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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 SEVEN: TERM TWO 2022

Friday June 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Community Group 3pm
Monday June 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilience Project 2:30pm
Tuesday June 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFL Clinic for Prep/1/2 11:30am
Wednesday June 8 th	
Thursday June 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Writing Day –No Students required at school
Friday June 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division Winter Series in Warrnambool – soccer and netball • Pupil Free Day

WINTER SERIES



A wonderful performance by our students at Winter Series yesterday combining with Narrawong and Dartmoor in playing netball (Girls and Mixed), football and soccer.

The girls' netball and the soccer team both had victories. Both teams now move onto the Division Winter Series competition in Warrnambool to be held on Friday June 10th.

Thank you to all the adults who supported our students throughout the day – Aleesha Holmes, Jake Davies and our staff Sherryn, Katie, Adam and Beth. Apologies to any other parents who helped out on the day that I am not aware of.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

A reminder of our upcoming Pupil free days.

Thursday June 9th - Report Writing Day

Friday June 10th - Teaching staff attending a Maths Conference in Melbourne

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>

CONGRATULATIONS YARINDA

Congratulations to Yarinda and her mother on becoming Australian citizens. This is a huge benefit to our country.



HOLIDAY CARE PROGRAM

Big childcare are looking at the interest levels for a Holiday Care program at Bolwarra PS. If you are interested in sending your child, please complete the short survey below.

If you know of other families from outside the school who may be interested in attending, please share this link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bcc-hoc>

Survey will close on Tuesday, 7th June 2022.

For any enquiries, please contact Jake bolwarra@bigchildcare.com

Big Childcare will be in touch to let us know the outcome of the survey and whether we can run Holiday Care from Bolwarra PS in coming months.



EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES 2022

June	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

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 4 is due back at school by tomorrow, Friday, 3rd June.

Chaplains' Corner – How rusty is your family?

He's actually pretty proud of it. His ute that is. He lives across the SA border half a drop kick from the shoreline. Now, what's so special about his ute, did I hear you ask? Well, the simple answer is his ute, once all white, is now a mixture of white and brown. Not the result of some fancy respray either. So, what's the brown? Yes, you've guessed it, it's rust. And a very good dose of it. The salt air has been doing its quiet work over the years. And the result is not exactly pretty.

Now, here's a stray thought for you. It's entirely possible for families to get rusty too. Not because of salt air either. But rusty from all those little irritations and annoyances that eat away at our relationships. The disagreements, the annoyances, the tensions that just sit there, often hiding just under the surface. Every so often they lead to a breakout, a meltdown which should tell us that the rust is eating away, doing its special, indeed upsetting, work among us. So, what might we do about this?

- **Any family can become rusty** – Be warned. The moment we fail to address a problem, the rust starts eating away at the fabric of our family. And it doesn't have to be a big deal item. Family rust starts in small ways, just like the rust on the paintwork on my friend's ute.
- **What triggers family rust then?** – A few starters, like taking each other for granted, or a refusal to sort out a disagreement, or forgetting to say "Thank You" for a job well done, or dishing out a criticism, or constantly finding fault or putting down. There are countless triggers.
- **If we're not careful the rust starts eating in** – And we often miss the starting point which is a worry. A family member may carry a private hurt. May be they don't want to talk about it. But it's there and the rust process gets going. Sometimes it's hard to find the words to describe that inner pain or loss.
- **Family rust is a clever operator** – Its aim is to break the family apart, or at least create a dreadful sense of loneliness and separation. The family becomes a collection of individuals doing their own thing, not a community thriving on being together. Rust turns joy into pain very fast.
- **Here's the tough part** – We may be the last one to wake up to the rusting process, even when it's happening under our nose. The risk is that we've learned to live with short tempers, harsh words and put down without fully waking up to what we've allowed to happen. That's rust doing its job.
- **We can clean up our family rust** – This is the really good news. Step number one is to accept our role in the rusting process. It's not about sorting out our partner or our kids. It's about sorting ourselves out. About owning up to our rough edges, our unhelpful ways which have brought pain.
- **And there's a second step** – And it's just as hard as accepting our role in the rusting process. It's those two tough little words, "I'm sorry." Owning up and apologising is, quite frankly, a test of our character. It takes courage and humility to begin to undo our family rust. There are no short cuts.
- **And the third step is helping our crew** – A loving example carries its own awesome power. A mum or dad who do the hard work of accepting and apologising are showing the whole family the signposts to a brand new way of being family, a non rusty family, that is. It can be done.

My good mate with his rusty ute shows no interest in sorting out his rusty panels – there are plenty of them. One day the old ute will be written off as unroadworthy. Let's aim to keep our families free of family rust so that we stay on the road of joy, encouragement and teamwork.

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