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24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

### REMINDERS FOR WEEK NINE: TERM FOUR 2022

Friday November 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Day</li> <li>• Parent Community 3pm</li> </ul>
Monday November 28 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prep 2023 Transition session 2:30pm</li> <li>• Resilience Project 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday November 29 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Wednesday November 30 <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 December 1 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smoothies Fundraiser</li> </ul>
Friday December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day</li> </ul>

### PREP PHOTOS OF OUR CURRENT GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Below are photos of Melanie Price and Shantae Keegan in Prep in 2016. On the right is Aiysha's Prep photo from Warrnambool East.



### COLOUR RUN- School Fundraiser

We are ending the year with a bang by holding a Colour Run on Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>. Prior to the run we will be having a **Whole School excursion** and our **Grade 6 Farewell Assembly**.

All money raised will be used to keep students active and healthy. Money will be used on sports uniforms, sporting equipment and the upgrade of the fitness track. **Please find a sponsorship form attached.**

During the colour run students will be required to complete at least 3 laps of the fitness track before the final colour splash.

*To provide a positive school event where students can have fun with their mates (flourishing), while being active.*

### FRESH SMOOTHIE FUNDRAISER – Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>

In conjunction with Vic Kids Eat Well and Kerrie (our volunteer gardener) we are raising money for a composter. All students should have an order form that needs to be returned by next Monday.

### BOOK DAY/DRESS UP - Tomorrow

Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character. All students who dress/up will go into a draw to win a book of their choice.

We will have a parade of students at 9am followed by the drawing of names to win books. All parents are welcome to attend.



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

Attached to today’s newsletter is a \$20 (use both sides) book of raffle tickets together with a list of donations from our local businesses. Tickets to be returned to school by the morning of Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December and the draws will take place at our family night.

We are asking families to donate a small Xmas themed item to be made up into hampers (in conjunction with some of the items donated by our local businesses). Items can be brought to the office from now on.

These might include:- Xmas chocolates/lollies; candy canes; Xmas puddings; gourmet sauces; pretzels; serviettes, gift tags. What item would you like to find in a hamper if you were a lucky winner?

There will be 3-4 major prizes and a number of minor prizes drawn.

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

<b>November</b>	Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Book Day/Dress Up
	Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Swimming
<b>December</b>	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	<b>Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day</b>
	Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Swimming
			-	School Council Meeting/End of Year Dinner
	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**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Ulla Domburg who turns 6 tomorrow and Hamish McDougal who turns 13 on Sunday.

**BOOKCLUB ISSUE 8** is due back at school by tomorrow, Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **FRIDAY LUNCHES – HELPERS**

- ❖ Lunches for tomorrow is Sausage Rolls & Icy Poles - **Andreena & Laura**
- ❖ 9<sup>th</sup> December - Chicken wraps & Icy Poles - **Kate & Laura**
- ❖ 16<sup>th</sup> December - Sausage in bread & icy poles - **Kate & (Laura ?)**

## Chaplains' Corner – What are your “If onlys”?

I'm a hopeless addict – to anything with four wheels. We have owned some goodies: a 1957 Chevy, a 1960 Fiat 500 with suicide doors, an XW Falcon GT, just a few of a long list. Our daily driver Chevy in perfect condition was offloaded for \$400 when we moved to PNG years ago. The Fiat cost me \$175. Still going, I gave it away when no longer needed. The near mint XW GT was owned with our boys. They needed the cash. A sad farewell.

The reality now? Those 1960 Fiats, rare as hen's teeth, now go for beyond \$20,000. That '57 Chev? Mid \$40,000's might land you a no frills one. The XW GT? You will need a hefty six-figure budget to get you started. When our family reminisces over these vehicles (and many others too!), the conversation always has a sprinkling of “If only we still had...”

How often do we all end up saying, “If only....” (and not just about cars)? Consider...

- **“If only” statements usually carry a regret** – Things we wish we had (or hadn't) done, decisions or actions which have come back to bite us, financial choices which have proved disastrous, relationships which fell apart when we wanted them to work.
- **We do not create all “If only” situations** – The poor choices, selfishness and hurtful behaviour of others can easily make life painful for us. These setbacks may have occurred when our own capacity to protect ourselves was limited or even non-existent.
- **We don't have to be foolish to make an “If only”** – Even with the very best of intentions, we can make a bad call. What seems right at the time may turn out to be anything but that. No point beating yourself up when this happens though.
- **Sometimes we drop bricks on our own toes** – It's human to do silly things. The heat of the moment, mislaid caution and the failure to consider consequences are a lethal combination. We then have to accept and live with unhappy outcomes.
- **Life does not have a delete button** – We cannot rewrite history. Our “If only” may lead us to think about approaches and strategies which perhaps may recapture at least a little of what has been lost. And sometimes a recovery is possible.
- **But there's much in life that cannot be easily undone** – Many “If onlys” simply have to be lived with. The best way forward is acceptance, followed by the conscious decision to move on. Healing may come slowly. We all carry a scar or two. That's life.
- **The wisdom of hindsight is just that** – We didn't have it at the time. So be it. But wisdom can be learned. A bad “If only” is not wasted if a lesson about life is added to our collection. If it saves us from making the same mistake again, that's good news.
- **Our personal “If only” collection reveals our humanity** – It is quite unrealistic to think we can get through life without collecting “If onlys.” Every person, every family chalks up their own list without too much trouble.
- **The main lesson for all of us, parents and kids?** We all need to do our best to keep our “If only” list as short as we can. This requires conversation, sensitivity, wisdom and grace.

Does anyone have a Fiat 500 they don't need? I'll be happy to look after it for you!

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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
Twelffold 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**

**By Booking Only**

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

**Cash Only**