to cool off.
- **Trying to sort out stresses in a hurry won't work** – But waiting for everyone to settle down provides the opportunity to listen, for our kids to be heard, to find clarity about what has really happened to create this drama. Often our kids may understand each other's position for the first time.

The listening parent brings peace to their family. They work hard to find the middle ground. They know where to draw the line. They learn to encourage and restore harmony. Let's take a stand against the violence which is spoiling our families, our community, our world. Yes, we can do it.

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