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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

REMINDERS FOR WEEK THREE: TERM THREE 2017

Friday August 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASSEMBLY 3pm
Monday August 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Club
Tuesday August 8 th	
Wednesday August 9 th	
Thursday August 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday August 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 3pm

YOU CAN DO IT! STARS

Getting Along – Caught 10 times Abby Saunders Chad Daniel Banjo Taylor Yarinda Thomas
 Shantae Keegan Melanie Price Jess McCluskey

Confidence – Caught 10 times Banjo Taylor Charlie Arnold Shantae Keegan

Resilience – Caught 10 times Ed Thompson

Persistence – Caught 10 times Shantae Keegan Eva Tait Hannah Rethus Melanie Price
 Abby Saunders Claire Munday Jess McCluskey Yarinda Thomas
 Matthew Rethus

Organisation – Caught 10 times Melanie Price Hamish McDougall

Getting Along-Caught 20 times Ed Thompson

Organisation–Caught 20 times Anthony Price Matthew Rethus William Rethus

Persistence- Caught 20 times Ed Thompson Julia Stiles

Academic Excellence – Caught 10 times
 Charlie Arnold Claire Munday Banjo Taylor Yarinda Thomas

Academic Excellence – Caught 20 times
 Lou Impey Alex Jacobson Chantelle Shemeld
 Callum Richardson

Our stars will receive their awards at tomorrow's assembly.

VISITING AUTHOR

Melbourne based author Alison Reynolds is set to help Bolwarra Primary School students 'Escape to Everywhere' next month when she visits the school as part of this year's Book Week festivities.

Author of more than 50 books, including bestselling "A Year with Marmalade," board books, picture books, chapter books and in collaboration with world-famous wildlife ranger Sean Willmore, "The Ranger in Danger choose your own adventure series," Alison will spend a day running exciting workshops with students.

Students and teachers will also take the opportunity to dress up as one of their favourite book characters and take part in a morning parade. This year's theme is Escape to Everywhere.

Book Day for Bolwarra will take place on Friday, August 25th.

Sally Poehland Library/Art Teacher

FREE FRUIT FRIDAY

Please note that Free Fruit will not be available until further notice

Remember to send along a piece of fruit with your child on Fridays if they want it.

A notice will appear in the newsletter when the Free Fruit Friday is to resume.

PARENT SURVEY

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst parents at each school.

It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. The survey will be conducted **online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7th August** to **Sunday 27th August**.

All responses to the survey are anonymous.

A letter attached to this newsletter has the link to the survey.

IMPORTANT EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 3 DATES

August	Wednesday	16 th	-	School Council
	Friday	25 th	}	Book Day activities
				Disco
September	Wednesday	30 th	-	Music Festival
	Thursday	31 st	-	District Basketball
	Friday	1 st	-	Father's Day Stall
	Thursday	14 th	-	Arts Council Performance - Zeeko
	Monday	18 th	-	Supercamp – Grade 3/4
	Tuesday	19 th	-	Supercamp – Grade 3/4
	Wednesday	20 th	-	Supercamp – Grade 3/4
	Friday	22 nd	}	Last Day of Term 3
		Assembly/Shared Lunch 12pm		

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following students and staff who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week: Jemma McFarlane (7 tomorrow); Mr Thompson on Tuesday; Jack Swanson (9) and Mrs Arthur on Wednesday and Janaya Grace (12) on Thursday.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

❖ Helpers are needed for 'Winter Warmers' morning tea **servicing** – please see roster in the office.

SMALL LEATHER JACKETS WANTED TO BORROW - Do you have a small leather jacket that could be borrowed for the Music Festival? Please send it along to the office (**with name attached**).

Could you please either bring it to school or confirm definitely so we know how many we have.

BOLWARRA BEANIES

IS YOUR CHILD FEELING THE COLD?

KEEPING THE HEAD WARM HELPS TO KEEP THE BODY WARM!
BOLWARRA BEANIES are available from the office @ a cost of \$10.00 each

Chaplain's Corner – The things we lose

It's one of those amusing statements. No doubt said at your place too from time to time: "No, it's not lost. It's just that we can't find it." That's been my little speech about a pair of driving glasses which had gone missing for about two months. I knew I hadn't lost my specs. Just couldn't find them anywhere. Well the lost item was found last weekend. A friend was checking out the engine bay of an old car of mine and announced, "Hey John, there's a pair of glasses in there!"

Yes, those specs had been in the engine bay all that time, even staying put when the car had been out for a drive recently. Please don't ask why I put them there in the first place. It's just what you do when you're checking oil levels and the like. But this started me wondering about the things which aren't lost around the home but which we often don't find....

- **We lose perspective** – Especially when life is complicated, full on and stressful (as it usually is for every family). Even minor items get attention they don't really deserve. We lose the capacity to figure out what has to be attended to and what should be set to one side.
- **We lose forgiveness** – We hang on to old hurts which keep us solidly stuck in the past. And we also hold on to old upsets which bog us down, ruin relationships and make us hard to live with.
- **We lose hope** – Instead of looking forward to each day, we are ready for life to go wrong, for the unexpected to hijack our family's happiness. Sure life is never problem free but it's hard work getting out of bed thinking that the day will be just another collection of setbacks.
- **We lose the positive** – Others are bound to let us down. You can only trust yourself, your own judgment about this and that. People are only out to get what they want from us. Their motives are always highly suspect. We think it's smart to be suspicious of others' motives.
- **We lose flexibility** – We can get stuck in doing things the same way when we might really need to change our tack. Some of us can think outside the box, of finding fresh ways of doing old things. But not all of us have this ability. We can't flex when new strategies might just make life easier.
- **We lose our cool** – Not hard to do if we are in overload mode. Family life is the real juggling act. Our expectations of our partner, our kids, of life in general may vary from reasonable to ridiculous. It's all too easy to blow a fuse when every day seems to be out of control.
- **We lose our inner peace** – This is a high price loss. It's not about being stress or hassle free. Life doesn't offer this option. Rather, it's about losing that quiet, inner sense deep within us that the tangles of life will unravel and make sense sooner or later.
- **We lose our listening role** – If we are a mess inside, we find it too overwhelming to give ear to our partners and our kids. We hear but we don't listen. We miss their joys, their concerns, their anxieties. We become a brick wall. We are tuned out without realising it.
- **We lose the fun dimension** – If we are wound up like a spring, we stop laughing. Joy becomes a foreign concept. We don't see the amusing side of life. Worse, we can't laugh at our own funny ways and frailties because our days have become super serious.
- **We lose our connections** – Even with ourselves. We don't pay attention to what our bodies are saying. So we stop eating the right meals or getting enough rest. Pretty soon we are losing loving contact with our families and friends. We become a closed book not letting anyone get near.

Where to from here then? My mate found my lost glasses in an odd place. So, why not be open to the encouragement and help of friends? We may need them to help us find what we may have lost.

John – stay in touch resimmo@gmail.com

