

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT****REMINDERS FOR WEEK EIGHT: TERM THREE 2016**

Friday August 26 th	• ASSEMBLY
Monday August 29 th	• Mrs Arthur presenting at iPad Conference in Melbourne
Tuesday August 30 th	• Mrs Arthur presenting at iPad Conference in Melbourne
Wednesday August 31 st	•
Thursday September 1 st	• Interschool Basketball
Friday September 2 nd	• Dress/Up Day • Father's Day Stall • ASSEMBLY • Disco 6:30pm

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS – 1/2E

Our Exceptional Students this week are Willow Iverson, Callum Richardson and Kiah Cashin.



Willow is an exceptional student. She has fitted in really well with all the students in her class. She is so thoughtful that her peers love having her around. She brightens up the day, tries her best until success is achieved. Well done Willow we are so fortunate that you decided to come to Bolwarra.

Callum is an exceptional student. He continues to strive to improve his writing and has great success with poetry and fictional stories. He persists in all aspects of his schooling and shows a real love of Maths. Callum remains organised and is really happy playing with his friends. Well done Callum you have come a long way.



Kiah is an exceptional student. Despite being away for a year she has seamlessly slipped back into life at Bolwarra. She shows great empathy and tolerance towards her peers. Kiah's writing is always entertaining to read, she knows how to use words to entertain the reader. Kiah, well done on being a wonderful addition to our class.

Our Exceptional students will be presented with their awards at tomorrow's assembly at 3pm

YOU CAN DO IT! STARS**Getting Along – Caught 10 times**

Kade Perkins

Persistence – Caught 10 times

Lachlan Clifford

Confidence – Caught 10 times

Elaina Cocks

Persistence – Caught 20 times

Reece Morris

Will Hunter

Getting Along – Caught 20 times

Alex Twomey

Janelle McCluskey

Academic Excellence – Caught 20 times

Ditanyia Hansen

ORGANISATION - CAUGHT 50 TIMES

Anthony Price

50 LAPS

Eva Tait

Brandon Wood

Christopher Phillips

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MRS ARTHUR – National iPad Conference

Mrs Arthur and her students have been recognised for their outstanding work in the area of using iPads in numeracy and literacy by being invited to run a workshop at a national iPad conference next week in Melbourne. Mrs Arthur will be showcasing the work of her students to primary and secondary school teachers over the 2 day conference.

This is a major achievement and exceptional acknowledgement of the quality work happening in our school.



MUSIC FESTIVAL

The following students are performing at the Music Festival this evening; Maddy Amundsen, Nomes Amundsen, Charlie Arnold, Chase Baker, Zarah Bott, Monni Claridge, Charlee Coates, Elaina Cocks, Chad Daniel, Hayley Fidge, Luke Fidge, Sam Fidge, Taya Field, Stephanie Goode, Rebecca Goode, Jonathon Goode, Janaya Grace, Samuel Herbertson, Eli Herbertson, Talisha Hockley, Alex Jacobson, Tiarna Keegan, Abby McFarlane, Elliot Munday, Kade Perkins, Anthony Price, Melanie Price, Harry Rethus, William Rethus, Janelle McCluskey, Jayden McCluskey, Jess McCluskey, Ethan Smith, Briah Burford, Annabel Sutherland, Lilly Swanson, Jack Taylor, Esther Thompson, Alex Twomey and Marcus Zeunert.

They will repeat their performance at Assembly on Friday September 9th



BOOK WEEK – Tomorrow

We are celebrating Book Week tomorrow. Come dressed as a book character.

9am - Parade of characters followed by Whole School 'Read to Someone'

10am - Prep to 3 working with author Mellisa Lane while 4 to 6 do special activities in their class around a Short-Listed Book.

11.30am - 4-6 working with author Mellisa Lane while Prep to 3 do special activities in their class around a Short-Listed Book.

Normal assembly at 3pm.

DISTRICT BASKETBALL - Thursday September 1st

Bolwarra will be represented by 6 Grade 6 boys at the Basketball next week. Those involved will get more information about the day.

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

The Victorian Government recently released new regulations for schools relating to child safety. In short, all schools are required to audit their school policies that protect our students from abuse and neglect.

The new regulations specify seven standards that all schools must meet. Bolwarra Primary School already meets many of these standards and we are committed to being compliant in all areas by the end of the year.

So what are the seven standards?

1. Organizational culture of child safety
2. Child safety policy - School Council will work on this statement
3. Code of Conduct - setting standards for staff conduct and visiting/volunteering adults
4. Recruitment, training and management of staff and contractors – highlighting child safety protocols
5. Procedures for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
6. Strategies to reduce or remove risks of child abuse
7. Educating children to speak up in a supportive culture.

We will all be working to protect children and young people from abuse. You will be reading about the Child Safety Standards in newsletters from now on and if you have the time you might like to look at the following link:
www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/protect/Pages/chidlsafestandrads.aspx

DIARY FARMER SCHOOL GRANTS

As part of the Victorian Government's Dairy Assistance Package grants are available to students enrolled in government and non-government schools whose parents own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business: or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm. On completion of an application form and supply of evidence to meet the criteria, a one-off amount of \$375.00 per student will be paid to the school to support cost of camps, sports, excursions, and/or other education expenses. Please contact Nicole for assistance with this matter.

MATHS FUN NIGHT - Tuesday, 6th September

Last week information was sent home, together with an 'indication to attend return slip'; **If you are planning on attending, please return your slip by tomorrow morning.**

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 3 DATES

August	Thursday	25 th	-	Music Festival	
	Friday	26 th	-	Book Week Activity Day	
September	Thursday	1 st	-	District Basketball	
	Friday	2 nd	-	Dress Up – Come as your Father/Grandfather Father's Day Stall Disco	
	Monday	5 th	-		Parents Club
	Tuesday	6 th	-		Maths Fun Night 6pm
	Friday	9 th	-	Environmental Workshop for Environment Group	
	Tuesday	13 th	-	Arts Council Performance – Sam the Magician	
				Emergency Management Conference	
	Friday	17 th	-	Last Day of Term 3	

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Timmy Trigger who turns 8 tomorrow, and Michael Wood who turns 7 on Monday.

PARENT'S CLUB NEWS:- Next Meeting Monday, 5th September @ 9.00am All Welcome.

LUNCH ROSTER: Tomorrow- John & Judith

Friday 2nd September – Donna Kerr

FUNDRAISER: PASTIE/VEGIE ROLL DRIVE – FRIDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER

All orders must be back at school by tomorrow, Friday, 26th August.

Please ensure that a phone number for pick up contact is provided.

HELPERS are needed from **9am onwards** in the **school canteen** on **Friday, 2nd September**. Please put your name on the roster in the office.

CATERING – CFA LUNCHEON – TUESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER

Helpers are needed for serving and clean-up at the Civic Hall. If you can help any times between 8.30am and 3.00pm please see Nicole in the office.



This is a great fundraiser for the school



DISCO- If there are any parents able to help at the disco next Friday, 2nd September, either with setting up during the day or helping on the night, could you please see me this week.

Thanks.

Adam Thompson

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - PORTSEA CAMP – JANUARY 2017 (School Holidays)

Heywood RSL is sponsoring 2 students wanting to attend this camp.

If interested please see Nicole for further information.

Chaplain's Corner – The sound of silence

It was a moment I have never forgotten. Rather special. And very rare. It was the sound of silence. Simon and Garfunkel stuff. On a ridge high up in the majestic mountains of PNG's Eastern Highlands. Not a soul in sight. And not a sound. Nothing. No bird calls. No planes. Silence. Total. Deeply moving. Captivating in its own unusual way.

Silence seems to have gone out of fashion these days. When was the last time you heard the sound of silence? Our lives are filled with noise. All kinds. We plug our ears with sound so that not a moment is lost listening to something. Why this addiction to the racket of life? Why is silence such a rare commodity? And what might it mean for us and our families? Consider....

- **Silence helps us to reflect and think** – Our action packed, busy lives squeeze out the opportunity to ponder who we are, what drives us, where life is taking us, what might be the outcomes of our uncontrolled activity. We don't back up and review what we are about.
- **Silence helps us to check our priorities** – If we are not careful, we will be driven by the urgent, the things which we think have to happen. But are all these pressing demands of equal importance? Sure, some matters have deadlines. It pays to stop and re-order our world.
- **Silence helps us to ask the right questions** – If we are held prisoner to our long lists of things to do, we may simply be ticking boxes. We avoid the tough questions like, how am I going as a parent? What values am I living out? What are my kids learning from me?
- **Silence helps to calm our spirits** – Everyone has their own big issue to deal with. Taking time to be quiet helps us find a way to address the heavy stuff. Instead of constant noise, our hearts and minds find the gentle space to identify new ways of tackling that big issue.
- **Silence helps us name our hurts** – We are the products of our past. Hopefully our memory bank is mostly joyful and happy. But this is not so for all of us. Hidden deep within us is a truckload of pain, perhaps abuse. Silence helps us to find a perspective, a new way forward.
- **Silence helps us think ahead** – And we need to. What happens under our roof with our kids is not just about today. It is about forging the future for our family. What our kids pick up now will be with them for the rest of their days. Will it be a help or a hindrance? Your call.
- **Silence helps us sort out our motivation** – We need the quietness to check out what is really driving us. Our inner engine. If it is a call to love and serve, all is good. But if we are only meeting our needs, then ongoing crisis will rule the roost. Our kids will miss out.
- **Silence helps us get the larger picture of our lives** – We need to figure out how our leadership as parents is shaping the talents, the gifts, the attitudes of our kids. How is our behaviour equipping them to contribute to, and survive in, a very complex, confused world?
- **Silence helps us to be realists** – We cannot be everything to everyone. It cannot be done. We don't have the answer to every problem. Even with the best intentions, we cannot meet every need out there. We can only do our best and limits have to be set.
- **Silence helps us hang on** – Some tough issues will not simply go away. Life is not always kind. There are great people out there. But there are also users, free loaders who take advantage of generous souls. Quietness helps us to set wise boundaries and keep going.

Yes, it's hard to find complete silence. But we need to work at it. We can't hunt for silent mountain tops every day. That's impractical. But let's at least turn down the volume.

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