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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



REMINDERS FOR WEEK THREE: TERM TWO 2017

Friday April 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASSEMBLY 3pm
Monday May 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Golf • Graffiti Education Presentation in Heywood - Grade 5/6
Tuesday May 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball Clinic - Grade 4/5/6
Wednesday May 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Thursday May 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday May 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASSEMBLY 3pm

ANZAC DAY PARADE

A huge thank you to the 29 students who marched representing our school on ANZAC Day - Charlie Arnold, Eva Tait, Rebecca Goode, Jonathon Goode, Daniel Goode, Chase Baker, Anthony Price, Esther Thompson, Abby McFarlane, Jemma McFarlane, Hamish Storrie, Millie Flannery, Carlee Smith, Melanie Price, Hamish McDougall, Eli Herbertson, Samuel Herbertson, Kelvin Moore, Tiarna Keegan, Shantae Keegan, Elaina Cocks, Lou Impey, Gracie Piergrosse, Jessie McCluskey, Sanjay Fenton, Alyssa Tait, Emma Butler, Chad Daniel and Michael Wood.

Others students like Talisha Hockley were spotted marching with the community groups that they are involved in.



NETBALL CLINIC – Tuesday May 2nd Grade 4/5/6

Our Grade 4/5/6 students will be taking part in a Netball Clinic to be held at Bundarra. Students will be bused to the clinic starting at 1pm. Students will need to wear their runners.

GRAFFITI EDUCATION PRESENTATION – Monday May 1st Grade 5/6

The grade 5/6 students will travel to Heywood on Monday to be part of a Graffiti Education Presentation. They will leave school at 11:15am.

Graffiti is a highly destructive problem, which affects the entire community. It has damaging economic, social and environmental consequences and costs many millions of dollars each year to police and clean up. Every dollar spent on graffiti removal is a dollar that could be used in other positive ways in our community.

In the presentation, the students will be exploring the issues of graffiti. Delivered by leading educationalists Warner Youth Education and supported by the Victorian Government, the Graffiti Education program informs young people about the legal, social and personal consequences of graffiti. It encourages them to be part of the solution by developing a sense of civic pride.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - MONDAY 15TH MAY

Order Forms are attached to today's newsletter. Each child has their individual form (named) which they bring to school on photo day together with payment.

STATEMENTS –These are attached to today's newsletter. Please see Nicole in the office to make payments or to make arrangements for a payment plan.

IMPORTANT EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES

May	Monday	1 st	-	{ District Golf Parents Club 9am Graffiti Education presentation Grade 5/6	
	Tuesday	2 nd	-	Netball Clinic – Grade 4/5/6	
	Tuesday	9 th	-	NAPLAN – Literacy	
	Wednesday	10 th	-	{ NAPLAN – Reading School Council 7pm	
	Thursday	11 th	-	NAPLAN – Numeracy	
	Friday	12 th	-	{ Mother's Day Stall a.m. Rural Cross-Country p.m.	
	Monday	15 th	-	School Photos	
	Wednesday	17 th	-	District Cross-Country	
	Friday	26 th	-	Division Cross-Country in Warrnambool	
	Tuesday	30 th	-	AFL Clinic	
	Wednesday	31 st	-	Winter Series (football, soccer & netball – Grade 5/6)	
	June	Monday	5 th	-	Parents Club 9am
		Friday	9 th	-	Report Writing Day- (Student Free Day)
Monday		12 th	-	Queen's Birthday Holiday	
Friday		30 th	-	Last Day of Term 2	

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Alex Twomey who turns 10 next Thursday.

BOOKCLUB – ISSUE 3 is due back at school by tomorrow, Friday, 28th April.

PARENTS CLUB – MEETING - MONDAY - 9am Everyone most welcome.

FUNDRAISER -FRESH LOCAL POTATOES

10Kg Bags of potatoes - \$14.00 per bag. These are available from the office foyer. Call in and see Nicole. If a full bag is too much, perhaps you may like to split a bag with family, friends or other parents.

LOST – Elaina Cocks has lost two school jumpers –windcheater/hoodie. They both have her name on them; Please check your child's jumpers in-case they have taken the wrong one home.

PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE OPEN DAY PROGRAM | TUESDAY MAY 16, 2017

On Tuesday May 16 Portland Secondary College will be holding our Open Day.

This is for **all Grade 6 Students** to come and have a look at our fantastic College and see what a day in the life of a Secondary Student looks like.

Ms Mitchell and a selection of ex-grade 6 students have been to visit your Grade 6 class. All information necessary for the PSC Open Day will have been given to your child. Please take the time to look at this so you are well informed on how the day will run.

We look forward to seeing you thrive on our Open Day in our Secondary environment.



• Parent/Student Information Evening
• Scholarship Testing - Year 7 for 2018
Tuesday May 16, 2017
6:30 - 7:30pm
Global Learning Centre
Portland Secondary College

Chaplain's Corner – Our connections with the Anzac tradition

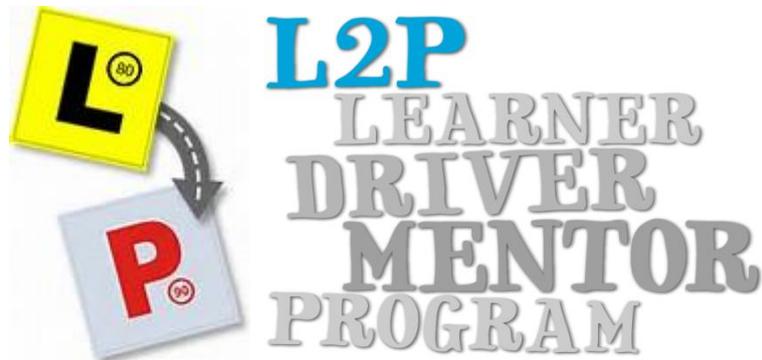
Anzac Day, our families and the Bolwarra community. What's the connection? Well, thanks to the diligent research of Fiona Flannery, one of our Bolwarra mums, we know that fifteen soldiers from the Bolwarra Parish enlisted for service in World War One. Four did not return home, losing their lives in what was mistakenly described as "the war to end all wars." The total loss of life during World War One is calculated to be around ten million. A dreadful statistic in anyone's language.

As a school we have very direct links with this war. We have the Roll of Honour on display. Our school, very small back then with only thirty students, was the venue for the official welcome home for the soldiers from the Parish. The enthusiastic crowd was so large they could not fit into the school hall. The windows were opened to enable the overflow crowd to see and hear the proceedings. So, why is the Anzac tradition still so important today? Try these....

- **We are part of a global community** – Even more so now than back then. Sure, we know our own turf pretty well. But conflict a world away could easily touch us again. The Anzac tradition reminds us of this. Our Bolwarra soldiers did us proud a long way from home.
- **Our Bolwarra soldiers were mostly young** – It's impossible to read the stories of our Bolwarra soldiers and miss their ages. Two were just nineteen; two were twenty. Of the whole group, only four were older than thirty.
- **The dangers were real** – This awful war was not a lighthearted adventure. The costs were known up front. The possibility of not returning was very real. Remember, four of ours didn't make it home. Sadly, wounds, injuries and long-term trauma also became part of the deal.
- **Their motivation was about their country** – Perhaps we may find it hard to grasp, but our Bolwarra heroes understood specific links. For them, this war was putting at risk justice, fair play, a healthy future and national safety. They felt they could help reduce this risk.
- **Anything worth protecting carries a cost** – Of all the words which surface as part of the Anzac tradition, sacrifice is the most common. We often hear the words, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."
- **War is not "glorious"** - There was no glory at Gallipoli, or in the muddy trenches on the frontline in France, or trying to rescue the wounded. Yes, courage and daring to be admired and respected. But war is messy, tragic, a poor way to resolve global tensions.
- **What does Anzac mean for our families?** – Anzac is a precious chapter in our Australian story. Some have said that Australia came of age on the beaches of Gallipoli. We need to help our kids have a sense of this history. It touched Bolwarra deeply. We mustn't forget.
- **We need to see war for what it is** – In the 1940's Australia was at war with Japan. We are now friends and trading partners. We drive Japanese built vehicles. War surely is a most ineffective and wasteful way of solving national ambitions. But war is a reality for millions still.
- **Our homes are the training ground for working on differences** – Mums and dads have the responsibility for setting hugely important examples: how to listen, how to negotiate, how to compromise, how to show respect, how to progress without anger and yelling.

The Anzac tradition is treasured today because of what it stands for: the countless men and women who laid down their lives and wellbeing for us to enjoy the freedoms which too often we take for granted today. Let's do our bit in our homes to maintain peace and understanding. We may not be able to prevent wars but let's work hard for happy homes and a peaceful community.

John – stay in touch revsimmo@gmail.com



The L2P Driver Mentor Program is in current need of volunteer mentors!

Volunteers need to hold a current Victorian drivers licence, live in Portland and surrounds and be prepared to undertake the free checks and training required.

If you can spare a minimum of 1 hour per week and would like to support a disadvantaged young person from our local community to gain their required 120hours driving time, allowing them to gain their Probationary drivers licence please contact the L2P Coordinator for further details or follow the link to complete an application.

<https://yoursay.glenelg.vic.gov.au/l2p>

ENQUIRIES to the L2P Coordinator Rachel Brough, 5522 2334 or l2p@glenelg.vic.gov.au