

NUMBER 8

23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### REMINDERS FOR WEEK NINE: TERM ONE 2017

Friday March 24 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No Assembly</b></li> </ul>
Monday March 27 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming 1/2E, 4/5A &amp; 2/3C</li> </ul>
Tuesday March 28 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming PrepM &amp; 5/6T</li> </ul>
Wednesday March 29 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Thursday March 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Friday March 31 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>P.J. Day</b></li> <li>• <b>Assembly/Easter Raffle/Shared Lunch</b></li> </ul>

### FUNDRAISING 2017 – Sponsorship for Chrispus



**Name:** Chrispus Oyera

**Date of Birth** 09/10/2006

**Age** 10

**Gender** Male

**Chrispus lives with his mother and sister.**

His mother is sometimes employed. There are six other children living in the household.

**Chrispus helps with the following duties at home:**

Carrying water      Caring for siblings      Cleaning

**Chrispus's favourite activities and interests include:**

Art or Drawing; Ball games; Sunday School/Church Bible class

**Chrispus attends school.**

Chrispus is in the school equivalent of year 4. Chrispus's favourite subject is Physical Education.

**Our first fundraising day is Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> – Come to school in P.J's. & bring a gold coin donation**

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - ED THOMPSON

Ed's goals in writing are to use capital letters and full stops, also to use expensive words. The following is a recount where Ed achieves his goals and shows academic achievement.

#### *Sports Day*

*I woke up at a completely random time. I had crumpets for breakfast. Mmmmmmm Yummy. I got my shorts, shirt, shoes and socks on. After I got in my car and went to sports. I unpacked. I made sure I had my hat. I realised I was all set for the running sports event. I set my brain into learning mode and ran ran ran all the way around the enormous oval. I did not do good but I ran as fast as I could. Next I got serious because I had to learn to run fast. Girls went first and boys came second. The girls stepped up and got into position to run fast. Then Craig said ready, set, go!!! The girls ran ran ran until they got around the oval. After the boys stepped up. They got in position. Craig said ready, set, go!!!! The boys and me raced around the oval. I did not do good but I'm fast. The champ was Brad from Narrawong. Now I was at High Jump. I tried to jump over but my kangaroo feet touched the bar. ... (to be continued)*

### YOU CAN DO IT! STARS

**Academic Excellence – Caught 10 times**

Sam Fidge

**Organisation – Caught 10 times**

Rebecca Goode

Kade Perkins

Akaysha Moore

Alex Jacobson

**No Assembly tomorrow, the students above will receive their awards on March 31<sup>st</sup> at the 12pm assembly.**

## DISTRICT SWIMMING

Recently Tiarna Keegan represented our school at the Division Swimming in Warrnambool. Tiarna competed in the freestyle and backstroke. In the backstroke Tiarna was 14<sup>th</sup> overall and 27<sup>th</sup> in freestyle. What was most impressive was Tiarna's improvement from the District Swimming. In backstroke she improved 6.53 seconds and 1.68 seconds in freestyle. This improvement was due to Tirana putting in extra effort at the pool. Thanks to Tiarna's Dad, Shane, for getting Tiarna to Warrnambool

## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>

The 15 minute time allocation will give you the opportunity to talk to your child's teacher specifically about your child's academic progress (mainly in literacy and numeracy) and social development (behaviour). Interview times will go home first day of Term 2.

Students will be expected to attend school on Wednesday as normal. Miss Poehland, a CRT and I will be taking the students for special activities.

## IMPORTANT TERM 1 DATES

<b>March</b>	Friday	31 <sup>st</sup>	-	{ PJ Day Assembly/Shared Lunch/Easter Raffle 12pm Last Day of Term
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## IMPORTANT EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES

<b>April</b>	Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	-	First Day of Term 2
	Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>ANZAC Day</b>
	Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	-	Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	-	Division Athletics in Warrnambool
<b>May</b>	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	-	{ District Golf Parents Club 9am
	Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	-	NAPLAN – Literacy
	Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	-	NAPLAN – Reading
	Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	-	NAPLAN – Numeracy
	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	-	{ Mothers' Day Stall a.m. Rural Cross-Country p.m.
	Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Photos
	Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	-	District Cross-Country
	Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	-	Division Cross-Country in Warrnambool
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	-	Winter Series (Football, soccer & netball – Grade 5/6)	
<b>June</b>	Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Parents Club 9:15am
	Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	-	Queen's Birthday Holiday
	Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Last Day of Term 2

**LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following students who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:-

Lou Impey (8) tomorrow; Ethan Smith (10) on Sunday; Johnathon and Rebecca Goode (11) and Alex Jacobson (9) on Tuesday.

## PARENTS CLUB –

- ❖ **LUNCH ROSTER tomorrow, Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March** – John & Judith.
- ❖ **EASTER RAFFLE - EGG DONATIONS** – Don't forget to bring your donation to school by next Thursday morning so we can make up the hampers. We ask all families to make an egg donation which enables us to have numerous prizes.

**LAST DAY OF TERM SHARED LUNCH** – Information for new families to the school – On the last day of each term following assembly at 12pm, we have a shared lunch. Each family brings along a small plate of food to share which can be brought to school in the morning and left in the staff preparation room (next to the staff room); This will be set up on tables outside the staff room. More information in next week's newsletter.

## **BULB ORDER FUNDRAISER**

**Don't forget to place your order.**

**Order Forms are due back at school by the last day of term.**

**FRIDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

## **DISCO HELPERS:**

Mr Thompson, Briah, Janaya, Abby, Talisha, Maddie, John, Ben (Hockley), Sonya, Stephanie, Jonathon & Rebecca (Goode), Kirsten Richardson, Roxanne Spiteri, Bonnie Taylor, Piper (Tucker) and Andreena.

Thank you to everyone who came, and to the families who donated things to sell.

We made \$357.00 for the grade 5/6 camp.

## **CSEF FUNDING FORMS: - Health Care Card Holders.**

Just a reminder to families who have a **Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card**, that you are eligible to apply for Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding. The forms are available at the office. These funds are paid directly to the school to be utilised for school programs related to camps, sports and excursions.

See Nicole for enquiries.

## Family Together Night (FTN)

Join us for fun-filled evenings of activities, games, Bible stories, crafts, music and movies for the whole family to enjoy.....together.

We meet monthly on a Friday night and share tea as part of our programme.  
This is church with a difference—come and see!



When: For our next FTN date, please contact Ben or Talisha.

Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm.

Where: Bolwarra Uniting Church.

Cost: Adults \$3.00, Secondary Students \$2.00,  
Primary Students \$1.00, Pre-schoolers free

Details: Ben Hockley, Talisha Hockley

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## **FREE CONTEMPORARY DANCE WORKSHOP**

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## **CHUNKY MOVE**

**One of Australia's most innovative,  
Awarded and internationally recognised performing arts companies.**

**April 7, 11am-12.30pm**

**Portland Civic Hall**

**Ages: 12-18yrs - boys & girls**

**No dance experience required.**

**Bookings essential by Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**Call Portland Arts Centre on 5522 2263**

## Chaplain's Corner – Peacemaker or troublemaker?

What does a healthy school community look like? It's not just a collection of buildings where teachers do their thing. We all know better than that. Family and school are in teamwork in so many ways. Right up there is the pressing need to learn how to get along with others. And not just those who think like us, or have the same interests, or speak the same way, or who share our priorities. It's much more. It's about learning how to cope with those who are just the opposite – the people who think differently, have different interests, who express themselves differently, whose priorities are very different from ours. Sadly, we don't have to look too far to find people who don't have a clue how to manage their relationships. If we are not careful, our kids will think it's normal to cut people off, be rude to them, put them down and look the other way. How then might families and school really build a strong sense of community?

- **Let's face it – community building requires effort** – It's a pushover getting along with the people and families who are on our wavelength. What about those who are not? This is where the effort is required. We have to do more than simply write them off.
- **The school community lays the groundwork** – The "high five" strategy is a winner for students when tensions arise: ignore, talk friendly, walk away, talk firmly and only then report. In other words, you work hard at resolving the tension first before asking for assistance.
- **Come to think of it, this should work for families too** – Parents can feel really burnt off if they are forever having to sort out battles between siblings, friends or other students. It happens. The real need is to back off and show kids how to deal well with such tensions.
- **There's nothing wrong with being concerned or protective** – Mums and dads are wired this way. But always fighting your kids' battles is short-sighted. Much better to start off with a strategy of your own. Listening is first up. When this goes wrong, try to get a clear picture.
- **A few things to remember** – We all know them. There are at least two sides to any upset. Your child will have their angle, as you'd expect. Nothing wrong with that. But be assured, the same situation will probably be seen very differently by another. Where does the truth lie?
- **Beware what happens in the heat of the moment** – Tempers and pulse rates increase. Immediate action driven by anger or emotion will backfire. And will be of no help to your kid or anybody else for that matter. You will have plenty of time to regret hasty reactions.
- **Yes, things do go wrong at home and at school** – We're all human. Any child is capable of doing the wrong thing, yours included. Rushing to judgement and blaming others are unhelpful. Apologies may be needed in both directions.
- **Give wisdom a chance** – Stand back. Do your best to be objective. Be careful about taking your kids side straight off. Be wise too: is your child cleverly pushing your buttons to get you on side? Truth can be a dreadful casualty when the chips are down.
- **The real goal is to reduce the need for adult intervention** – Has your child tried to deal with the problem? With what outcome? If they've tried to sort a problem out (even if it hasn't worked), they deserve encouragement to keep focussed on working through the tricky stuff.

Difficult moments are part of home and school life. The health of the school community relies on parents working with teachers constructively to produce a generation of peacemakers. None of us want to rear mindless troublemakers. Our world has enough of those already.

**John** – stay in touch [revsimmo@gmail.com](mailto:revsimmo@gmail.com)

## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>

- Every parent will have a 15 minute opportunity to speak to their child's teacher.
- A 15 minute time allocation will give you the opportunity to talk specifically about your child's academic progress (mainly in literacy and numeracy) and social development (behaviour).
- If more time is need then you will need to organise another appointment.
- Interview times will go home in the first week of Term 2.
- Students will be expected to attend school on Wednesday as normal. Miss Poehland , a CRT and I will be taking the students for special activities.

### **Interviews will be held in the classrooms**

- If you are unable to attend on this time please contact your child's teacher and arrange an alternative time.

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**PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS - WEDNESDAY APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>**

**This is a normal school day for all children.**

FAMILY NAME .....

CHILDREN'S NAMES .....

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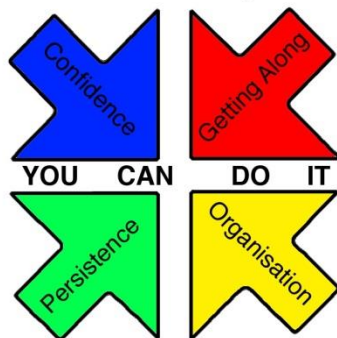
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Please select suitable time block/s and return this form to school by **Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Appointment times will be given out at the start of Term 2

- 8.00 am to 8.30 am
- 8.30 am to 9.00 am
- 9:00 am to 10:00 am
- 10:00 am to 11:00 am
- 11.30 am to 12.30 pm
- 1:15 pm to 2.00 pm
- 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm
- 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm
- 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm
- 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm
- 5.00 pm to 5.30 am
- This day does not suit. I will make alternative arrangements.

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