



**NUMBER 18**

**15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



### REMINDERS FOR WEEK NINE: TERM TWO 2023

Friday June 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Casual Clothes Day – Gold Coin Donation</li> <li>Flourishing Friday 2:30pm</li> <li>Parent Community 3pm</li> </ul>
Monday June 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resilience Project 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday June 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Wednesday June 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Thursday June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole School Excursion (weather permitting)</li> </ul>
Friday June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last Day of Term 2</li> <li>Assembly 12pm</li> </ul>

### BUDJ BIM NATIONAL PARK EXCURSION – Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Weather permitting, we will be visiting Macarthur Primary School then Budj Bim National Park. More details will go home early next week.

If the excursion is cancelled due to a poor weather forecast, we will do some special activities at school.

### RETIREMENT – Gratitude

For the majority of my 17 years as Principal I have had the absolute pleasure of working with Beth Arthur, Adam Thompson, Kylee McDonald and Craig Cummins as teachers at Bolwarra. In that whole time, I cannot recall a moment where I have been let down by any of these outstanding educators. I have relied on their professionalism, knowledge and emotional maturity every day to ensure that I make good decisions as a Principal. I admire their abilities as educators and their total commitment to every individual child who has come through Bolwarra. I will forever be grateful that I was able to work alongside these amazing people.

For the past 15 years I have worked approximately 3 meters away from the Office Manager. In all that time Nicole has been an absolute rock for me. Despite my many failings as a Principal Nicole has always been there for me and I can't recall one bad word between us. Now that I am leaving, I can now reveal how much of the Principal job Nicole actually does. There are many responsibilities that Nicole has taken on board that I as Principal probably should have been doing. I can't believe how fortunate I have been to have Nicole beside me throughout my journey at Bolwarra.

### CASUAL CLOTHES DAY – Tomorrow

**Come dressed as Mr. Gibbons**

- This year we will be raising money to support children with Type 1 Diabetes
- Gold coin donation



### 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>

### EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES 2023

June	Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Casual Clothes Day – Gold Coin Donation Parent Community 3pm
	Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	
	Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Whole School Excursion
			-	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b>
				<b>LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL</b>

### SPECIAL ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE -12pm

All parents, students and school community, past and present, are invited to join in our assembly on the last day of term, 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 12pm to farewell Mr Gibbons with a special presentation.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following students and staff who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:- Nicole Chapple (Sunday), Tuesday, Mila Holmes-Wilson (7); Wednesday, Shanum Saiyad (6); Max Bott (10); Jack Starick (11) and Thursday, Arlee Holmes-Wilson (12).

Dear Mr. Gibbons,

Thank you for being an amazing Principal. You show compassion and empathy towards everyone. We love it that you are always happy and positive.

We love our PE sessions and getting to choose games for the warm up. You have taught us all about basketball, soccer, footy and netball. You always choose fun games for us to play. You are very athletic!

We always look forward to library. You choose interesting stories to read to us, and make us laugh with your funny voices. You are great at Copycat Camel! We enjoy listening to you read while we draw in our books.

We are grateful that you organise Flourishing Friday for us. We love all of the choices, and appreciate that you let the kids come up with some choices for activities. We also love the excursions, and the ideas you have had have been fantastic.

You are a terrific leader. You keep the school clean and weed the garden. You are kind, empathetic and fair. Good luck in retirement. You have earned a well-deserved break. Good luck on the Golf Course.

We will all miss you!

From the 2/3/4 grade.

P.S Make sure you pop in and say hello.

## Fun Food Fact

Bananas are considered a berry, because of their tiny internal seeds. There's no need for plastic wrap because they come pre-packaged in their own skin. Bananas are an easy & delicious, no-waste snack.



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.



## Chaplains' Corner - When we're washed away

How did you go coping with last week's downpours? Winter slipped us all a reminder that we are not in charge of the seasons! Or the timing of the rain, or the sunshine. Like it or not, life has to go on for all of us. We can't shut the door just because the mornings are cold, the showers too heavy, the fog too thick. We look forward to the warmer months, when the sun finally decides to really warm us up. Our families have to step out each day without falling victim to Mother Nature's charms or challenges.

But there are other seasons at work in our families. What about the arrival of romance and love? A very special season. Then when we welcome our little people, we enter the enjoyable but tricky season of learning how to be a parent. And, as our families grow and mature, we embrace all the new and different seasons which arrive for us and for them. Some we welcome; some we don't. Consider....

- **Life doesn't stand still for any of us** - Each day introduces all of us to fresh joys and difficulties, often in about equal numbers. We kid ourselves if we think we have total control of what happens to us and our family. We know we don't. The seasons come and go without our permission.
- **So, choose to be grateful** - Even in testing times, look for something to be thankful for. Hunt for it. Don't be put off. There'll be a good lesson to be learnt, a fresh insight to be gained, a new skill to be learnt. Even in the very dark moments, there'll be a candle burning somewhere. Look for it.
- **Another way to meet life's changing seasons is acceptance** - Since we don't have much control over what life delivers us, acceptance carries some serious power. Winter situations always offer a challenge. Why not look that situation in the eye and accept this as a new reality to deal with.
- **The hard part is to know how to cope** - Since life's seasons simply arrive, usually unannounced, we have to sort out our responses. It's easy to welcome the enjoyable seasons of family life. But these will be seriously interrupted by stress, illness, the loss of a loved one, financial hassles, you name it.
- **Here's something you may not have thought about** - If we stay on our toes in our families, we can do more than simply being on the receiving end of our seasons. We can actually create the seasons we prefer. Instead of living at their mercy, we take charge and generate a fresh approach.
- **So, how do we create our seasons?** - We shift from being helpless to hands-on. We figure out why a Winter arrived without our permission. We make the plans; we take the steps to install a Summer instead. It takes courage to look beyond what's gone wrong to working towards what can go right.
- **Our seasons respond to our hope** - We make up our minds to find a work around, to find a helpful and practical way to address our setbacks. Hope is all about looking for what's best even if that takes real effort. We decide we want a better season. We won't give up. Hope keeps us going.
- **Keep in mind that we need all the seasons** - Not just some of them. Summer brings us the good times to enjoy. Autumn offers us the shadows, the uncertainties of life. Winter invites us to hold on when the darker moments arrive. Spring calls us to new perspectives and attitudes.

So, as we keep our raincoats and umbrellas handy this Winter, let's think about how we cope with the seasons as they come and go in our own lives and the lives of our family. And, especially, may we go that little bit extra and work towards creating the seasons we need each day.

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