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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 EIGHT: TERM TWO 2022

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 – Teaching Staff at a Maths Conference in Melbourne
Monday June 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday June 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Wednesday June 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council 7pm
Thursday June 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly 3pm
Friday June 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Casual Clothes Day

DIVISON WINTER SERIES – Friday in Warrnambool

All the best to our Rural soccer and netball teams who are competing in Warrnambool on Friday.

Our competitors in the soccer team are Zarah Bott, Aiysha Pollock, Hannah Rethus, Scarlett Clarke and Jessica McCluskey. They are ably coached and supported by Jake Davies and Katie Aldridge. On the day they will be playing St. Joseph's (Warrnambool), Port Fairy, St. Patrick's (Camperdown), Warrnambool East and Kings College (Warrnambool).

Arlee Wilson, Shantae Keegan, Ellie Bott, Gracie Piergrosse, Yarinda Intaraksa-Thomas and Jemma McFarlane will participate in Netball. They will be playing against St. Patrick's (Camperdown), St. Joseph's (Warrnambool), St. Patrick's (Koroit) and St. John's (Warrnambool).

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY – Friday June 17th

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

WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION – Thursday June 23rd

Our Term 2 excursion will involve the students visiting Funky Hearts, South West Creative Practice and the Portland Maritime Discovery Centre.

RESILIENCE PROJECT – Empathy

All students in their last lesson this term will be learning more about Empathy.

It is vital for all of us to have more empathy for ourselves. We need to find that optimistic voice inside our head that is looking on the bright side and identifying the positives in our lives. Engaging in this positive self-talk is a way of showing kindness or empathy to ourselves.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

A reminder of our upcoming Pupil free days.

June	Thursday	9 th	-	Report Writing Day (Pupil Free Day)
	Friday	10 th	-	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>

STATEMENTS Attached to today's newsletter are statements; please call the office for any queries.

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

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Jett Treloar who turns 7 on Monday and Ava Jacobson who turns 11 on Tuesday.

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.

CASUAL ENROLMENT \$35

KIDS WINTER PROGRAM

PRIMARY AGED ART CRAFT & PLAY
INDOOR GAMES & PLAY, ART & CRAFT, MUSIC, DANCE & STORY TELLING, SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

WEEK 1: MON, WED & THU WEEK 2: MON-FRI
AM 9-12 PM 1-4 - FULL DAY OPTION

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Chaplains' Corner – What does your ID look like?

I used to think I was pretty good at it. Not any more though. My confidence has crashed. My foolproof system is foolproof no longer. A dark force has taken up residence in my computer. My passwords have brought me undone. A proper pain. And I had all of them carefully stored. Always worked when I needed them. But something diabolical happened. Not sure what. But have had to rework many of them. All safely stored again, until the next meltdown that is.

How about this? It got worse. Having established my ID with the right password, one site was still not satisfied. I still had to verify my ID with a special code! Really? You've got to be kidding? And to rub insult into injury as the old saying goes, another site rejected my answers to the security questions. It no longer believed where my dad was born. And it refused the name of my pet cat when I was a kid. Yes, it's all about keeping our ID safe. I accept that. But it got me thinking too....

- **What really is our ID?** – Hear this. There's only one of us in this big, wide, wonderful world. Which means that each one of us is very special. Any mum or dad knows this. Ever come across two children exactly the same in a family? No chance. Even identical twins have their preferences.
- **Our DNA confirms this** – I'm no scientist. But the fact is we all have our own DNA code. Not shared with anyone else. A breathtaking reality. DNA tests have linked soldiers fallen in World War One with their relatives alive today. So, there are family likenesses. Quite remarkable.
- **Others may try to tell us our ID** – Like, you're clever, funny and good to be around. Or, you're weird, boring and we don't need your company. So, watch out for the put down crowd. And listen to your encouragers. But we have to do more than rely on others to set our ID.
- **So, why is it hard for us to set our own ID?** – There's an easy explanation. When we compare ourselves with others, we create a list of what they can do and what we can't. We always come off second best. We are our own worst critics. We put ourselves down as incompetent has beens.
- **And our ID suffers in other ways** – In addition to what we can't do, we keep track of our past failures, mistakes and bad calls. Mums and dads especially can fall for this one. We let our past define us. Bad call. The past is over and done with. Hopefully though it has given us some wisdom.
- **Where to with our ID then?** – Here are some ways to get our ID sorted. What's one thing we enjoy doing? And we're good at? Write it down. What's a blessing we give to others? Our listening ear? Our company? Our time? Our energy? Our continuing support? Note these down too.
- **What about our ID as mums and dads?** – Again, we run the risk of comparing our parenting with what other parents are on about. Forget it. Some basic checks: is our place mostly cheerful? Do we enjoy each other's company? Do we listen to each other? Are we into hugs? Do we say "I love you."
- **What about our family ID then?** – Do we have sleepovers? Do our children's friends like dropping by? Do other mums and dads show up for a cuppa? Do they call for our support when they run into trouble? A warm, sharing family ID is a wonderful community builder. We need these families.

When it comes to our real ID, it's not just keeping track of our passwords. It's about who we are as real people, unique without anyone else being the same as us. Let's be thankful for who we are, for what we bring to our families. Let's be thankful for the gifts, skills and love that bless us and those around us.

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