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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 THREE: TERM TWO 2022

Friday May 6 <sup>th</sup>	•
Monday May 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Division Athletics in Warrnambool – Shantae, Zarah, Ellie, Yarinda, Nathan, Arlee, Jackson, Gracie, Ava, Dakota &amp; Aiysha</li> <li>• Resilience Project 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday May 10 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRIP Leadership – Student Leaders</li> <li>• NAPLAN - Writing</li> </ul>
Wednesday May 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPLAN – Reading</li> </ul>
Thursday May 12 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Cross-Country</li> </ul>
Friday May 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flourishing Friday 2:30pm</li> <li>• Parent Community</li> </ul>



## NEW DATE FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

### 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>

### PARENT COMMUNITY – Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

The revitalisation of our Parent Community group will start on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

At this gathering I will outline my vision for the group moving forward.

Pre-school children are welcome.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this.

### NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5 students

#### *Timetable for NAPLAN*

Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> – Writing  
 Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> – Reading  
 Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> – Conventions of Language  
 Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> - Numeracy



### BEANIES – Navy & White

The cold weather has arrived!

Time for a Bolwarra beanie?

\$20, see Nicole in the office.

## ADAM VOIGT

Adam is the Founder and CEO of Real Schools and the author of 'Restoring Teaching: How Working Restoratively Unleashes the Teacher and School Leader Within You'. Adam's views on education are aligned very closely with the values we hold dear here at Bolwarra. Below is a brief article Adam sent out via his weekly e-amil newsletter last week. Hopefully you will find it interesting.

### Before we had values

*Did schools espouse and promote their values 30 years ago? I don't think many did.*

*And so, does this mean they weren't places where important character traits such as respect, honesty, responsibility and kindness were fostered? Well, I actually think many of us thoroughly developed habits of living such as these at school.*

*So, what were we seeking to achieve when we formalised these concepts? What was missing when we commenced days of consultation arguing the difference between **acceptance** and **tolerance**? What was actually better about painting our five carefully chosen and voted for values on murals and on plastering them across letterheads?*

*And did our students become more respectful, honest, responsible and kind for the poster they made or the short play they performed about the value of the week?*

*These are actually important questions for Teachers and School Leaders to ponder ... and all you really need to do right now is ponder them. You don't need answers and you needn't despair all the work that's been done committing to these corporately inspired aspirations. Just ponder.*

*If your school has spent hours, days and budget on developing values, you likely did no genuine harm at all. So breathe a sigh of relief, ok.*

*But know this - **the real work of values installation in students lies in exactly what schools were doing 30 years ago.** It wasn't planned or formalised. It wasn't explicitly taught or made a matrix of.*

*The key to respect building is a staff who behaves respectfully. The key to honesty is a staff that tells the truth and can admit fault. The key to learning responsibility is being afforded the chance to take it. And the key to kindness is adult role models who are unwaveringly kind in all that they say and do.*

*If your values really matter, they aren't on a brochure. They are behavioural trademarks of you and your staff.*

*So, one more question for you. **Are they?***

*Keep fighting that good fight,*

*Adam*

## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES 2022

<b>May</b>	Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>POSPONED</b>	Division Athletics in Warrnambool
	Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Division Athletics in Warrnambool
	Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	-	GRIP Leadership in Mt Gambier NAPLAN - Writing
	Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	-	NAPLAN – Reading
	Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	-	District Cross-Country am
	Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	-	NAPLAN – Conventions of Language
	Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	-	NAPLAN – Numeracy
	Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Division Cross-Country
	Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Council 7pm
	<b>June</b>	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	-
Thursday		2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	School Photos
Thursday		9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Report Writing Day (Pupil Free Day)
Friday		10 <sup>th</sup>	-	Professional Practice Day (Pupil Free Day)
Monday		13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday		24 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b>

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Carter Hodgins (6) and Jessie McCluskey (12) who will both celebrate their birthday on Monday; and Lilly Curran who turns 6 on Tuesday.

**BOOKCLUB ISSUE 3** orders are due back at school next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May.

## **FREEZER FOOD BANK**

Our school can now provide our families with professionally prepared frozen meals. Our friends at the Baptist Church are supplying meals and soups in co-operation with the One Legged Seagull. We are very grateful for this support.

These meals and soups are primarily for any of our families going through difficult times such as illness, bereavement or unexpected stresses or interruptions. Please contact Nicole during school hours to arrange pick up times. Each freezer meal will serve two adults so extras are readily available for the whole family.

Depending on availability, families can access meals even if not in difficulty for a donation towards freezer costs. Again, please be in touch with Nicole.



## **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

Any children who missed the stall today will still have a chance to purchase something for their mum tomorrow

Friday, between 2.00pm and 3.30pm. Andreena and Kate will be holding the stall in the library.

Mums/Dads are most welcome to come along and have a look/purchase a gift for their child to give mum on Sunday.



**WISHING ALL OUR MUMS A  
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY  
ON SUNDAY**



## Chaplains' Corner – What my Mum taught me!

There are some people in this life you just don't mess with. I learnt this as a little kid. My Mum was not for messing with. She had both feet firmly on the ground and took no nonsense. My Dad died just after World War Two having been in the service. So, with my sister and two brothers, we grew up in a single parent family. Like many families after the War, we lived on Struggle Street. My Mum was a battler of the genuine variety. She sometimes benefitted from the generosity of friends. Not often. She had been a school teacher (Maths, Latin and French) so went back to teaching to keep the family together.

How she ever did this and stayed sane and fit, I'll never know. I was the youngest by about six years. We grew up in a Housing Commission home. There was never surplus cash. But just in case you're wondering, I look back on my childhood and youth with endless gratitude for my Mum. Nothing happened easily for her. She and my siblings caught early trams to get to their respective schools. From Grade Two, yes Grade Two, I caught the Wattle Park tram on my own to get to Canterbury State – as it was known then. That wouldn't happen today. Well, here are some lessons my Mum taught me....

- **Mind your manners** – We were drilled with “Thank you” and “Please” to be offered at the right time. If someone was talking, there would be no interruptions until the right time. In times of conversation, we had to learn to look the other person in the eye.
- **Go the second mile whenever you can** – Help others even if it costs you something. My single parent Mum heard a sad story about a young girl living in an orphanage not too far from us. What did she do? Simple. She adopted her, so four kids became five. My “extra” sister is still alive and well.
- **I'm not your servant** – With lesson preparation and student assessments, Mum didn't have the time to do what we could. If we needed our clothes washed, we had to put them in the copper (no washing machines then!). She refused to run around after us.
- **You've all got jobs** – Our place was action stations. Everyone had their chores which were done even if there were occasional complaints. Teamwork wasn't some kind of nice idea. It was the only way a home with a full-time working parent could function. I cared for Percy, our cat, as one job.
- **Don't answer back!** – My Mum was not into arguments. She lived in a black and white world. No grey. Didn't have time for the finer points. A tricky issue was either right or wrong. Our behaviour was either acceptable or rebellious. Look out for your life if the latter.
- **Bad behaviour had consequences** – I can't ever remember getting away with much. There was a large belt hanging on a hook which was occasionally put to use in a manner which was not enjoyable for the rear end receiving its attention. Can you imagine that kind of discipline today?
- **Be thankful for what you've got** – We didn't have a lot of material stuff. Not too many families had cars back then. But after many years an uncle gave Mum the money for a new Morris Minor. She loved that little car. Even took me to Sydney and back as a kid, 45 miles an hour all the way.
- **Don't make judgements about others** – An interesting angle as Mum was quick to work out what others were up to. Occasionally she'd launch into a full-on assessment of those who ground her gears. These weren't always kind. But she pulled us up if we did that! Almost amusing really.

Finally keep the faith! Behind all the hard work, our Mum relied on a rock like faith. She didn't talk much about it. She just lived it. In those tough years, it provided an endless source of both joy and strength. She blessed me beyond telling. To all our Mums, enjoy your Mother's Day!!

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