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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 NINE: TERM TWO 2022

Friday June 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Casual Clothes Day – Gold coin donation- Variety Victoria raffle Tickets available from office. See prize list further in this newsletter
Monday June 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilience Project 2:30pm
Tuesday June 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Wednesday June 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Thursday June 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole School Excursion
Friday June 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Term 2

DIVISION WINTER SERIES – Friday in Warrnambool

Congratulations to our 2 teams who performed in Warrnambool on Friday. They both were extremely competitive against the larger schools from Warrnambool, Camperdown, Koroit and Port Fairy. Our soccer team had a win, a draw and 2 losses. The netballers had a win and 3 defeats. One of the losses was by one point to the eventual winners.

At school on Tuesday I caught up with each player. The overall sentiment from the students was how much they enjoyed the experience. This is credit to Aleesha Holmes who coached the netball, and to Jake Davies and Katie Aldridge who looked after our soccer team. A big thank you to all the parents who drove the students over and supported them throughout the day.



CASUAL CLOTHES DAY – Tomorrow

Come dressed as the first letter of your name. Gold Coin donation – School Leaders fundraiser for Variety Club.

WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION – Thursday June 23rd

We will be splitting into 3 multi-aged groups and visiting Funky Hearts, South West Creative Practice and the Portland Maritime Discovery Centre. A permission note will go home with every student tomorrow.

RESILIENCE PROJECT – The Imperfects podcast

Lael Stone - Creating Emotionally Intelligent Humans

I just recently listened to the latest 'The Imperfects' podcast. I found this episode very interesting, as it made me think deeply about how I parented my own children. It also made me proud on how our staff work with the students in our care.

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>

LAST DAY OF TERM – Friday June 24th

12pm –Assembly

12:10pm – **Lunch.** Adults and students can order BBQ sausages – 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.
- All buses will be running **1 hour earlier than normal.**

MATHS CONFERENCE

Last Friday Mrs. Arthur, Miss McDonald, Mr. Cummins and I (unfortunately Mr. Thompson was in isolation) attended a Maths conference in Melbourne.

It was a very worthwhile day as we gathered many ideas on how to improve teaching to make Maths more engaging for our students.

This day will be followed up with more professional development for our teachers throughout 2022.



EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES 2022

June	Friday	17 th	-	Casual Clothes Day - Gold Coin Donation
	Thursday	23 rd	-	Whole School Excursion
	Friday	24 th	-	Last Day of Term 2

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Nicole Chapple who will celebrate her birthday tomorrow; Mila Holmes-Wilson who turns 6 on Monday; Jack Starick (10) and Max Bott (9) who both celebrate their birthday on Tuesday, and Arlee Holmes-Wilson who turns 11 on Wednesday.

VARIETY VICTORIA CHILDREN'S CHARITY RAFFLE

Raffle Tickets are available from the office – 3 for \$5.00 or 7 for \$10
Raffle to be drawn by our Portland entrant, Wayne Boyd of Car 1955, at the end of June.

Following is a list of prizes to be won:-

Handmade Patchwork and Applique Quilt – Value \$500

Starwars Collectable Playset – value \$350 plus

Electric BBQ – Value \$279

Fishing Package – Value \$250

Rocking Horse (hand crafted) – value \$250

Cigar Box Guitar – value \$250

Razor Scooter – Value \$169

Various other prizes - Woolworths Grocery Hamper; Meal Vouchers, Store Vouchers, Gift Pack,

You may visit the office to purchase tickets or money can be sent along to school with your child and your ticket entry stub will be sent home.

Chaplains' Corner – Had any misunderstandings lately?

It was an absolute classic. A genuinely good conversation. And it happened where blokes rarely go! In a wonderful Spotlight store, of all places. Judith was needing some material to border a quilt she was making. So I was recruited to help in the selection. I think I know when colours work and when they don't. So, a choice was made and taken to the counter. A young, friendly, very helpful staff member was on the job. And this is when an ordinary conversation became a classic.

Both players in this conversation did their very best. A calculation had to be made to work out what length of material was required to make a 12 centimetre border for the quilt. So the quilt was carefully measured. What then? After many exchanges all in a good spirit, the material was measured, cut and paid for. The result? Judith ended up with far more material than she needed. The problem? Judith was needing only a border for her quilt. But our staff girl kept thinking that Judith wanted a backing for the whole quilt. Now, it struck me that there's a lesson or two just sitting here....

- **This conversation ticked a lot of good boxes** – There was no rush. There were many suggestions, questions and responses. The need to buy the right amount of material was clearly understood. The practical step of measuring the quilt was done carefully.
- **Despite all this, the end result wasn't right** – A misunderstanding of terms – border versus backing – meant that all the effort to get the right result missed the mark. The intentions were good but the final calculation went astray. Thankfully surplus material can be put to good use in a later project.
- **So, here's a good lesson waiting to be learnt** – Misunderstandings occur even when we listen carefully and do our best to explain what we are on about. It can happen to any of us, in any situation. With all that happens in families, misunderstandings happen easily.
- **What do we need to be on the lookout for?** – Well, mums and dads need to make allowances for their little people. Young ones don't have a vast array of words to help them explain where they're at. Even parents can struggle with this. Ever had trouble putting feelings into words? It's not easy.
- **Misunderstandings arrive when we're in a hurry** – If it's a big deal issue that's on our plate, quit the rush to resolve it. Listening is a gift that requires time to do its best work. So, make a time to listen well. "Hey, that's important, so let's talk about this after tea."
- **Be sure you know what that family issue really is** – This means that you've listened attentively, that you've asked questions to be sure that you know what the current concern is for your partner or child. Clarity is the key to moving forward. Identify the issue and the way forward is set.
- **Clear up any misunderstandings before making decisions** – With all the pressure on busy families, we run the risk of wanting to solve our stuff quickly. Often too quickly. But, haste will produce serious drama if you push for decisions and solutions without having tagged the actual problem.
- **What's next when it's clear there's been a misunderstanding?** – Even with attentive listening, the investment of time, the effort to identify the problem, there's still a chance of misunderstandings arriving. Once this becomes evident, start over. Offer an apology if that's needed.

A family which accepts that misunderstandings can happen any time will be well set up to make corrections and deal with them. Just put the spotlight on them, listen carefully and respond creatively.

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