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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



Friday March 24 <sup>th</sup>	• RURAL ATHLETICS -Nelson Park
Monday March 27 <sup>th</sup>	•
Tuesday March 28 <sup>th</sup>	•
Wednesday March 29 <sup>th</sup>	• School Council AGM 7pm
Thursday March 30 <sup>th</sup>	• DISTRICT ATHLETICS
Friday March 31 <sup>st</sup>	• Casual Clothes Day – Gold coin donation

### THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

'The Resilience Project' have produced **PROJECT+** which has been developed to focus on supporting the wellbeing of **parents and carers**. Each term they will be sending out **PROJECT+** with a variety of additional ideas, activities and resources that can be used.

In this Parent & Carer edition of Project+ they talk about what Emotional Literacy is and how important being emotionally literate is for adults as well as children. Please find this attached to today's newsletter.



### DISTRICT ATHLETICS – Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>

Students who have made this team will be notified early next week and will receive extra information about the day.

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> (First day of term 2)

On this day students will be split into Multi-aged groups to enjoy a variety of different fun outdoor activities. Student leaders will be in charge of a group each.

- A note with time choices will go out early next week.



### RURAL ATHLETICS –TOMORROW Nelson Park

- Parents are responsible for transporting their children to & from the Sports.
- Students to be at Nelson Park by 9.00am for a 9.15am Start.
- Students will need to bring their own food and water for the day. (if they haven't got a lunch order)
- Students will need a hat and sunscreen. There will be sunscreen provided if needed on the day.

Students in the 10, 11 and 12 age groups can qualify for the Rurals team for the District Athletics. This event is on Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**HELPERS NEEDED TOMORROW– If you are able to help during any part of the day, please see Adam Thompson at the announcement table/the pavilion, on arrival.**

### SPORTS UNIFORMS

Our new school sports uniforms have arrived. Huge thanks to those families pictured who financially supported our purchase. From left we have Arlee in the netball uniform, Tayli in the basketball uniform, Mila in the athletics tops, Carter in the soccer top and Fletcher in the football top.



### CASUAL CLOTHES DAY – Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Come dressed as your favorite sports team/player or in your favorite sporting uniform**

- This year we will be raising money to support children with Type 1 Diabetes
- Gold coin donation
- Student leaders will be holding an hour of sporting activities from 2:30pm to 3:30pm for all students.

## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 1 DATE 2023

<b>March</b>	Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	-	Rural Athletics
	Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Council AGM
	Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	District Athletics
	Friday	31 <sup>st</sup>	-	Casual Clothes Day – Gold Coin Donation Parent Community 3pm
<b>April</b>	Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Whole School Excursion
	Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Last Day of Term 1 – Easter Raffle Draw</b>

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

**FRIDAY LUNCHES** – Friday – 31<sup>st</sup> March – Dim Sims – 2 Helpers needed please.



**EASTER RAFFLE:** Thank you to the families who have brought in a donation for our raffle. We hope to have multiple prizes. If you are able to donate an Easter themed item – these may include Easter craft, colouring in books; eggs/chocolates, small soft Easter toys such as bunnies etc., please bring them to the office from now onwards. The prizes will be made up on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, and the draw will take place at assembly on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April (the last day of term).

## Chaplains' Corner - It all started with a refund

I cannot begin to tell you how excited I was. Completely unexpected. A message on my mobile telling me that my bank had deposited a refund into my account. Couldn't believe my luck. Great timing. A deposit for a new car at long last. Thought about the engine size and colour. So, fired up my on-line account. And there it was. A new notification. Good things were about to happen to our finances. But it didn't quite work the way I had hoped for.

There was a long apology from the bank for making a mistake on my credit card. That was nice of them. And the refund, you ask? Twelve cents. I kid you not. Twelve cents. Goodbye to the car deposit. Then I wondered? How much did it cost the bank to bless me with twelve cents? Who knows? Anyway, the upshot is that life has continued on as normal. I was even half inclined to ask the bank where I should invest that huge amount of money. Didn't bother. A hope was dashed. A lesson or two here I think....

- **We hope to be good parents** - No matter how many parenting books you read, or podcasts you might listen to, there's a huge amount of parenting which is more like flying by the seat of your pants, as the saying goes. All that's really needed are acres of loving care, patience and energy.
- **There's nothing wrong in having hopes for our crew** - Family life is filled with hopes of one sort or another. Mums and dads look at the new little life in the cot and hope that one day this little person will become a wonderful adult. A worthy hope for sure. Who wants to produce a miserable one?
- **With all the pressures financially, we hope to be able to manage** - It's a tough one for many families. Our latest power bills remind us that our costs are going up all the time, not down. As are our food bills. There aren't too many bargains out there these days.
- **We hope we will keep our cool** - Not easy at times. If the kids aren't sleeping, there's a good chance we are missing out on our rest too. Tiredness makes coping a really tough assignment. Keeping your feet on the ground when family life is a struggle is not an easy call. Very hard work.
- **We hope to give our kids the best** - A great intention but not straightforward. Mums and dads work hard to meet their family's needs. But it's another thing altogether to meet their wants. The best is not about ticking all the boxes. It's about providing the essentials and doing your best to meet them.
- **We hope our kids will manage well** - And this hope comes early. It really kicks in with their preschool activities before school even starts. We want them to relate happily and well with the other kids. We don't want them to be the odd one out. We hope they'll fit in without any dramas.
- **Even though we may not realise it, we hope to keep up with other families** - This is a tricky one. Comparisons with other families are not clever. We may wish for all the apparent goodies other families enjoy. Remember, it's not about them. It's about building joy-filled teamwork at our place.
- **We hope to bless our kids with the good things** - But it's actually not about things anyway. It's about what they see in us. It's how we love them, listen to them and encourage them which kicks the goals. There's no point giving our kids lots of stuff if we're not setting an example on how to live well.

As parents let's always be hope-filled people. No, not everything will go well no matter how hard we try. But hang on to hope. Long for the best. Work hard on great values and priorities. These will last a life time. Anybody needing twelve cents for a car deposit? Very happy to help out. Just ask!

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