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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 THREE: TERM FOUR 2022

Friday October 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Community 3pm</li> </ul>
Monday October 17 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resilience Project 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday October 18 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Wednesday October 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming 11:45am – Prep/1/2M 12:30 - 5/6T 1:15pm – 3/4C</li> </ul>
Thursday October 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 3pm</li> </ul>
Friday October 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths Games Day</li> <li>• Flourishing Friday 2:30pm</li> <li>• Parent Community 3pm</li> </ul>

### STOMP



Wonderful to see the students having so much fun in this program. Smiles on the faces during the performance was a great indication of how they positively embraced the program throughout the whole week.

This is a great reminder to us all that kids love moving their bodies to music. This is all part of play which is child centred and non-competitive.

### NEW FLAGPOLES

Three new flagpoles were erected on the weekend. We now proudly display the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

After much discussion and research we worked out the correct position for the flags. Below is the protocol that we are following.

**Flown from three separate flagpoles:** If all three flags are being flown from poles of the same height, the Australian National Flag is displayed on the flag pole to the far left (looking towards the building) with the other two flags to the right.



### REGION ATHLETICS – SHANTAE KEEGAN

Congratulations to Shantae for competing at the Region Athletics in Ballarat last week. Shantae, in very trying conditions competed in Triple Jump and Shot Put.

### 3 BAYS – Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>

- 8 fit students to form a team to run the 42 km.
- All other students who want to be part of the 8plus team. This team normally has about 20 runners from Prep to 6 who team together to run the 42 KM.

If your child is interested, they can get a permission form from the office.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES**

<b>October</b>	Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Swimming
	Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	-	Swimming
	Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	-	Dinosaurs...traces of the past Prep/1/2
	Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	3 Bays
<b>November</b>	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Melbourne Cup Holiday
	Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Swimming School Council
	Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Girls basketball in Hamilton
	Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Swimming
	Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Swimming
	Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Swimming
	Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Book Day
	Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Swimming
<b>December</b>	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Report Writing Day
	Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Swimming School Council
	Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Orientation Day Family Night
	Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	-	Decadent Day Grade 3/4/5/6 Prep/1/2 Excursion
	Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Whole School Excursion/Last Assembly/Colour Run
	Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	-	Last day of the school year

**LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL**

**BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 7** is due back at school by Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### **FRIDAY LUNCHES DIM SIMS – HELPERS**

- ❖ Thanks to Chantel Hodgins for volunteering – 1 more helpers is needed please.
- ❖ Lunches for Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> is Party Pies & Milkshakes. 2 Helpers are needed.
- ❖ If you can help let Nicole know. There is a roster in the office with proposed lunches, if you can help with lunches on any Friday, please fill in your name on a date that suits you.

**FREE TO A GOOD HOME** – A six place table with extender, no chairs. For pick up in Portland.

Text John Simpson for details – 0428 789 421

## Chaplain's Corner - Raising our kids the Bathurst way

When October arrives there's only one hill that counts. Yes, you've guessed it. Mount Panorama. What else matches the roar of super tuned V8 motors all keen to do business? It's the nightmare of all electric car lovers. And this year's effort was all the more exciting thanks to heavy rain and a very wet track. The safety car driver earned over time this year. All those bent panels. And the high hopes of support teams crunched along with the terminal damage to their cars.

One of the support crew wanted to know what the hurry was all about as bits and pieces flew in all directions early in the race. He observed that there were 161 laps so why take unnecessary risks in the first few? Why not get into the flow of the race? Get the hang of what driving strategy was required with water on some corners? Then get seriously into the competition with better judgement? Can you blame him for being frustrated? But, wait a moment, there are some real parallels here for mums and dads trying to raise their kids. May be there's a lesson or two for our families?

- **Being a parent is a long haul** - We're talking years here. And it's not just about steering our mob through the years of education, from kinder through school, then further training may be. It's a cradle to grave project. Once a parent, always a parent. In due course, may be a grandparent too.
- **Yes, there will be collisions along the way** - Just bank on it. Don't bother to keep count either. You'll run out of numbers. Most of the time our kids get along well. But there will be tensions, strong words, stresses, frustrations and often anger too. You can't dodge this reality.
- **And parents need to work hard to avoid their own panel damage** - Sure, bringing a family into the world is a great privilege. It's also hard work. It's tiring. It's a juggling act between what's going right and what's not. Mum and dad need the wisdom and maturity to keep their own relationship intact.
- **We don't have to tick all the boxes here and now** - Teaching our kids to be kind, thoughtful, generous and forgiving takes years. Some of the herd will get it early. Some may struggle to do little more than defend their own turf. But don't give up. Aim high and stay with it.
- **We are all in this together** - The Bathurst drivers are only behind the wheel because of the skill of engineers and mechanics. For parents the lesson is to help each other, to swap notes, to exchange both the joys and pains of rearing our kids. We're in this together. We learn from each other.
- **What happens when the wheel falls off?** - It only takes a few seconds to change tyres on a super-fast racing car. But when things go belly up in families, it takes more than seconds to fix things. It takes patience. What has gone wrong? Who said what and why? What really happened here?
- **In other words, every family needs a pit stop** - And not just to sort out the day's troubles. We need to pull up long enough to care for each other. How was school for you today? Do you need help with anything? Who did you talk to? What are you feeling good about just now?
- **And family pit stops are for celebration and enjoyment too** - Yes, they are for caring. Definitely. But how about playing a game, or firing up the barbecue, or dropping in on friends, or getting the grandies around for a meal? The more fun stuff, the fewer the crashes. It's a law of family life.

Bathurst is a great Aussie event. So is the raising of your kids believe it or not. So, enjoy the journey, but don't be in a rush. There are plenty of laps left. Be there for each other and the family next door.

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