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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 TEN: TERM FOUR 2022

Friday December 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day
Monday December 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/6T visiting Kalbarri Kindergarten to read Christmas stories • Prep 2023 Transition session 2:30pm • Resilience Project 2:30pm
Tuesday December 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Wednesday December 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming 11:45am – Prep/1/2M 12:30 - 5/6T 1:15pm – 3/4C • School Meeting 6pm/Dinner 7pm
Thursday December 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday December 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Community 3pm

PREP PHOTOS OF OUR CURRENT GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Below in the middle are photos of Zarah Bott and William Rethus in Prep in 2016. On the left we have Clancey Stirling from when he joined us in 2019 in Grade 3. To the right is Elliana Clements's picture from Prep in Canada.



5/6T VISTING KINDERGARTEN

Over the last couple of weeks, Grade 5/6 students have been working hard on Christmas stories written especially for the 3-year-old Kalbarri Kindergarten kids. Next Monday, 5th December, Grade 5/6 will travel to Kalbarri to read the stories to them. We will leave school by bus at 9.30am and return by 11.30am.

BOOK DAY





SPECIAL DECEMBER EVENTS

As the school year ends, we have a number of special events. These include the following:

Student Leaders Speeches and Voting for 2023. Monday December 12th 2:30pm
Only students who want to be leaders are invited to make a speech. Families are welcome to attend.

Orientation and Up Day Tuesday December 13th
We welcome our 2023 Preps on the day and all other students will transition to their class for 2023. The Grade 6's attending the government secondaries will spend the day there.

Family Night Tuesday December 13th 6pm
All families invited to celebrate our 2022 school year.

Decadent Day Wednesday December 14th
Grade 3 to 6 enjoy a day of fun at school finishing with a water fight on the oval.

Prep/1/2 Excursion Wednesday December 14th
Prep/1/2 travelling to Mt Gambier to 'Tree House' Adventure.

Grade 6 Lunch Thursday December 15th
Grade 6's have a special take away lunch.

Student Leaders Lunch Friday December 16th
Mr Gibbons, Nicole and the Students Leaders celebrating the school year with lunch in town.

Flourishing Friday Disco Friday December 16th 2:30pm
Celebrating our final 'Flourishing Friday' for the year with a whole school Disco.

Whole School Excursion Monday December 19th
Excursion to have fun at the new Narrawong Community Playground and beach.

Grade 6 Final Assembly Monday December 19th 2:30pm
An assembly to acknowledge our Grade 6's final day

Colour Run Monday December 19th 3pm
A fun Colour Run to complete 2022.

WORKING BEE

Thank you to those people who attended our working bee last Sunday. Big jobs completed included getting the monkey bars back up, weeding in the garden, border for the flagpoles and restoration of the long jump pit. There are still some big jobs to complete but a smaller job that can be completed at any time is the spreading of bark in the top playground.

2022 GRADE 6 LEGACY

The Grade 6 students are currently working on their self-portraits as a permanent reminder of their time at Bolwarra. Huge thanks to Sherryn for her help with the students on this. Also to Hammonds Paint for supplying much of the paint.



EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

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 Joshua Clements who turns 9 on Saturday.

FRIDAY LUNCHES – HELPERS

- ❖ Lunches for tomorrow 9th December - Chicken wraps & Icy Poles - **Kate & Laura**
- ❖ 16th December - Sausage in bread & icy poles - **Kate & Laura**



XMAS RAFFLE – FAMILY DONATIONS REQUEST -REMINDER

Thank You to those who have brought an item to be added to our xmas hampers.

Also thank you to the Hughes family (Kaisa's grandparents) for their donation of a box of Gift Ware items, and to Brittany Van Heugten (Zara Petch's mum) for her donation of a Beauty Therapy Gift Pack.

Donations can be brought to the office and we ask that these are brought to school by the morning of Monday, 12th December to allow us time to make up the hampers/prizes for Tuesday evening (Family Night) when the draw will take place.

Chaplain's Corner – The boy on the swing

There are some things you just don't forget. Like the kid on the swing. Now there's nothing unusual about little blokes on swings. He was about ten years old. Very obviously enjoying the very pleasant afternoon sunshine. Minding his own business. Well, sort of.

You see, there was a big difference. As he swung backwards and forwards, he was not looking around him. His attention was on his iPad. I had to look twice. Yes, I had seen correctly. Here was classic multi tasking - swinging backwards and forwards yet using his iPad. Impressive indeed. Since then I have pondered this unusual combination of activities....

- **Our kids are super competent** – They sure know how to use current technology. One young visitor showed me a video she had created on her smartphone only a short time before. Sound effects, music, graphics all there. Absolutely brilliant.
- **The kid on the swing wasn't up to mischief** – May be he was in the middle of a game and didn't want to lose his score. And may be he'd been travelling with his family and needed fresh air. So doing two things at once made perfect sense.
- **There is another matter tucked away here** – This clever iPad swinging kid may have been simply too devoted to his screen though. Some parents tell me of their ongoing need to put controls in place to regulate screen usage. It is often not a popular task.
- **One parent stumbled on an unexpected outcome** – He banned his eight year old from the clever gear for a week, the consequence of poor behaviour. To his surprise, after initial complaints, the boy's attitudes, behaviour and relating skills all improved.
- **There were other outcomes too** – Dad observed reduced stress in his boy, enjoyed much more dad-son conversation, and noted the preference for outside activities. Even more curious, the interest in the small screen seemed to drop out of sight.
- **It's not about the small screen being the enemy** – Rather, it's about the small screen being given its proper place. An iPad is a wonderful educational and leisure resource. But its usefulness is also its downside. We have to know when to tame our appetite for it.
- **Recent media reports confirm that many kids are not getting their sleep** – That too many are still online late into the night, probably without mum and dad even being aware of this. There are obvious difficulties with this kind of overuse.
- **Every family needs its own guidelines** – So set your boundaries. Discuss them with your kids. One family has a fixed number of hours use per child, per week – once used up the screen is off limits. This teaches self-discipline, personal planning and overall best use.
- **The older the child, the more the need to flex and trust** – Secondary students need their computers and iPads for increasingly complex and time-consuming school assignments. All understood. Yet the need for self-discipline still remains.

For parents there is always a need for wisdom. We may not rock on a swing while using our iPads (can't see too many parents doing this, mind you) but we all need constraints. Let's make time to talk. It's much more rewarding than texting, FaceBooking and game playing.

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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE SPONSORS/DONATIONS

Tyrepower	2 x \$100 Vouchers
IGA Supermarket	4 x Leg Hams (approx. value \$150)
Sports Power	Head Phones Set & Sports Bag (value \$280)
The Phone Shop	Bluetooth Speaker (value \$99)
Your Natural Pantry	Hamper of Products
Twelfefold Coffee Shop	250g Pk Coffee Beans & Airscape Canister
Matt's Lotto	Woven Pot Plant Basket
Subway	2 x Classic Platters & Cookies (value (\$120)
Betta Home Living	Hair Straightener
Baker's Delight	Xmas Cake & Mince Pies
Voyager Surf, Ski & Skate	1 x \$50 Voucher
Portland News Agency	Kids Books
K 'n S Precious Products	Wax Candle & Fluffy Soap
Welcome Home	Pamper Pk & \$10 Voucher
Beach House Pizza	Voucher
Ocean Wave Pizza & Pasta	2 x \$25 Vouchers
The Shoe Cove	1 x \$25 Voucher
Little Decorum	Fragrance Pamper Pack
Squidlydids For Kids	4 Stack Tins & Book
The Royal Hotel	1 x \$30 Voucher
Margaret & Agnes	1 x \$25 Voucher
Harbour Lights	1 x \$20 Voucher
Lido Larder	1 x \$20 Voucher
Planet Kaos	Beanie
Demi Jennings (Dog Wash)	Vouchers
Aldi	2 x 6pk Glasses; 2x 3pk Tea Towels 2x2 Pk Hand Towles
Amcal Pharmacy	Aromist Electric Diffuser – value \$70, Candle, Body Talc, 2pk Hand Towel, Ornamental Pot

Family donations will be made up into hampers in conjunction with some of the above items.



Jaycee Kindergarten Santa Photos

Date: Saturday 3rd December 2022

Time: 9.30am – 1:30pm

Photo Packages available:

Pack A: Base package/sitting Fee: \$10.00per child Includes
free 5x7 photo

Pack B: 3x (5x7) incl Sitting fee \$20

Pack C: 3x (8x12) incl Sitting fee \$40

Pack D: All images on USB incl Sitting fee \$60

**Location: Portland Library
32 Bentinck Street, Portland**

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**For bookings please message 0414 325 030 for a time. Times from 11am
available.**

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