



NUMBER 13

19th May 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



REMINDERS FOR WEEK FIVE: TERM TWO 2022

Friday May 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Community Group 3pm
Monday May 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resilience Project 2:30pm• Division Cross-Country
Tuesday May 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Wednesday May 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Council
Thursday May 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Friday May 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flourishing Friday 2:30pm• Parent Community Group 3pm

PARENT COMMUNITY GROUP – Friday's at 3pm

At the gathering last Friday ideas for fundraising was discussed along with Friday lunches. The staff are currently putting together a wish list of items that the Parent Community Group can fundraise for. We would love to see you at our gatherings whenever you are available.

COVID UPDATE - From Monday May 23rd

From Monday May 23rd, it is recommended RATs are used by students and staff when symptomatic. RATs are also required to be used for 5 days if a student or staff member is a close contact of a confirmed case and they are attending or working at a school.

From Monday 23 May 2022, it will therefore no longer be recommended that non-symptomatic students or staff conduct RATs twice a week. Students and staff must continue to notify the Department of Health and their school if they return a positive RAT result.

Vaccination remains the best way to protect students and staff in school.

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>

CAMPS IN 2022

We have been working closely with 'Positive Start' in order to lock in our camps for 2022. This allows us to offer our camps at a very significant reduction in cost.

Grade 3/4 in Halls Gap Wednesday August 10th to 12th Cost – \$0 (To be confirmed)

Grade 5/6 to Melbourne & Ballarat Tuesday August 16th to 19th Cost – (normally \$400) Approximately \$100

TERM 2 EXCURSION – Friday June 3rd

Our second Flourishing Friday excursion for 2022 will be to Swan Lake. A separate note will go home before the day.

RESILIENCE PROJECT – The Imperfects podcast

I can highly recommend the recent 'The Imperfects' podcast. Episode 11 of Season 4 with Tarang Chawla. It gave me even greater motivation to continue working with our students on the importance of healthy relationships.

RURAL CROSS-COUNTRY

On a wet, cold and windy afternoon the students did an amazing job at the cross-country.



The clear highlight for me was how caring, kind and helpful the older students were, after their own run, with the younger students.

Winners of their age group were Carter Hodgins, Max Bott, Ellie Bott, Kelvin Moore, Ava Jacobson and William Rethus.



DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY

Results from last weeks' District Cross-country.

12 Boys - William 7th, Matthew 15th and Chad 29th

12 Girls - Shantae 7th, Hannah 8th and Aiysha 10th

11 Boys - Kelvin 10th, Clancy 11th, Aiden 13th and Kekoa 25th

11 girls - Gracie 5th, Zarah 9th & Ava 10th

10 Boys - Nathan 11th, Jack 12th & Hayes 19th

10 Girls - Ellie 7th

William, Shantae, Hannah, Gracie, Zarah, Aiysha and Ellie have qualified for the Division Cross-Country in Warnambool on Monday May 23rd.



EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES 2022

May	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 Miss McDonald who will celebrate her birthday on Saturday; and Yarinda Intaraksa-Thomas who turns 12 on Tuesday.

PIE HEATER – Notice for our new families and reminder for all families

The pie heater is available all year round for students who may wish to have hot lunch.

On arrival at school students are to place lunches in the 'hot lunch' tub (supplied in each classroom), the lunch monitors will collect tubs at recess and put lunches in the pie heater, then at lunch time will take hot lunches back to the classrooms.

- Lunches to be securely wrapped in foil or other oven safe containers and clearly marked with name and grade.
- If sending pizza it's a good idea to wrap it in baking paper then in the foil to avoid the cheese sticking to the foil.
- Any food that can be heated is welcome – ie: pizza, pies, sausage rolls, left over dinners such as spaghetti bolognaise, pasta bakes, veggies etc.

BEANIES – Navy & White



The cold weather has arrived.
Time for a Bolwarra Beanie?
\$20, see Nicole in the office

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Chaplains' Corner – Are you missing the obvious?

Sometimes you just miss doing the obvious. And when the obvious shows up, there's a good chance you'll feel more than a tad foolish. Like last week. A friend had given me a clicker which, when pressed, advances the PowerPoint slides on my computer. Very handy. But it didn't work. So the two of us tried to figure out the problem. We thought we tried everything. Nothing happened. Defeat carried the day.

So, in quiet desperation, I took the clicker and my computer to get outside help. Problem solved within minutes. The batteries inside the clicker were still in their wrappers. Oh, my goodness. Once removed we had a clicker that worked a treat. The result? A healthy blend of amusement and outright embarrassment. How on earth did my friend and I fail to check the obvious? The batteries should've been the first thing on our checklist. So, a little lesson here. What are some of the obvious things – apart from batteries, that is – that we need to be checking as families? Consider....

- **With the busyness of life, it's easy to miss what's going on at our place** – Not too many of us have time to burn. It's full on with work, sport, taxi driving the kids here and there, may be occasional sleepovers, house maintenance, you name it. There's not much breathing space.
- **Without this breathing space we will miss the obvious** – Our running to and fro is great if we can keep it up. But hectic family life is too costly if we've stopped listening to each other, stopped deciding what has to be done and what can wait, stopped just for the sake of catching our breath.
- **Sure, it's great to have things to do** – Especially with our kids and their friends. A full life well lived is a great bonus. Many of us as parents get a kick from ticking our boxes, getting things done. All good provided we are also paying attention to each other's needs, an obvious priority.
- **Try these for missing the obvious** – Let's consider the family stresses that just sit there. Add in a dash of weariness and a loss of energy and the stage is set for a showdown. These inner stresses have the knack of reproducing. A few become the many in no time. Welcome to the war zone.
- **It's all too easy to miss mutual check-ups** – With a tribe of kids cruising around mums and dads will work hard to meet their kids' needs but might miss attending to their own. Wise parents run daily checks on each other. Are you coping ok? How can I help? Is there anything I'm missing?
- **Here's an obvious one we might miss** – You can bet your life on the fact that Mum and Dad were reared in totally different families so they will have very different ideas on how to bring up the kids. But a lack of conversation about this is to miss the obvious. Sit down, talk and be a team!
- **Another obvious miss is finance** – Some families are blessed with large incomes. Good on them. But many families function from week to week. So, where's the financial planning? Where's the budget? What do we need and what can wait? Or are we just spending for the sake of it?
- **Try this for another obvious miss** – Do you set your family routines to one side to do something really different? Routines are great but make the time to do the surprising, the unexpected, the fun stuff. Families love these happy interruptions. And it's all too easy to miss out on these.

Happy families don't just happen. They are an end product. The result of parents choosing to attend to the obvious, the required ingredients for ongoing joy and togetherness in our homes. What might you be missing? Make sure the family batteries of energy, loving care and encouragement are operating!

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Thursday June 2nd

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY