

NUMBER 18

15th JUNE 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

REMINDERS FOR WEEK TEN: TERM TWO 2017

Friday June 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASSEMBLY 3pm • Disco
Monday June 19 th	
Tuesday June 20 th	
Wednesday June 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council 7pm
Thursday June 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Food Day
Friday June 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASSEMBLY 3pm

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS – Grade 1/2E

Our Exceptional Students this week are Zarah Bott, Julia Stiles and William Rethus



Zarah is an exceptional student as she has the ability to include her classmates in all activities. Her enthusiasm is infectious; she is a natural leader who children want to be around. Her empathy, kindness and thoughtfulness towards her classmates is a wonder to behold. Zarah is always striving to achieve her best by being highly organised and persistent. What a great friend you are Zarah!

Julia is an exceptional student who is a positive role model for others in the class. She consistently works to the best of her ability and at the moment is achieving wonderful academic growth in writing. Julia displays great resilience, never complaining and quickly bouncing back from disappointments. Julia always thinks of others by offering a helping hand. Great Job Julia!

William is an exceptional student who is very resilient. He is as cool as a cucumber. William takes everything in his stride. He is never fazed due to his wonderful sense of fun and easy going nature. He is always happy and enthusiastically tackles school life. William is extremely focused in class and always works to the best of his ability. He is honest and caring towards his peers. He is always on the go. Well done William!

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

YOU CAN DO IT! STARS

Academic Excellence – Caught 10 times

Paddy Impey Ava Jacobson Ben Twomey Julia Stiles
 Ed Thompson

Getting Along – Caught 10 times

Lou Impey Paddy Impey Kelvin Moore Dakota Oliver
 Alyssa Tait Charlie Arnold Zarah Bott
 Claire Munday Jemma McFarlane

Resilience – Caught 10 times

Arlee Holmes-Wilson

Persistence – Caught 10 times

Sanjay Fenton Seth Price Michael Wood Kiah Cashin Dakota Oliver Alyssa Tait
 Banjo Taylor Zarah Bott Ed Thompson Julia Stiles Eva Tait Jemma McFarlane

Organisation – Caught 10 times

Mykibie Trigger

Organisation – Caught 20 times

Alex Jacobson Paddy Impey Ava Jacobson Dakota Oliver Alyssa Tait Gracie Piergrosse
 Ben Twomey Arlee Holmes-Wilson

Getting Along – Caught 20 times

Arlee Holmes-Wilson

CONFIDENCE

**may not bring success
 but it gives power to
 face any challenge.**

Our stars will receive their awards at tomorrow's assembly at 3pm

New Student – Grade 4



Last week we welcomed Xavier Boyadjian-Dinic to our school. Xavier, brother of Zeke, is in grade 4.

Xavier will be introduced to our school community at our assembly this week.

NO FOOD DAY – Thursday June 22nd

The student leaders have declared a 'No Food' day for Bolwarra (it is actually only 5 hours).

Purpose: To have empathy with how Chrispus may experience some days at schools, not having food available.
To raise money to help Chrispus

What: Casual Clothes Day – gold coin donation
No eating from 10am to 3pm.

Student leaders will collect lunch boxes at 10am and return them at 3pm.

All students will fill out a survey prior to 10am and then at 3pm about how they are feeling.

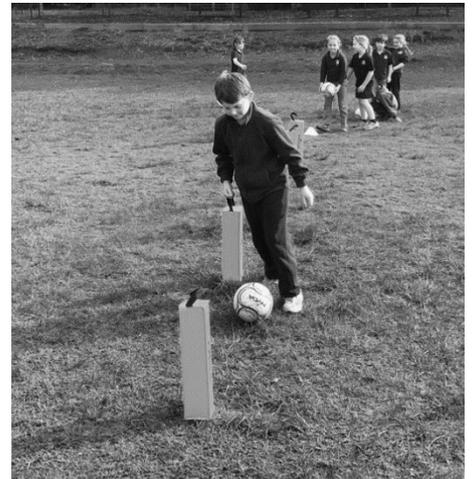
Fruit/vegetables will be available at a cost for very hungry students.

SPORTING SCHOOLS



At lunch times Jake Davies (soccer coach) has been conducting our Sporting Schools program. All students have access to at least 4 sessions each.

They are learning the basic skills of soccer in a fun way while having access to the senior Portland teams coach.



WORKING BEE – Sunday June 25th 1pm

There will be lots of general cleaning of the yard to do including trimming, weeding and sweeping. Specialised jobs will be advertised in next week's newsletters.

A BBQ lunch will be supplied.

IMPORTANT EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES

June	Friday	16 th	-	[Great South Coast Health Behaviours Study – Grade 2, 4 & 6. Disco
	Wednesday	21 st	-	
	Thursday	22 nd	-	No food day
	Sunday	25 th	-	Working Bee 1pm
	Friday	30 th	-	Last Day of Term 2
				Assembly/Shared Lunch 12pm

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IMPORTANT EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 3 DATES

July	Monday	17 th	-	Day 1 Term 3
	Friday	21 st	-	'Diary of a Wombat' workshop
	Monday	24 th	-	Life Education
	Tuesday	25 th	-	Life Education
	Monday	31 st	-	'Diary of a Wombat' performance
August	Tuesday	29 th	[OR]	Music Festival
	Wednesday	30 th		
	Thursday	31 st		-
September	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 Ava Jacobson who celebrated her birthday yesterday and whose birthday mention was accidentally forgotten in last week's newsletter; and together with Arlee Holmes-Wilson was, omitted from the June calendar.

Happy birthday to Briah Burford who turns 12 tomorrow, Seth Price (9) and Nicole Chapple who will celebrate their birthday on Saturday, and Arlee Holmes-Wilson who turns 6 next Thursday.

PARENTS CLUB

WINTER WARMER....Brrrrrrrr!!!!

Thank you for all the support on our first Winter Warmer Day; we raised over \$70.

If you would like to donate baked goods to be sold they would be very much appreciated. Please see Nicole or Bonnie. We will be continuing this fundraiser – Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st. Milo/Hot Drinks/Muffins - \$1ea.

Lunch Roster: Friday, 16th June –Anitha and Kerry. Friday, 23rd June – Anitha and Sarah.

SPARE CLOTHING FOR SCHOOL

If you have any school clothing (of all sizes) that your child has grown out of, and would like to donate to school to be used as spares, please drop them off at the office. If your child has required a change of clothes at school, **please wash and return them as soon as possible.**

Research reveals that 60% of children aged under 12 cannot swim 50 metres without assistance.....




Term 3 enrolments open now!

LEARN TO SWIM

only \$12.75 per week

Swimming strokes such as freestyle and backstroke are an important part of swimming. However it's vital your children learn personal survival skills, not for just the pool, but rivers, lakes and the ocean. With YMCA Swimming Lessons, your child will learn these lifesaving skills

Call or email Kerri on 5521 7174 or kerri.jennings@ymca.org.au



PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS

Blue Light

DESPICABLE ME 3

PORTLAND BLUE LIGHT DISCO & MOVIE

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH

PORTLAND CIVIC HALL
30 BENTINCK STREET PORTLAND

6.30 - 10PM | 9 TO 14 YEAR OLDS

DESPICABLE ME 3 MOVIE FOLLOWED BY OUR DISCO

CONTACT: LSC LEE-ANNE NELSON 03 5522 1500

PLEASE NOTE MOVIE IS OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC

NO PASS OUTS | PARENTS TO BRING CHILDREN TO THE DOOR

PORTLAND BLUE LIGHT DISCO
PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO LIKE THE PAGE IF YOU ARE UNDER 13

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PORTLAND RUNNERS CLUB PRESENTS

2017 WINTER SOLSTICE FUN RUN

June 18

5K - 9K - 15K

WALK OR RUN PLUS A KIDS RUN

'Light up the shortest day'

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Chaplain's Corner – Who's got the remote control?

Does it happen at your place? Do you lose your TV remote control as often as we do? Along with several others, like the DVD player? We are a pretty organised duo. We know where most things are most of the time. But not remote controls. What's worse, we hit the mute when the commercials arrive. We go elsewhere for whatever and soon return. Oops, where's the remote control? Let's get the sound back. It's gone, who knows where?

And how good is it to have a remote control for the car? You can lock and unlock it from forty paces away. Clever. Can even do it from inside the house. Saves all the hassle of fooling around with keys. One of our boys has a spa. A friend with their family arrived to use it. He was miles away. Got the SMS to say that they were there so he simply turned the spa on using his phone. That's real remote control. But is there a risk in all of this? Have a think about it...

- **Our families can't be managed by remote control** – Life with our kids is a complete hands on deal. There are no buttons to push. Our smart phones don't have the app for bringing up our particular family.
- **Remote controls do save effort** – They are time and energy savers. But our families eat up our time and effort. Kids invade our space, reorganize our priorities, drain the finances, challenge our wisdom, introduce us to stress and generally change our lives forever after.
- **Remote approaches to parenting don't work** – Kids love being around mum and dad. They guide, provide, protect and love their brood. There are no short cuts, no remote buttons to push. It's about being on deck with the family. Not smothering them; just being there.
- **But some parents try the remote approach** – They don't have time to listen about what happened at school today. They don't fire in questions. Games don't get played. They know very little about the world of their children. Why? They don't have the time to get involved.
- **It's possible not to lose that remote control** – Just put it back in the same place last thing at night, or when you leave the room. Have a remote control parking space if you like. This is where a bit of routine or system delivers. The mad hunt around the cushions or under the lounge is ended.
- **And here lies the secret about being a hands on mum and dad** – Instead of wheeling out excuses like being too busy, over committed or weary, wheel in some systems, routines which are known by the family and readily switched on.
- **Being anti remote is not hard** – Work out what's best at your place. Shift work? Plan around it. Sporting or community have to's? Plan around these too. Figure out family routines which are easy to recall and act upon. Systems which kids will remember and value.
- **And it starts early** – When the kids are young. Reading a story before bedtime is a common family routine. Stay with it as the kids grow into primary school. As they grow older, preserve this time for listening, for conversations, for problem solving, for sharing what's going on.
- **You are on call** – There's a regular miscalculation made by many parents: they seriously underestimate their influence on their kids. Your kids are watching you all the time, listening in to your conversations, noting your priorities, working out if you really do enjoy their company.
- **Kids need control but not the remote kind** – And this is not the heavy-handed stuff either. It's about setting positive and respectful boundaries, being kind and patient. It's about showing what mature teamwork, support and co-operation actually look like. They learn these skills from you.

Sadly, there are many parents trying to run their homes by remote control. It won't work. The joy of family life is be hands on, to train responsible citizens to contribute to an increasingly complex world.

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