

NUMBER 24

11th AUGUST 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



REMINDERS FOR WEEK SIX: TERM THREE 2022

Friday August 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3/4 Camp • Parent Community Group 3pm • Flourishing Friday 2:30pm
Monday August 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilience Project 2:30pm
Tuesday August 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5/6 Camp
Wednesday August 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5/6 Camp
Thursday August 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5/6 Camp
Friday August 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5/6 Camp • Parent Community Group 3pm

CONNECTED PARENTING WORKSHOP WITH LAEL STONE & THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

Over the next few weeks I would like to share with you some of my takeaways from this inspiring workshop.

Lael's advice to parents when our children come to them with a problem is to;

- Listen without fixing 'Yes that sounds hard, tell me more'.
- Listen with awareness.
- Listen without judgement.
- Listen without getting into the drama with them.
- The parent's responsibility is to be the anchor.

This advice also applies to my role as a teacher and principal.

FAREWELL JORDAN STONE & FAMILY

It has been a pleasure for Bolwarra to have had Jordan, Rodney and Van join our school community for a short time. Jordan will now return to Ho Chi Minh City, where hopefully he will have some great memories of Bolwarra that he can share with his school friends.

It was wonderful to receive an email from the family this week that included the following: *"is so sad that this time has come to an end, but we have been very happy with the amazing experience that Jordan has had in his time at Bolwarra. He will go away with very fond memories of his teachers, school leaders, and Aussie mates that he has made over the past 2+ months.*

I will also have fond memories. The obvious appreciation of the environment and protection of nature in the school grounds is exactly how I remember it 40 years ago. It is a credit to your whole team...I feel a sense of pride when I walk around the school, it is such a beautiful, safe, friendly and caring educational village that you have created."

3/4 HALLS GAP CAMP

Our Grade 3/4 students have started their Halls Gap camp.

Yesterday they were involved in abseiling, camp games and a night hike.

Today included a walk to various places including Venus Baths. Tonight will involve a camp fire and concert.

Tomorrow the campers are off to the Zoo before returning back to school.



EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 3 DATES

August	Friday	12 th	-	Grade 3/4 Camp (return)
			-	Flourishing Friday
	Tuesday	16 th	-	Grade 5/6 Camp (depart)
	Wednesday	17 th	-	Grade 5/6 Camp
	Thursday	18 th	-	Grade 5/6 Camp
	Friday	19 th	-	Grade 5/6 Camp (return)
	Wednesday	24 th	-	Music Festival
	Friday	26 th	-	Flourishing Friday
	Wednesday	31 st	-	Grade 5/6 Arts Performance
September	Wednesday	7 th	-	Netball Clinic at Basketball Stadium – Grade 3/4/5/6
	Thursday	8 th	-	District Basketball – Girls
	Friday	9 th	-	'Flourishing Friday'
	Monday	12 th	-	Pupil Free Day
	Thursday	14 th	-	District Basketball - Boys
	Thursday	15 th	-	Whole School Excursion
	Friday	16 th	-	Last Day of Term 3

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Sophie Sharrock who turns 10 on Tuesday, and John Simpson who will celebrate his birthday on Wednesday.

MUSIC FESTIVAL TICKETS

REMINDER: Families purchasing Music Festival tickets please have all forms (ticket requests and payment) returned by tomorrow morning. Once we have all forms back, we will be able to work out if we can arrange the additional tickets families have requested
Any queries please feel free to contact Beth Arthur.

Chaplains' Corner - Meet the auto correct parent

It's a set up. I'm pretty sure of it. It's to do with my mobile phone. Super clever technology. But there's a catch. I don't know about your mobile but mine has its own mind. It's called auto correct. Always busily adjusting my messages. Coming up with replacement words. Butting in with spelling corrections. All too keen to replace what I want with what it wants. Yes, I do hit the wrong letter more often than I want. So, that auto correct comes up with its own words. And the dictation function is great but auto correct kicks in with that too.

Our mobiles can teach us a lesson or two. And it's not about spelling. It's about that auto correct function. That obsession to come up with its own words. Now, be warned! We can easily slip into the auto correct mode with our partner and kids. Always finding fault. Always wanting to sort them out. Always correcting this or that behaviour. Always wanting them to do what we want. Always changing what they're on about. Always in protect mode. So, stop and consider....

- **Meet the auto correct parent** - They can be very painful. They want things done their way. They know better than their partner, kids or school teachers. It's their take on this or that situation which is right. They dismiss any view, action or perspective which doesn't match theirs.
- **The auto correct parent is tough to live with** - Everything has to go their way. They won't or can't listen. Any idea which is not theirs is doomed. They're not into alternative approaches. If they can't pick a hole in what the family wants to do next, they'll create one anyway.
- **The auto correct parent is always right** - They insist on managing their families their way. They regard their partner or kids as being accident-prone, always needing their protection. They are the self-appointed answer to every family problem, unable to acknowledge any alternative perspective.
- **Families don't need an auto correct member** - They are the last thing a family needs. Why, you ask? Because every family has those rough edges. A truck load of them. There are no perfect families out there. We're all much too human for that. Our priority is to function well albeit imperfectly.
- **It's about living happily with who we are** - And with our families as they are too. Our best move is to be thankful for all that goes well and accepting of what doesn't. Family life can be wonderfully complicated without our even trying. We just don't need that auto correct kicking in all the time.
- **Here's something we often forget** - Or don't even wake up to. We need the imperfections of family life, the tricky stuff, the belly-up times. Why, you ask? Because these are great opportunities for our kids to learn how to get things right. Auto correct robs us of these teachable moments.
- **We can all grow through our difficulties** - The auto correct mum or dad who's always thinking ahead to save their kids making mistakes or bad calls robs them of personal growth. In auto correct mode, our kids never learn to make their own decisions, their own choices. These are made for them.
- **The auto correct parent has good intentions** - They want the best for their kids; they want to save them the endless hassles which life delivers. But they rob them of this learning about life. About how to manage difficulty. About how to make the most of tough situations. They get in the way.

Here's the catch. The auto correct parent spends their days worrying about what might go wrong for their kids. They need to take a step back, relax and let life just happen. Your kids will cope just fine.

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