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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 FOUR 2022

Friday November 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Community 3pm
Monday November 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Tuesday November 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Wednesday November 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming 11:45am – Prep/1/2M 12:30 - 5/6T 1:15pm – 3/4C
Thursday November 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 2 Sleepover
Friday November 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prep/1/2 Excursion • Flourishing Friday 2:30pm • Parent Community 3pm

BASKETBALL IN HAMILTON – Tuesday November 8th

Girls had a great day on Tuesday competing against the larger schools across the Hamilton/Warrnambool area. 3 losses didn't take away from the enjoyment of the day. Thanks to Jacci and Sherryn for looking after the team. Also the other adults who travelled to Hamilton to support the team.



SPORTS UNIFORMS

It is time to update our school sports' tops. These tops are used when competing against other schools in football, netball, athletics, soccer, cricket, 3 Bays and basketball. It is mainly Grade 5 and 6 students that are involved in these events.

One of our family's business's (Wilson's Plumbing) have very generously offered to contribute to some of the cost. School Council are now wondering if there are any other families happy to donate to this cause. We hope to have our students in new tops at the first sporting event in 2023.

If you can help out please let Nicole know. Thanks.

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 8 which was distributed today is due back at school by Friday, 25th November.

This is the **final order for 2022**; If you would like any orders to be held for end of term collection, please let Nicole know.

PREP PHOTOS OF OUR CURRENT GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Below are photos of Hannah Rethus and Jemma McFarlane in Prep from 2016.



NEW STUDENT – Deon Murphy



Three weeks ago we welcomed Deon to our school. Deon is in Grade 5 and is in 5/6T. Deon has very quickly settled into our school and has already represented the school at the Upwelling Parade and 3 Bays.

Deon comes with Mum (Michelle), and a sister (Chloe who attends Bayview College). Deon enjoys trading Pokémon cards and tells me everyone has been very welcoming to him at Bolwarra.

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

November	Wednesday	16 th	-	Swimming
	Thursday	17 th	-	Grade 2 Sleepover
	Friday	18 th	-	Prep/1/2 Excursion
	Wednesday	23 rd	-	Swimming
	Friday	25 th	-	Book Day/Dress Up
	Wednesday	30 th	-	Swimming
December	Friday	2 nd	-	Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day
	Wednesday	7 th	-	Swimming
				School Council Meeting/End of Year Dinner
	Tuesday	13 th	-	Orientation Day
				Family Night
	Wednesday	14 th	-	Decadent Day Grade 3/4/5/6
				Prep/1/2 Excursion
Monday	19 th	-	Whole School Excursion/Last Assembly/Colour Run	
Tuesday	20 th	-	Last day of the school year	

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Hayes Moore who turns 10 on Saturday.

FRIDAY LUNCHES – HELPERS

- ❖ Lunches for tomorrow is Bolognaise Muffins, thanks to **Andreena & Carissa** for volunteering.
- ❖ 18th November - Muffin Pizzas & Icy Poles **only for Gr. 3-6** - **Laura & Sarah**
- ❖ 25th November - Sausage Rolls & Icy Poles - **Andreena & Laura**
- ❖ 9th December - Chicken wraps & Icy Poles - **Kate & Laura**
- ❖ 16th December - Sausage in bread & icy poles - 2 Helpers needed (Laura ?)

CORKSCREW CLIMB

FREE
PORT
TOURS

TOUR PORT OF PORTLAND & CLIMB THE CORKSCREW OBSERVATORY

19 November 2022 10am – 2pm

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- Busses departing every 20 minutes from the Portland Visitor Information Centre, Lee Breakwater Road, Portland
- Register at event - photo ID required (adults only)

Bus timetable, conditions of entry and further information can be found at:
<https://www.portofportland.com.au/community/corkscrew-climb-2022/>

Corkscrew Open Day, 19 November 2022

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

Are there ID or minimum age requirements to enter the event? YES

- Security at the Port of Portland is governed by the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003. The Port of Portland has an approved Maritime Security Plan which covers security based risks to the Port and the local community. Access to the port security zone is permitted to authorised permit/ticket holders only. Port of Portland is required to maintain a register of all visitors. As you will be entering a Port security zone, you will be required to register, provide your full name and show photo ID (adults only) prior to boarding a bus.
- Children under the age of 4 are not permitted to climb the corkscrew.
- Children between the ages of 5 to 12 must be accompanied by an adult when climbing the corkscrew.

What are my transport/parking options for getting to and from the event?

- Arrive at the registration point 10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus departure time.
- Buses will be leaving from the Portland Visitor Information Centre every 20 minutes commencing from 10:00am.
- Pedestrian access to the corkscrew from any port entry gate is not permitted. You must register to obtain a seat on a bus, to gain entry to the corkscrew.
- Parking at or near the Port of Portland is prohibited.
- The following buses are equipped to handle 2 wheelchairs per journey:
 - Bus No. 3 – departing at 10:40am
 - Bus No. 7 – departing at 12:00pm
 - Bus No. 11 – departing at 1:20pm

How can I contact the organiser with any questions?

- Telephone Port of Portland on (03) 5525 0900 or visit us at 23-25 Kunara Crescent, Portland.
- Visit our webpage: <https://www.portofportland.com.au/community/corkscrew-climb-2022/>
- Visit us on social media:



<https://www.facebook.com/portofportlandvictoria>



<https://www.instagram.com/portofportland3305/>

Chaplains' Corner - The road signs for our families

I've become a fan of roadworks. No choice really. After burrowing into a granddaddy pothole recently, I'm now up for a repair bill for damaged suspension. Bad news. It doesn't bother me one bit that there are currently three roadworks sites along the Nelson Road. Timely and helpful. Just a shame that there aren't a few more for the approaches into Portland!

Roadworks require discipline. Is it just me or do you also find it hard to stay within those 40 and 60 kilometre stretches? And they require patience too. For that Stop sign to be changed to Slow. Or the automatic red light to change to green. When it's a long wait, I swap notes with the person holding the sign. Remarkable people who enjoy a yarn. What a relief to finally see the 100 kilometre sign. Have you ever thought that some roadwork signs offer excellent guidance for our families. Consider....

- **How about “Wrong Way Go Back”?** Ever seen visitors head out of our town on the wrong side of the dual road? We need to help our kids learn the difference between the right way, of helping each other, and the wrong way, of making life difficult for other family members.
- **And try this one “Give way”** - This is a great lesson for our families to learn. There are few issues where we need to dig in as parents. Safety is one, of course. It's a great bonus to help our kids see the benefit of making room for others to do things their way. Of creating space for initiative.
- **There's no doubt about the “Stop” sign** - This leaves no room for debate or argument. If there are words or actions which are spoiling our family life, it's time to stop. If there are risks being taken which might end in trouble, then stop. If behaviours are hurtful and upsetting, stop right away.
- **Here's a good one for all of us, “Shared Zone”** - Just as kids and cars need to share space, families need to share space too. And it's about sharing our things, our time, our energy, of making room for everyone to get along, about listening to each other's ideas. Sharing is a winner for families.
- **This one's a goodie for many of us, “Reduce Speed”** - It's a safe bet that many of us try to cram more into a day than is sensible. Unless we want to be weary and stressed, of course. Let's reduce our to-do lists; let's be wise about what we can do well and what we can't. Do you need to slow up?
- **When it's “Road Closed” progress halts** - Every family has to work out their options. We can't do everything, no matter how appealing. There's no point stressing if a good plan falls over, or if a fond hope crashes. Loss, grief and health issues can bring us to a full stop. We then have to learn to cope.
- **We know this one in the bush, “Give Way to Stock”** - When a mob of cows approaches down a country road, we simply slow up. No thought is required. Families need to talk about what's getting in the way of sharing and helping each other. If it isn't happening well, what's slowing us down then?
- **Here's some more wisdom for us, “Proceed with Caution”** - We often need to ask ourselves some searching questions. Are our words, our actions, our choices, our priorities building up our families? If not, we need to be super cautious and double check if we are proceeding in the right direction.
- **And some basic advice here, “No Through Road”** - Who of us want our lives and our families to finally end up in a dead end with nowhere to go? It's all about having a sense of direction for ourselves and our families. Of providing loving leadership and an example of how to get life right.

Just as our roads desperately need repairing, our families need constant attention too. Mums and dads, help your families head in the right direction now and they'll bless you in the years to come. Every time you see a roadwork sign, simply ask, How might this apply to us and our crew?

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