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8<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 ELEVEN: TERM FOUR 2022

Friday December 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Community 3pm</li> </ul>
Monday December 12 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 5 Leadership Speeches 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday December 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orientation Day</li> <li>• Family Night 6pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday December 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decadent Day Grade 3-6</li> <li>• Excursion to Mt Gambier Prep/1/2</li> </ul>
Thursday December 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Friday December 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flourishing Friday Disco</li> <li>• Parent Community 3pm</li> </ul>

### DECADENT DAY FOR GRADE 3 to 6 – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

- Children are allowed to bring bikes, skateboards, roller blades and scooters as long as they bring the appropriate safety gear. There will be set times and places for these activities. Board games are also a good idea. Children are allowed to bring lollies and soft drink, wear casual clothes and generally choose their own activities for the day.
- Students **are not to wear** sandals or thongs due to safety reasons.
- **Energy drinks, Bubble Gum & chewy are banned.**

At the end of the day we will have a water fight; water pistols are allowed but **not firefighting Knapsacks!! No water balloons as they hurt.** Only bore water will be used! It is a good idea to bring spare clothes, a plastic bag and a towel. Children are still required to wear a hat when in the sun. Decadent day is for **current Grade 3 to 6 Bolwarra students only.**

### PREP/1/2 EXCURSION – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

While the Grade 3 to 6 students are enjoying Decadent Day the rest of the school are on an excursion to Mount Gambier. The highlight being the visit to 'Tree House Adventure Centre'

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

**First day for all students in 2023 will be Monday January 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

### ORIENTATION DAY – Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>

Our current Grade 6 students will be spending the day at their secondary school of choice. At Bolwarra the students will spend the morning in their 2023 classroom. They are as follows;

Prep/1 Miss McDonald  
 Grade 2/3/4 Mr Cummins  
 Grade 5/6 Mr Thompson

Mrs Arthur - Maths/Literacy Tutor, Science and Wellbeing

Mr Gibbons - P.E. and Library

### SCHOOL FAMILY EVENING – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 6pm to 7:30pm

We invite all families to our family evening which will be held on the Portland side of the staff room (weather permitting). Please bring a picnic rug and tea (5.30pm) and enjoy a celebration of our school year. Formal proceedings will start at 6pm and will include the following;

- School Leaders' Speeches
- 2023 Students leaders announced
- Drawing of the Christmas Raffle
- Grade 6 Farewell
- Carol singing
- Visit from Santa

## **STUDENT LEADERS SPEECHES AND VOTING -Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm**

Only students who would like to be leaders are invited to make a speech. Families are welcome to attend. All staff and students from Grade 2 up get a vote. Top 4 vote getters will be elected as student leaders.

### **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 will go out soon.
- **Grade 6 Final Assembly 2:30pm**  
An assembly to acknowledge our Grade 6's final day
- **Colour Run to fundraise for our school 3pm**  
A fun Colour Run to complete 2022. Sponsorship forms have gone out. Copies are available from the office. A separate permission form to give permission for your child to participate will go out soon.

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

<b>December</b>	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>	-	<b>Last day of the school year</b>

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

### **FRIDAY LUNCHES – HELPERS**

- ❖ Lunches for tomorrow 9<sup>th</sup> December - Chicken wraps & Icy Poles - **Kate & Laura**
- ❖ 16<sup>th</sup> December - Sausage in bread & icy poles - **Laura & 1 helper needed**



### **XMAS RAFFLE – FAMILY DONATIONS REQUEST - REMINDER**

Thank You to Justin Price (Zach's dad) for donating a Fresh Crayfish and to (a friend of) John & Judith Simpson for donating 3 handmade quilts.

We would like to make at least 4 hampers, including 2 or 3 other major prizes and various minor prizes.

Please bring your donations to the office by Monday morning 12<sup>th</sup> December to allow us time to make up the hampers/prizes.

Please **return all raffle tickets and money by Tuesday morning** to avoid last minute folding of tickets.

## Chaplains' Corner - What my ride on taught me

I love my ride on mower. Just marvellous for taming the lawn, especially when you have a fair bit of it. Sometimes I wish it had a small v8, auto transmission and may be 4-wheel drive when the grass is a bit damp. Aircon would be useful on the really hot days. But just recently my mower seemed arthritic. It was due for a service so I took it to my mechanic friend. He's a whizz. He ran his hands underneath and announced it needed new pulleys, a new belt or two and a new chain would be a good idea too. So, the deal was done.

Got it back. Fired it up. Got a fright. I heard noises that didn't sound good. Perplexing. So, once again, back on the trailer, back to my mechanic. Off it came. He fired it up, several times. I waited for his diagnosis. His explanation? When you've got new pulleys and new belts those are healthy sounds. That's the way it should be. How about that? So, back on the trailer and home again. All still going well, noises included. Another thought struck me. What are the right sounds that families should be making? Quite a good move with Christmas right around the corner....

- **Let's face it, families are noisy outfits** - Think about the noise at your place. If the TV is on, if a soundbox is blaring, if the dog is barking, if a kid is gaming, you've got Buckleys of getting any air space. Tea announcements require a loud hailer.
- **And what about those board games that are hauled out occasionally?** - Not sure what happens at your place but Monopoly brought havoc to ours. It was rarely a game. It was an outright win at all costs. As rent costs rose, the noise levels went up too. Got any of those types at your place?
- **There's a lot of family noise which is just great** - When a fun story is told, with a belly laugh following, that's a tonic. Family cheering at the kids' footy or netball games are terrific noises. When a child tidies up their bedroom, the sound of gratitude and encouragement is just brilliant.
- **As you'd well guess, some family noise is anything but amusing** - Raised voices, quarrels, fighting for this toy or that controller are upsetting. There are usually no real winners. It's the sound of tension, of disruption, of clashing personalities and priorities. Anxiety has its own dark noise.
- **The absence of noise can be a sign of both good and not so good things** - The parent or child who's gone silent may simply be enjoying a moment of peace in a busy day, Nothing wrong with that at all. But there's another kind of silence. The silence that tells us there is something wrong.
- **So there's a need to learn the power of tuning in** - The capacity to figure out what this noise or that silence is trying to tell us. There's no need to rush. Just go for the simple, "How are you going?" enquiry. Patience is a powerful tool. Don't push for explanations. Love doesn't require words.
- **Often the hard part is working out the inner noise** - The outer noise, words, music, wood chopping, cars idling, kids talking is pretty easy to live with. The noise within us is not so easy. It's the inner voices that bother us like yesterday's unresolved trauma, the crashed relationship, the broken heart.
- **Let's enjoy all the noise of our family, joyful and otherwise** - Both teach us good lessons. Gratitude for all that's going well. Fortitude for all that presents as a problem. There's a pretty good possibility of learning more about being thankful on the one hand and being gentle on the other.

As for my ride on mower? I'm still semi shocked by those new noises. But why bother? All is well!

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