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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 FIVE: TERM TWO 2022

Friday May 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Division Cross-Country in W'Bool –Ellie, Ava &amp; Max</li> <li>• Flourishing Friday 2:30pm</li> <li>• Parent Community 3pm</li> </ul>
Monday May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resilience Project 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Series</li> </ul>
Wednesday May 24 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Thursday May 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 3pm</li> </ul>
Friday May 26 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Community 3pm</li> </ul>

### SCHOOL REVIEW

Every Victorian state school goes through a review every 4 years. As part of this process, we need to get as many viewpoints as we can. We need to get your opinion on how our school has performed during the last 4 years, and what you would like to see in the next 4 years.

Attached to today's newsletter is a brief questionnaire that we would like you to fill out and return to school. (Completed questionnaires can be placed in the lunch order bucket outside the staff room) The questionnaires will also be e-mailed out.

### PREP 2024

Enrolments - We are now taking school tours for 2024 enrolments. If you require an enrolment pack for a sibling, pop into the school office. If any family or friends would like a tour of our wonderful school, please have them contact the office.

**All schools in the Portland and District area encourage students to go to their local school. Your local school can be found by visiting <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au>**

### DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY

Great day at the District Cross-Country (last Thursday). Well done to Kelvin, Aiden, Ava, Ellie, Jack, Max, Eddie, Tayli and Charlotte on their runs.

Max with a 3rd placing, Ellie with a 6th and Ava with an 8th have qualified for the next stage in Warrnambool.

### GARDEN HARVEST PANTRY

We have a Garden Harvest Pantry. Produce from our garden is available for a donation for all community members. The pantry will be situated outside the Staff Room.

Inspired by Leadership Great South Coast's Garden Harvest Share project, our dedicated school veggie garden volunteer, Kerrie, came up with the idea of sharing the school's produce with the community.

Leadership Great South Coast have generously donated the pantry to us. It was constructed by the Timboon Men's Shed.



### RETIREMENT – SCHOOL COUNCIL

For any Principal to be able to flourish they require a strong supportive School Council.

I am extremely grateful that I have had this over my 17 years as Principal. The council have been very supportive of myself and of my staff. In particular I would like to express my gratitude for the Council Presidents that I have worked under. Mark Burridge, Rod Fyfe and Robbie Aldridge were all strong leaders who knew their role and understood how they could positively impact on the school.

Over the past 7 years Anna Impey has been our President and I can't thank her enough for her leadership, friendship and support. During those difficult COVID times Anna has always been there to steer the school into calmer waters. In the good times Anna has been able to celebrate and recognise what we do well at Bolwarra. Thank you!

## VicSRC VISIT

On Monday our students had their own private session with the VicSRC (Victorian Student Representative Council) Keisha and Abby.

After brainstorming how they can work toward Bolwarra becoming a better school the leaders took the ladies for a tour of our school. After the tour Keisha and Abby were very complimentary of how proud the leaders were of their school environment, also how great our school environment is.



## HEADLICE/ HAIR CHECKS

There have been a few reported cases of Headlice. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis throughout the year and treat if necessary. For treatment to be effective, product instructions must be followed, including repeat treatments.

## STUDENT SURVEYS

Starting next week students in Grade 4 to 6 will take part in the Education Department's Student Survey. If you don't want your child to participate, please let me know as soon as possible.

## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES 2023

<b>May</b>	Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Division Cross-Country Parent Community 3pm
	Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Winter Series
	Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	-	Parent Community 3pm
	Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Somers Camp starts
<b>June</b>	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Parent Community 3pm
	Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Report Writing Day (Pupil Free Day)
	Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	-	King's Birthday Holiday
	Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Parent Community 3pm
	Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b>

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Thomas Menzel who turns 9 tomorrow; Miss McDonald who will be celebrating her special birthday while on holiday in the sunshine on Sunday, and Maddie Conrades (Gr.5) who turns 10 on Monday.

**FRIDAY LUNCHES** – Tomorrow we have cheese burgers and are looking for another volunteer to help Laura between (approx.) 12pm and 1.30pm. If you can help, please let Nicole know.

In order for us to continue running Friday lunches we really do need more volunteers. Laura has been our mainstay almost all year and we would really appreciate more parents being involved by adding their name to the roster in the office. If you are willing to have a go but aren't sure of procedures etc, please be assured that you will be guided by another parent who is familiar with the running of Friday lunches.

**BOOKCLUB ISSUE 4** which was distributed today is due back at school by Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

## Fun Food Fact

Bean pods can be round or flat, they come in many colours including green, yellow, purple or speckled. Try adding a new bean to your next stir fry or fried rice!



Brought to you by Jane Killmister, your local Healthy Kids Advisor for Glenelg Shire.

The Healthy Kids Advisors initiative supports schools, local sports clubs, and after school-hours care to provide delicious, fresh food and drink to children and young people.



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### VISION

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What do you see as the strengths of Bolwarra Primary School?

In what ways could we make our school better?

If you were talking to a friend who was thinking of enrolling their child at Bolwarra, what would you say about our school?

### SCHOOL RULES

- *Treat others the way they would like to be treated*
  - *Do no harm*

## Chaplains' Corner - What about tomorrow?

It's a question we all ask, just about every day. What's the weather going to be like tomorrow? Especially if we have some special outdoor event planned. It may be as simple as deciding to give the lawn a mow or tidy up the garden. Or put the washing on the line. Pretty basic stuff. But if we are planning a family camp out, a long walk, or a barbecue for all the crew, then we are very interested in what Mother Nature has in mind. She doesn't bother about our plans, that's for sure.

We're not the only ones influenced by weather. The history books tell us that no army advances if Winter has moved in with snow blocking roads and escape routes. Just a few weeks back, big time entrepreneur, Elon Musk, had to wait to launch his latest rocket because the weather wasn't ideal. For all his wealth and influence, he's not in charge of sun, wind and rain. So, what does all this say to us about what happens at our place, with our partner and kids? Consider....

- **The weather has a subtle effect on all of us** - This past week or so we've had some glorious days. Just beautiful. There's no doubt about it. A warm day lifts the spirits. We feel just that little bit better. And, equally, pouring rain and driving wind can dampen our whole outlook on life for the day.
- **If we're planning an outdoor activity, we take an interest in the forecast** - Every TV news program tells us what to expect, whether the sun will shine or the clouds will smother us. There's something in us that likes to know what lies ahead, what we can expect, how we should plan.
- **It's not just the weather though that concerns us** - For all that we have to deal with today - the endless responsibilities of running a family - we still wonder what life will deliver us generally. Will this plan or that move actually come to pass? Will our hopes for our kids be fulfilled?
- **The tough reality is that we don't have the influence we'd like to have** - This is just a simple reality. Yes, we can certainly influence how we function as a family. Of course, we can make our plans as we should. But we all know that a surprise can come from left field that can throw us off balance.
- **The great lesson is that we do well to stay with the present** - With what is happening today. We can worry ourselves sick about what may or may not happen tomorrow. There's no point. But we can take charge of what we are about here and now, without stressing about what the weather will do.
- **We all aim to be super resilient people** - It's not just about what the weather patterns will deliver. It's about being able to run with whatever life generally offers to us. We treasure the joys and surprises. We meet life's unexpected difficulties determined that they won't have the last say.
- **So, there are some things we can hopefully predict** - That our kids will mature into warm, reliable and caring people, that our finances will see us through if we are careful, that we will cope with the inevitable setbacks which wait for all of us, that nothing will throw us off the track.
- **What about the storms that do blow up in our lives though?** - The loss of a relationship, the disagreement which just won't go away, the difficult child who keeps us on our toes, the illness that demands our attention, the fear that one more hassle will be one too many.

Maybe the wisest approach is not to get uptight about tomorrow. It will come whatever. Sure, the weather may or may not be co-operative. The best strategy is to do all we can to make today the best day of our lives. Let's enjoy the sun when it shines and hold tight when the clouds hover over us.

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