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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 FIVE: TERM THREE 2022

Friday August 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Community Group 2:30pm • Assembly 3pm
Monday August 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilience Project 2:30pm
Tuesday August 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Wednesday August 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3/4 Camp
Thursday August 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3/4 Camp
Friday August 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3/4 Camp • Parent Community Group 3pm

RESILIENCE PROJECT

The Resilience Project's School Program is proven to work.

Independent university evaluations by the University of Adelaide and the University of Melbourne have proven the impact of our school program.

While COVID-19 had a devastating impact on the mental health of young people, the University of Adelaide's evaluation found that 83,022 students from TRP (The Resilience Project) schools experienced consistent wellbeing from 2019-2021. This was in stark contrast to the 79,699 students surveyed from non-TPR schools.

PARENT COMMUNITY GROUP (2:30pm) & ASSEMBLY 3pm – TOMORROW

Due to a packed schooling life this week's assembly will be on Friday at 3pm. The Parent Community will catch up in the staff room for a cuppa and chat from 2:30pm.

This week's assembly's theme will be Gratitude. We will introduce our 2 new students and look at our 2 upcoming camps.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Teenager's use of social media continues to be a challenge throughout the world. We here at Bolwarra are not immune to this. Social media is forever changing and those in charge of the numerous sites/apps make it very difficult for parents to keep on top of everything.

As a school we would like to help and support parents in ensuring that their children are safe from the negative aspects of social media. We can do this through communication. If you have any concerns or questions around social media, please let us know. We won't have all the answers, but we can work together to ensure the best outcome for your students.

WELCOME EVIE & ZARA

This term we have welcomed Evie and Zara to our school.

Evie Crellin (pictured right) and her Mum (Sarah Jones) join us from Horsham. Evie is in Grade 1.

Zara Petch and her Mother, Brittany Van Heugten, have joined us from Heywood. Zara is in Prep.



MY LEAVE

As you may or may not be aware I had Long Service Leave on the first 3 weeks of this term. I am very grateful that I could go on leave knowing that the school would continue to run smoothly without me. I believe this is due to the outstanding mature calm staff we have, as well as the supportive parents and kind children we have. Thanks.

**REMINDER – KINGS BAKER PIE DRIVE
ORDER COLLECTION!!**

Orders to be collected from school after 3pm tomorrow, Friday, 5th August

CAMPS

Our Grade 3 to 6 students are all ready to go on their respective camps over the next 2 weeks.

Wednesday August 10th to Friday August 12th Grade 3/4 Halls Gap
Tuesday August 16th to Friday August 19th Grade 5/6 Melbourne/Creswick

This year, due to government funding, the Grade 3/4 camp is free while the Grade 5/6 camp is only costing \$140. A big thank you to Mr Cummings and Mr Thompson for all the extra they needed to do to access the funding for the camps (it hasn't been easy to find a way through the red tape).

FACE MASKS

Face masks are strongly recommended for staff and students aged 8 and over when indoors but are not required. Face masks are mandatory for those aged 8 and over who are household contacts and attending school. This is because wearing a mask is effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19.

The Department have provided us with more disposable masks that students can access at school.

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 3 DATES

August	Friday	5 th	-	Assembly 3pm	
	Wednesday	10 th	-	Grade 3/4 Camp (depart) School Council 7pm	
	Thursday	11 th	-	Grade 3/4 Camp	
	Friday	12 th	-	Grade 3/4 Camp (return) Flourishing Friday	
	Tuesday	16 th	-	Grade 5/6 Camp (depart) Grade 5/6 Camp Grade 5/6 Camp Grade 5/6 Camp (return)	
	Wednesday	17 th	-		
	Thursday	18 th	-		
	Friday	19 th	-		
	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 the following staff and student who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:-
Mr Thompson on Monday, Mrs Arthur on Tuesday and Kekoa who turns 11 next Thursday.

STATEMENTS are attached to today's newsletter. Please ring or call into the office and see Nicole for any queries.

MUSIC FESTIVAL TICKETS

All performers have received notes this week, Please have ticket requests and payment returned by Friday 12th August. Any queries please feel free to contact Beth Arthur.



Chaplains' Corner - The much travelled chooks

There's no shortage of great ideas out there. Try this one for size. A few years back now, a Portland local set out on his around Australia trip with one specific need. He always liked an egg for breakfast. But where he was going there were no supermarkets, shops or convenience stores. His solution? Easy. Take a couple of chooks with you. No problem at all. So, off he went, chooks in their cage. And an egg or two for breakfast every morning. Who would have thought? Just brilliant.

There's a great lesson here for all of us. Let's not lose the ability to come up with new ideas, new ways of tackling the endless challenges and opportunities which life delivers to us and our families. It's about finding a new thought or two as we go. We probably won't need a couple of travelling chooks. But we may need a truckload of fresh ideas to keep up with all that's going on under our roof. Consider....

- **Our families keep changing** - From the excitement of the babe in arms, to the little kid tearing around the house, to kinder, to the school student, to the young adult finding their feet in study or employment. Life doesn't stand still, does it?
- **And this means that life becomes complicated** - Not in a bad way. Just that parents have to keep thinking new thoughts, finding new ways to steer their kids in the right direction. The little person playing on the lounge room soon becomes the young student needing help with their reading.
- **So, as our family matures, our way of parenting also adjusts** - We shift gears. From helping our young ones to take their first steps, we help them learn wisdom. About what is right and good and what isn't. About what builds relationships and what destroys them.
- **We need to think new thoughts about our role** - If we get stuck into being parental control freaks - and this does happen unfortunately - our kids will be keen to leave us. Instead, let's choose to become their coach, their model in listening, in problem solving, in getting along with each other.
- **These new thoughts stretch us and bless our kids** - The more time and effort we invest in offering positive, good-hearted examples for our families, the more we grow as people. And our families flourish in an atmosphere which is all about becoming the best possible people.
- **But there's a catch here** - If the family we grew up in surrounded us with positive behaviours and values, we have much to be thankful for. But if our family struggled with difficulty, stress and breakdown, we have to find new and happier ways of shaping our own family.
- **Moving forward in good ways may not come easily** - This is where we need those new thoughts, those new ways of being a mum or dad. A bit like taking those chooks with us. For us a brand-new parenting style which intentionally leaves the old, unhappy ways of family behind us.
- **The stakes are much bigger than we realise** - As we commit to being the best examples we can be for our kids, we raise a whole new generation. We break with the rough edges of the past and let loose a group of young adults who know how to listen, how to encourage, how to solve problems.

The stakes are pretty high but achievable. It's about checking out what our family really needs to become wonderful adults. It's a bit like our friend with his travelling chooks. He found a clever way to meet a need. Let us always be on the lookout for new ways of blessing our families. They, in turn, will then be equipped to be a blessing to those with whom they come to share their lives.

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To enter search Wannon Water national water week.
All entries to be submitted direct to Wannon Water (not school)



The flyer features a dark blue background with stylized illustrations of a landscape including a river, wind turbines, solar panels, and people. In the top right, there is a circular logo for National Water Week with the tagline 'Our Water Stories'. The main title 'POSTER COMPETITION' is in large white letters, followed by the subtitle 'What's your water story?' in teal. A teal callout bubble on the left says 'Calling all primary school students!'. The main text describes the competition and provides the website 'nationalwaterweek.com.au'. A teal callout bubble on the right says 'Great prizes to be won!'. At the bottom, logos for Wannon Water, Southern Rural Water, and Gerald Hopkins are displayed.

POSTER COMPETITION
What's your water story?

Help celebrate National Water Week this year by creating a poster that explores your water story!

This is a fun activity for the home or classroom in the lead up to National Water Week 2022.

Calling all primary school students!

The competition is open now and entries close **2 September 2022**.

Enter Now!
nationalwaterweek.com.au

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