

NUMBER 40

15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

### REMINDERS FOR WEEK TWELVE: TERM FOUR 2022

Friday December 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flourishing Friday Disco</li> <li>• Parent Community 3pm</li> </ul>
Monday December 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excursion to Narrawong</li> <li>• Final Assembly 2:30pm</li> <li>• Colour Run 3pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday December 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Last Day 2:30pm Finish</b></li> </ul>

### DAY ONE 2023– Monday January 30<sup>th</sup>

**First day for all students in 2023 will be Monday January 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Staff officially resume on Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>.**

### 2023 STUDENT LEADERS

Our student leaders for 2023 are Paddy Impey, Ava Jacobson, Dakota Oliver and Ellie Bott,

### MONDAY DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>

❖ **Whole School Excursion**

Excursion to have fun at the new Narrawong Community Playground and beach. A separate permission note was sent home earlier in the week. Please return this form by tomorrow.

❖ **Grade 6 Final Assembly 2:30pm**

An assembly to acknowledge our Grade 6's final day

❖ **Colour Run fundraiser for our school 3pm**

A fun Colour Run to complete 2022. Sponsorship forms have gone out. Copies are available from the office. A separate form to give permission for your child to participate went home earlier in the week. These need to be returned by Monday morning please.

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> is officially the last school day for all Victorian Primary Schools. If your child attends, their **day finishes at 2:30pm**. Students attending will be helping their teacher clean up in readiness for 2023.

### PREP/1/2 EXCURSION

While our Grade 3 to 6 students enjoyed Decadent Day at school our Prep/1/2 students had an excursion to Mount Gambier. The highlight being a session at the 'Tree House Adventure Centre'.



## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

December - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Excursion/Last Assembly/Colour Run  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - **Last day of the school year – 2.30 Finish**

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL



**WE WISH ALL OUR FAMILIES  
A VERY MERRY XMAS &  
A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**



### YOGA 4 KIDS

Nettie (Fishwick) Hill is running a school holiday program at her studio 'Nettique Pilates' (24 Barkly St. next door to chemist) on Tuesdays in January- 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

2 age groups - 1pm 5-7yrs  
- 3pm - 8 -12yrs

Cost per session is \$10.

### FRIDAY LUNCHES – HELPERS

- ❖ Lunches for tomorrow - Sausage in bread & icy poles - **Laura & 1 helper needed**. If you can spare an hour between 12.30 and 2pm please let Nicole know first thing in the morning.

### XMAS RAFFLE

Thank You to those families who donated an item/items towards our raffle, including Jason & Kym Price and the Impey Family who donated major raffle prizes. Also for the great effort everyone contributed to in the selling of raffle tickets. Due to the fact that we had 54 prizes, names of winners have not been listed.

**We would like to acknowledge the following local businesses for supporting us with their generous donations which made our raffle a great success: We raised a total of \$1060**

Paul Jensen (Scenic Flight)	Tyrepower	Sportspower	Your Natural Pantry	Subway
Voyage Surf, Si & Skate	Matts Lotto	IGA Portland	The Phone Shop	Aldi
Betta Home Living	Baker's Delight	Shoe Cove	Royal Hotel	Lido Larder
Beach House Pizza	Harbour Lights	Amcal Pharmacy	Little Decorum	Muddy Paws
Ocean Waves Pizza & Pasta	Welcome Home	Planet Kaos	Squidlydids	
TwelveFold Coffee Shop	Margaret & Agnes	K 'n S Precious Products	Portland NewsAgency	

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*On behalf of school council I just want to say how well we transitioned back into normal school patterns and activities smoothly this year after the interruptions from the previous two years – the work done by Lee and the staff to make this happen has been amazing and needs to be complimented and applauded – the care you all continue to show these children is above and beyond, and we are very lucky to have you all. Also, to our families for their part.*

*It has been so good to see, watch and be a part of the reintroduction of school camps, school excursions, community events, and guests/performances to the school and even better to be able to re-establish parents/friends group each week, families back at assemblies, muffin Mondays, Friday lunches, past-student visits and working bees – fingers crossed we can get back to shared lunches one day.*

*All these things continue to build a healthy and happy school community and the more people we can get involved in helping in anyway, the more we are contributing to the wellbeing of our kids and building a stronger community where our kids continue to flourish.*

*I encourage you all to keep getting involved – if in doubt ask what you can help out with or what might be needed – you never know where you can contribute and how helpful that contribution may be.*

*Just to finish school council would like to say a big congratulations to the grade 6 students and wish them every success as they move into the next phase of their schooling – we are sure you will all smash it.*

*To everyone – have a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.*

**Anna Impey**

## Chaplains' Corner - It's all about hope and peace!

It's a story that's kept its wonder for a very long time now. Countless Christmas cards take us back to the stable in Bethlehem, the young couple out in the stable with the newborn baby, the three wise men with their gifts, the shepherds listening to the angels. It's a wonderful story that has kept alive the message of peace and hope over the centuries.

For some it's just a good story or a myth or a legend that's stayed around. For others it's a moment in time, an event in history. Whichever way you read it though, the message of hope and peace remains as a timeless reminder of what we all need, ourselves and our families. We do well to think about why the Christmas season calls us to slow down and refocus our minds and our energies....

- **We all try to keep a tricky balance** - Of staying calm while coping with the busyness of these last few weeks before Christmas day. For most of us, it's rush time. And no wonder. End of year windups, shopping for gifts, planning the Christmas dinner, and so it goes.
- **What is meant to be a time of peace often isn't** - And it's not as if it's someone's deliberate fault. Juggling how and where our families celebrate Christmas may not be straight forward. If there is family tension and breakdown, there will be strains and stresses.
- **Sadly for some, Christmas has a nuisance value** - Let's just get it over and done with. Let's get back to normal! All this carry on is expensive, time consuming and an energy drain. Who cares about that old story anyway? It means nothing for me in my world.
- **So, how do we capture the hope and peace of Christmas?** In all the rush and busyness, we do ourselves and our families a favour by choosing to have some down time. When hope and peace come knocking on the doors of our lives, we need to listen.
- **Some avenues to hope and peace** - Maybe it's time to call it quits if there's been an ongoing family disagreement. Maybe it's wise to leave the past where it belongs. Maybe it's time to offer forgiveness, or offer an apology. Maybe it's time for a fresh view of life.
- **Christmas invites us to bury grievances** - There's no point keeping a record of what others have done to us. There's nothing clever in wrapping ourselves up in self-pity. Or holding grudges. Hope and peace call us to look forward with anticipation.
- **The Christmas story is about gifts** - The wise men brought their gifts to the baby whose star they had followed. It's a great touch. And we keep this tradition alive in our own gift giving. We don't need to break the credit card either. It is always the thought that counts.
- **And it's not just gifts that we give** - We bring ourselves to our families. We renew our loving commitment to our partner, our children. Sure, gifts are appreciated but it's how we give ourselves to our families throughout the year that is much more significant.
- **Let's become bearers of hope and peace** - Let's choose to bless others with loving priorities and perspectives. We leave behind the burdens that bind us up and reach for a new freedom that brings hope and peace to ourselves and our families.

May the original Christmas story bring hope and peace to you and your family!

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PORTLAND BAY SCHOOL

4 TUESDAY EVENINGS STARTING FEBRUARY 7

6-9.30PM

# YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

Total cost of registrations is \$35.75 which includes a Mental Health First Aid Handbook

Book here:



For more information call: Tiana Richardson 0400558681

Learn how to support young people and their mental health  
You must attend all 4 sessions



# YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

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This training is for people 18+ years



## 4 Evening Sessions held in Portland

Tuesday 7, 14, 21 and 28 February 2023 (6-9.30pm)

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# FREE AFC KIDS FISHING ACADEMY

28 JANUARY 2023

PORTLAND FORESHORE, LEE BREAKWATER ROAD

FREE, LIMITED SPACES SO BOOKING ESSENTIAL

TIME	AGES
9-11 AM	5 TO 9
12-2 PM	9 TO 12
3-5 PM	12 TO 16



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