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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 FOUR: TERM TWO 2022

Friday May 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flourishing Friday 2:30pm • Parent Community 3pm
Monday May 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPLAN – Conventions of Language • Resilience Project 2:30pm • Rural Cross-Country
Tuesday May 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPLAN - Writing
Wednesday May 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Teach The Teacher' – Student Leaders 10am to 1pm • NAPLAN – Numeracy
Thursday May 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday May 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

PARENT COMMUNITY – Friday May 13th at 3pm

The revitalisation of our Parent Community group will start on Friday May 13th at 3pm. Pre-school children are welcome.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this.

GRIP LEADERSHIP



On Tuesday the student leaders (Shantae Keegan, Zarah Bott, Chad Daniel, Yarinda Intaraksa-Thomas and Jemma McFarlane) had a great day in Mt Gambier at the GRIP Leadership Day. The students learnt a lot about being a leader which they will be applying throughout the rest of 2022.

A big thank-you to Portland Aluminium who provided the funding for the cost of the tickets and the buses to and from Mt Gambier.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

Results from the Division Athletics in Warrnambool on Monday.

Shantae Keegan	3rd in Triple Jump and Shot Put
Chad Daniel	5th in Shot Put
Nathan Rethus	5th in Discus
Yarinda Intaraksa-Thomas	7th in 100 and 200 metres
Arlee Holmes-Wilson	7th in Shot Put.

Unfortunately due to illness Zarah, Ellie and Jackson were unable to compete in their individual events.

Relay Teams

The 12 Year girls (Shantae Keegan, Dakota Oliver, Yarinda Intaraksa-Thomas & Aiysha Pollock) came 3rd and the 11 Year girls (Ava Jacobson, Arlee Holmes-Wilson & Gracie Piergrosse) placed 9th.

Shantae (in both Triple Jump and Shot Put) and the 12 girls relay team have now qualified for the Region Athletics in Ballarat on Friday October 7th.

Great performance by our representatives and a big thank you to those parents who supported the team yesterday.

RURAL CROSS COUNTRY – Monday 16th - pm

Our re-scheduled Rural cross-country will be run on Monday at Narrawong P.S.

We will have lunch at school then a bus will transport the students to Narrawong for a 1pm start. We will arrive back at school by 3.30pm. Students can go home with their parents from Narrawong if their class teacher is aware of this. Students to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for long distance running. They will need warm and dry clothing before and after their run.

PREP 2023

Enrolments - We are now taking school tours for 2023 enrolments. If you require an enrolment pack for a sibling, pop into the school office. If any family or friends would like a tour of our wonderful school, please have them contact the office.

All schools in the Portland and District area encourage students to go to their local school. Your local school can be found by visiting <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au>

BEANIES – Navy & White



The cold weather has arrived.

Time for a Bolwarra beanie?

\$20, see Nicole in the office.

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES 2022

May	Monday	16 th	-	- { NAPLAN – Conventions of Language - Rural Cross-Country pm
	Wednesday	18 th	-	
	Monday	23 rd	-	Division Cross-Country
	Wednesday	25 th	-	School Council 7pm
June	Wednesday	1 st	-	District Winter Series
	Thursday	2 nd	-	School Photos
	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 Mr Gibbons who will celebrate his birthday on Saturday; Eddie Curran who turns 9 on Tuesday, and Thomas Menzel who turns 8 next Thursday.

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 3 orders are due back at school by **tomorrow, Friday, 13th May.**



If not already handed in, Order Forms, together with correct money, can be brought to the office now. All orders must be handed in prior to photos being taken.

Chaplains' Corner – Anybody needing a Huntsman?

I'll admit I got a fright. But only for a moment. There it was as I opened the driver's door. Right on the inner side near the door hinge. One granddaddy Huntsman spider. Now, to be honest, spiders don't spook me. But this one was a biggie. So, I figured it would be a good move to bring his travelling times to a close. Didn't work. Before I could get him, he darted off inside the bodywork towards the front wheel. So be it. I'm guessing he's still there enjoying his travels around the place.

Now what is it about spiders? There's no middle ground. You either love them or hate them. I've lost count of the spiders I've caught inside our place and have carried outside. Mostly members of the Huntsman clan. Years ago as I was waiting in traffic in central Melbourne, another Huntsman wandered across the top of the dashboard. I wound down my window and with one clever flick of the wrist, gave him the privilege of checking out the tram tracks. Life seems to produce its own collection of fears and it's not necessarily Huntsman spiders. A few things to think about....

- **As mums and dads we all try to be positive about being a family** – Sure, it takes effort. It's about managing the ups and downs of family life, of balancing our budget, of meeting each other's needs, of keeping communication and problem solving ongoing and effective.
- **But sometimes it's a bit like finding that Huntsman spider** – A problem arrives unexpectedly. We find ourselves rattled, even out of our depth. We lose perspective. Our grip on life slips a little. Fear is not too far away. We start to worry about ourselves, may be even the future of our family.
- **Our fears remind us that easy solutions are not always there for us** – It's easy to move that spider outside if we go about it the right way. But the heavy difficulties in family life can't be moved on that easily. We have to find a way through them or around them. Or else family life falls apart.
- **We need to look our troubles in the eye** – And not let them have the last word. Life can be very tough when conflict is ongoing and unresolved, or financial shortages press in on us, or illness arrives, or a loved one leaves us. These all test our wisdom, our maturity, our inner resources.
- **If we're not careful our fears will upend us** – Rather than dealing with that problem, whatever it may be, the temptation is to find a way out, rather than a way through. To walk away rather than engage. Our fears may be well grounded but they don't have the right to destroy us.
- **And there's another side to this** – If we are determined to tackle our fears, address that pressing issue and find ways to resolve whatever is at hand, the payoff is well worth it. We grow just that little bit more; we develop new ways of dealing with our fears; we discover a new level of peace.
- **In other words, we make our fears work for us not against us** – Sometimes we think that it's just our family that runs into trouble. Go easy on yourselves. Every family has issues that have to be tackled. But there's that choice: to make the fear work for you, or let it work against you.
- **So, make the brave choice** – Dealing with an issue now? Why not decide on the absolute best outcome for you and your family? Make it your goal. Commit to it. Turn the fear of misunderstanding and breakdown into new ways of being a parent and a partner. Give it a try.

Well, I hope you are not carting around a Huntsman spider in your car. I've got a spare for you if I can find it, that is. And remember, don't let your fears run your life. Turn them to good use. You can do it.

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