

NUMBER 10

7th APRIL 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



REMINDERS FOR WEEK NINE: TERM ONE 2022

Friday April 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Term 1 Assembly including Easter Raffle 12pm
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REMINDERS FOR WEEK ONE: TERM TWO 2022

Monday April 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANZAC DAY
Tuesday April 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day 1 of Term 2
Wednesday April 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Thursday April 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Friday April 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flourishing Friday 2:30pm

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Outstanding day at the Districts Athletics on Tuesday. Rurals placed 2nd in First Past The Post and 3rd in the Handicap. **Our individual results are below.**

Jackson Warrener	4 th in High Jump	1 st in Triple Jump	3 rd in Relay	
Nathan Rethus	1 st in Discus	4 th in Hurdles	3 rd in Relay	
Eddie Curran	4 th in High Jump	3 rd in Relay		
Tayli Holmes-Wilson	4 th in Long Jump			
Paddy Impey	2 nd in Long Jump	2 nd in Triple Jump	3 rd in Hurdles	2 nd in Relay
Zarah Bott	1 st in 800	1 st in Relay		
Gracie Piergrosse	3 rd in High Jump	2 nd in Triple Jump	4 th in Hurdles	1 st in Relay
Arlee Holmes-Wilson	1 st in Shot Put			
William Rethus	3 rd in High Jump	2 nd in Long Jump	4 th in Triple Jump	4 th in Hurdles
	4 th in Relay			
Chad Daniel	2 nd in Shot Put			
Shantae Keegan	3 rd in 800	1 st in Shot Put	2 nd in Long Jump	1 st in Triple Jump
	1 st in Relay			
Jemma McFarlane	4 th in Discus			
Dakota Oliver	2 nd in High Jump	4 th in 100	1 st in Relay	
Yarinda Intaraksa-Thomas		3 rd in High Jump	2 nd in 100m	1 st in Relay
Ellie Bott	3 rd in 800m	4 th in Relay		
Max Bott	3 rd in Relay			
Josh Clements	3 rd in Relay			
Jack Starick	3 rd in Relay			
Clancy Stirling	2 nd in Relay			
Kelvin Moore	2 nd in Relay			
Aiden Iddon	2 nd in Relay			
Ava Jacobson	1 st in Relay			
Aiysha Pollock	1 st in Relay			
Matthew Rethus	4 th in Relay			

Shantae was the overall 12 Year Girl Champion.

DIVISION ATHLETICS – Friday May 6th in Warrnambool

The following students have made the Portland/Heywood & District team for the Division Athletics.

Shantae, Keegan	Shot Put	Triple Jump	Relay
Zarah Bott	800	1500	Relay
Ellie Bott	1500		
Gracie Piergrosse	Relay		
Ava Jacobson	Relay		
Yarinda Intaraksa-Thomas	100	200	Relay
Dakota Oliver	Relay		
Aiysha Pollock	Relay		
Nathan Rethus	Discus		
Arlee Holmes-Wilson	Shot Put		
Jackson Warrener	Triple Jump		



ANZAC DAY PARADE – Monday April 25th

Our school has been invited to participate in the ANZAC Day ceremony in Portland. The students will march from the RSL Clubrooms to the memorial Triangle (in front of the Council Offices in Cliff Street) for the ceremony. Students attending will need to meet me at 10.15am at the corner of Gawler & Percy Streets wearing their school uniform. They may wear their deceased relatives' medals on their right breast if they wish.

Students will need a coin in their pocket for the collection for Legacy. School representatives will lay a wreath during the official ceremony.

This is a great opportunity for our students to represent Bolwarra and show respect for their country and the fallen.

I hope that you will consider joining us.

LAST DAY OF TERM – Friday April 8th

12pm –Assembly - including Easter Raffle.

12:30pm – Lunch. Adults and students can collect their pizza order from the canteen window (or bring your own lunch) and eat with everyone at the front of the school.

- Parents are able to take children home after lunch.
- All buses will be running **1 hour earlier than normal**.

PUPIL FREE DAYS IN TERM 2

Thursday June 9th - Report Writing Day

Friday June 10th - Professional Practice Day. Teaching staff will be attending a Maths Conference in Melbourne.

This will mean a 5-day weekend for our students with Monday June 13th being the Queen's Birthday holiday. We are hopeful that this may give families time to organise for a special extended long weekend break.

RAT KITS

The Victorian Government has announced it is extending the RAT screening program for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Thank you to all students and families who have played their role in regularly testing – we know that hasn't been easy. Your work has seen COVID-19 cases being picked up at the earliest opportunity, meaning less cases in our school and more time in the classroom for our students.

The testing recommendations will remain the same next Term for students and staff with:

*Mainstream schools – recommended to test at home twice a week.

Students will be given 2 boxes each today. As we approach winter and flu season, the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 and booster shots for students 16+ remains the best way to ensure protection for students and staff. The Easter break is a good opportunity to get your child vaccinated ahead of this, with many options across GPs, pharmacies and the state run vaccination clinics.

If you have any concerns or worries about getting your child vaccinated, please get in contact with your GP or another health professional who can answer your concerns.

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES 2022

April	Monday	25 th	-	ANZAC DAY	
	Tuesday	26 th	-	Start of Term 2	
May	Monday	2 nd	-	School Photos	
	Thursday	5 th	-	Rural Cross-Country at Narrawong am	
	Friday	6 th	-	Division Athletics in Warrnambool	
	Tuesday	10 th	-	GRIP Leadership in Mt Gambier	
				-	NAPLAN - Writing
	Wednesday	11 th	-	NAPLAN – Numeracy	
	Thursday	12 th	-	District Cross-Country am	
	Monday	16 th	-	NAPLAN – Conventions of Language	
	Wednesday	18 th	-	NAPLAN – Reading	
	Monday	23 rd	-	Division Cross-Country	
Wednesday	25 th	-	School Council 7pm		
June	Wednesday	1 st	-	District Winter Series	
	Thursday	9 th	-	Report Writing Day (Pupil Free Day)	
	Friday	10 th	-	Professional Practice Day (Pupil Free Day)	
	Monday	13 th	-	Queen's Birthday Holiday	
	Friday	24 th	-	Last Day of Term 2	

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Fletcher Hodgins who turns 7 tomorrow, and to the following students who will celebrate their birthday over the holiday period:- Zach Price (10) and Leo Rundell (6).



EASTER RAFFLE – DRAWN , Tomorrow at assembly.

DONATIONS:- Thank you to everyone who donated towards our raffle. There will be plenty of prizes drawn, so if you haven't got your tickets in yet, they can be brought to the office tomorrow morning by 11.00am. As of this morning a total of \$432 has been raised!



SCHOOL PHOTOS – MONDAY, 2nd MAY

Pre-Paid envelopes were sent home today. Each child has their own personal envelope with their name and code. Please follow 'How to order' instructions on the envelope. Family order forms can be picked up from the office. Please return orders with your child during the first week of term 2.

big CHILD CARE

Dorset Primary Contact Details
 Centre Phone: 0484 108 257
 Centre Email: bigchildcare@dorsetprimary.com
 Monday - Friday BSC: 8:30-8:30AM ASC: 9:00-6:00PM

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT O.S.H.C?

Hello Families!

With Holidays just around the corner we hope that your children are looking forward to the well-deserved break!

Firstly, a massive thank you to all our families who attend the service and the amazing feedback we have been receiving. This really makes us appreciate everything! We are so happy that everyone has been enjoying the service and we hope to see the service continue to grow.

Secondly, just a reminder this is our last chance to get any bookings for the Holiday Care. If you know anyone who is need of some care or want to book your child in for some extra fun, **BOOK THEM IN!**

Chloe and Jake

Important Dates

- ◆ School Holidays - 8th April – 26th April 2022

HOLIDAY CARE

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This is the last week for bookings to be made for Holiday Care. We have some amazing activities planned and an easter egg hunt!

Don't miss out and book your spot now for the Term 1 Holidays!

Contact Chloe or Jake via email or phone for more information.

Chloe -0484 108 257

Jake – 0484 110 571

big YOUR EVENTS GUIDE

WEEK 11: 11 Apr '22 - 15 Apr '22	WEEK 12: 16 Apr '22 - 22 Apr '22
NO SIGNAL Public Holiday - Good Friday	NO SIGNAL Public Holiday - Easter Monday
BIG TALENT SHOW 11th April 10:00am - 11:30am	big 16th April 10:00am - 11:30am
COMMANDO TRAINING 12th April 10:00am - 11:30am	camp OUT! 17th April 10:00am - 11:30am
big 18th April 10:00am - 11:30am	big 22nd April 10:00am - 11:30am

Chaplains' Corner – Lessons from the footy field

Just love the footy season. A long-term affection. Back in the day my school needed umpires for games so invited students to train as umpires. I signed up. It meant umpiring my mates as they played other schools. I used to get asthma back then so for the Saturday games, I rode my semi racer to school (a very flash bike in those days!). This thirteen kilometre ride was to get the lungs working. I'd blow on my puffer along the way. Was then set to do my umpire's job.

The memories are mostly amusing. I was the only umpire on the ground and often did two matches in a row. I was no Razor Ray but I reckon I was pretty good at it actually. The school gave its student umpires the right to send unhelpful players off the ground. It didn't work. The offender would jog about 50 metres around the boundary and come back on. But the players knew that if Simmo wasn't umpiring, they wouldn't be playing. All done in a good spirit. I was fit in those days. And I've realised that the calls of umpires can be easily applied to families. Like....

- **Stand!** It's about giving the space for a free kick to be taken. Families are about creating the space for each member to pursue their hobby, or learn a new skill, or work on a problem, or just have some breathing space. There's a lot to be said for us all to take time out.
- **Advantage!** When a free is given but players choose to keep going. Families have the special privilege to help each other to do just that, to keep going, not to give up, to press on with learning how to play the guitar, or how to paint, or how to cook, or fix things. The list is endless.
- **Fifty metres!** This is the discipline for bad language or other infringements. And it can be costly. There are times when mums and dads have to make the same call. Not fifty metres, but what has been said or done lacks thought or kindness. There has to be a consequence for unacceptable words or actions.
- **Fifteen seconds gone!** The regular advice that the kick for goal has to be taken. Mums and dads have to know when to get on with life. May be drop everything for a walk, or a weekend in the bush, or a special cook up. Families need to aim for good things and do them, not just think about them.
- **My ball!** The call given when players can't keep the ball moving. There are times when mum or dad have to say more or less the same thing. That they have the final say on a host of issues. It's their ball when confusion, upsets or disappointments arrive. They can set up a fresh start for everyone.
- **Not fifteen!** When a kick hasn't gone far enough. Parents set the scene for the way the family gets along. If a family member isn't doing their bit, then mum and dad have the right, the responsibility to call it out. If an attitude or action doesn't measure up to what's expected, a change is needed.
- **Walk away!** Commitment and passion on the field can lead to unhappy moments, to fisticuffs. Most families understand this one. It's wise for mum and dad to give the same direction when tempers flare and voices are raised. To insist on walking away until emotions have settled is wise advice.
- **Throw it in!** For the ball to go back into play after crossing the boundary. Effective families have boundaries, of knowing what helps everyone to get along. This means that they also have limits. Who wants to live in a family where anything goes? Sadly, this happens. Chaos and drama rule.

Play on! The direction to keep the game moving. And terrific advice for families. Do we always get everything right in our homes? Hardly. We're all too human for that. But let's all do our best, young and old alike to play on with joy, loving concern and encouragement. Enjoy the game of family!

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WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY EASTER AND A SAFE HOLIDAY PERIOD