

BOLWARRA

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



REMINDERS FOR WEEK TEN: TERM ONE 2017

Friday March 31 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.J. Day • Assembly/Easter Raffle/Shared Lunch 12pm
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REMINDERS FOR WEEK ONE: TERM TWO 2017

Monday April 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Monday - No School
Tuesday April 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1 Term 2
Wednesday April 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teacher Interviews - All students to attend school
Thursday April 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday April 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASSEMBLY 3pm

FUNDRAISING 2017 – Sponsorship for Chrispus

Our first fundraising day is tomorrow Friday March 31st

Come to school in P.J's.



& bring a gold coin donation

YOU CAN DO IT! STARS

Academic Excellence – Caught 10 times

Luke Fidge Ayden Perkins Abby McFarlane Jonathon Goode

Organisation – Caught 10 times

Matilda Cashin Lexi Araldi-Box Paddy Impey Ava Jacobson Kelvin Moore
 Alyssa Tait Ben Twomey Banjo Taylor William Rethus Ed Thompson Gracie Piergrosse
 Charlie Arnold Julia Stiles Eva Tait Zarah Bott Shantae Keegan Jessica McCluskey
 Claire Munday Matthew Rethus Jemma McFarlane

Our stars will receive their certificates at Assembly tomorrow at 12pm.

HAVE YOU GOT AN IDEA TO HELP OUR STUDENTS?

Later in Term 2 we are considering having organised play in our Lunch break from 2:10 to 2:30pm. If you are able to help, either with an idea or can run an activity, please let me know.

Ring school on 5529 2374 or e-mail me at gibbons.lee.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW FORMS TO BE RETURNED TOMORROW

SCHOOL COUNCIL- PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Please see report in this newsletter.

SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICIES

The Excursion Policy and Incurion Policy were both passed at the most recent School Council meeting. Both policies can be accessed on our website - bolwarraps.global2.vic.edu.au/

POLICY ON WEBSITE DISTRICT ATHLETICS

The following students represented our school; Zaidin Van Zyl, Jack Swanson, Emma Butler, Seth Price, Kiah Cashin, Esther Thompson, Lachie Compton, Ayden Perkins, Mitch Finck, Charlie Piergrosse, Rebecca Goode, Hamish Storrie, Abby McFarlane, Briah Burford, Talisha Hockley, Kade Perkins, Tiarna Keegan, Alex Twomey, Janaya Grace, Angus Impey, Taya Field, , Elaina Cocks, Maddy Amundsen and Morris Richardson.

Thank you to Michelle Finck who ran a High Jump event. Also to Renee Keegan, Sally McMahan, Jay Finck and Andrew Butler who were seen helping during the day. Apologies if I missed anyone. Thanks to Mr Thompson and Mrs Arthur for running the High Jump and looking after our team all day.

Students who gained placings on the day were as follows;

Tiarna Keegan 2nd in High Jump, 3rd in 800 metres and Discus
Alex Twomey 2nd in Triple Jump, 3rd in 100 metres & 4th in Hurdles
Kade Perkins 2nd in Triple Jump 4th in 800 metres and Hurdles
Angus Impey 2nd in Shot Put
Mitch Finck 1st in Triple Jump and High Jump , 2nd in 100 metres.
Charlie Piergrosse 3rd in Shot Put
Lachie Compton 1st in 800 metres, 2nd in Long Jump and 3rd in High Jump & 100 metres
Abby McFarlane 3rd in High Jump
Hamish Storrie 3rd in 800 metres & 4th in Triple Jump
Janaya Grace 2nd in Hurdles & 4th in Long Jump and 100 metres

9 Year Boys Relay 4th : Jack Swanson Zaidin Van Zyl
10 Year Girls Relay 3rd : Tiarna Keegan Elaina Cocks Alex Twomey
11 Year Boys Relay 2nd : Mitch Finck Lachie Compton Mitch Finck
11 Year Girls Relay 3rd : Maddy Amundsen
12 Year Girls Relay 2nd : Janaya Grace Abby McFarlane Talisha Hockey Briah Burford

Mitch (100 metres, High Jump & Triple Jump), Lachie (200, 800 & 1500 metres), Hamish (800 & 1500), Tiarna (1500 metres), Alex (100, 200 & Hurdles) and Janaya (100 metres & Hurdles) have qualified for the next level to be held in Warrnambool on Thursday April 27th.

IMPORTANT EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES

April	Tuesday	18 th	-	First Day of Term 2
	Tuesday	25 th	-	ANZAC Day
	Wednesday	26 th	-	Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Thursday	27 th	-	Division Athletics in Warrnambool
May	Monday	1 st	-	{ District Golf Parents Club 9am
	Tuesday	9 th	-	NAPLAN – Literacy
	Wednesday	10 th	-	NAPLAN – Reading
	Thursday	11 th	-	NAPLAN – Numeracy
	Friday	12 th	-	Mothers 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
	Wednesday	31 st	-	Winter Series (Football, soccer & netball – Grade 5/6)
	June	Monday	5 th	-
Monday		12 th	-	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday		30 th	-	Last Day of Term 2

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

SHARED LUNCH- TOMORROW (at conclusion of 12pm Assembly)

Each family to bring along a small plate of food to share – these can be brought to school in the morning and left on the tables in the staff preparation room.
Any foods that require heating, such as cocktail sausages, sausage rolls etc. can also be left in the morning and heating will be organized.
Please collect plates/containers before going home.

Please follow our 'No Nut' policy – for Bolwarra Primary 'Nut Free' means:-

- **No nuts or nut products**
- **No products that state 'May Contain Traces of Nuts' that are manufactured overseas**
- **Students can however, bring foods that state 'May Contain Traces of Nuts' IF those foods are manufactured in Australia. These foods are considered**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following students who will celebrate their birthday during the holiday period:- Kelvin Moore (6); Akaysha Moore (9); Azariah Russell (7); Kade Perkins (10); Charlie Piergrosse (11) and Brayden StJohn (11).

PARENTS CLUB - EASTER RAFFLE – Thank-You to everyone who brought egg donations and sold raffle tickets. Any late donations/raffle tickets and money can be brought to the office first thing in the morning.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We held our AGM at the last meeting where we officially welcomed Jacci Piergrosse and Sally McMahon to Council (for twelve month terms) who replace Simon Goode and Karen Field. We also said goodbye and to Beth Arthur and welcomed Adam Thomson. From all of us at Council thank you for the efforts of those outgoing members and we bring on the ideas and knowledge of the incoming ones! A special thanks to Beth for all of her knowledge and support.

All positions were declared open and we went to the polls! The results:
President - Me (Anna Impey)
Vice President – Deb Schultz
Secretary - Nicole Chapple
Assistant Secretary - Casey Taylor
Treasurer - Janie Jacobsen
Assistant Treasurer - Lucas Munday
General: Jacci Piergrosse, Sally McMahon, Adam Thompson, Lee Gibbons

Once the formalities were over we got straight into our first meeting as a new council. Lee's Principal's report, covering: *Achievement, Engagement, Wellbeing, Productivity and other* again detailed the many things both he, the staff and the students have taken part in since we last met. This includes a range of things from Rural Athletics, to Building Better Schools Coaching Sessions, Student safety and wellbeing meetings, to principal's meetings and forums and the appointment of Annie and Jake (big congrats). A lot is covered so please feel free to catch up with Lee for an overview or more info if you desire. Last month my stand out in the report was the way in which we were forging ahead with the AIP, to tie in with this, or maybe just coincidentally we had a visit from Lee's Supervisor Lindy as well as Michael Fitzgerald who is the Education Department's Area Manager for our region. Both were extremely positive and impressed with the way in which our school in progressing and implementing programs, using our initiative and getting things done. This is a huge wrap for Lee and the staff and something we should all be proud of and instill another level of confidence in all of us.

The response to the Volunteer Survey's weren't great, but we will continue to work on connecting families to the school and utilizing the skills of individuals. Council will work on organizing a working bee a term, positioning and updating an information board in the foyer and also looking at putting on a couple of breakfasts for students and their parents. We really want to encourage a community feel around our school and see this as a real driver for Council to keep pushing.... the more we get to know each other, each other's children, other teachers etc. the more robust and positives the outcomes for our school will become. I think as parents/guardians we too can learn a lot from the five foundations!

Local MP Roma Britnell will be visiting our school on 26th April, I have asked her to come and take a look at what we have achieved since the portable was removed, I think it's important for people to see how we managed and worked through the issue, I have also asked her for assistance in tapping into the decision makers in parliament to look at funding to do up the grade 5/6 room...as always if you have any ideas please catchup with me.

We will be talking to the Bolwarra Hall Committee about the options for parking in winter...as most of you will be aware we usually have to flag off the grassed area in front of the tennis courts due to the ground becoming too soft and boggy. It is hoped that we can get some limestone put on this so family can still park here in the winter months. Just an observation we are also noticing parents are still parking on the opposite side of the road along Robertson's Road.... which is illegal, there are no standing signs along that side of the road. For the safety of your child can we please ask you not to park there...it really is dangerous, as is illegally backing out of the designated car parks in front of the music room. School pick up and drop off is a busy time, with children going every which way, we cannot reinforce enough to follow the road rules and minimize the risk of injury.

General matters discussed included having the netball court repaired (we have noticed a large crack in the corner) as well as having the lines marked on it. We are looking at getting a quote to put colour bond around the music room...most of you will agree that the outside of the room requires some TLC...for those who are not aware, this building belongs to us as a school, we asked for this to be handed over to us when we lost the portable, in the first instance this room was marked to be removed also, so all maintenance done on this is at the cost of the school. Just on this room, a huge thanks to the parents club for giving the funds to put new carpet in the room.

As always please feel free to talk to me about anything you may like to bring up at school council or if you have any ideas on things we can be doing to improve our school.

I hope you all have a great Easter break!

See you in term 2!

Cheers Anna

PORTLAND ARTS CENTRE - 'It Ain't Easy Being Elvis'

TWO SHOWS

FRIDAY 7th APRIL 2017 – 2.00PM & 7.30PM

2.00pm show All Tickets - \$25

7.30pm – Adult - \$40.00, Concession \$37.50;

Group 8+ \$38.50 and Under 18's \$28.00

Tickets: www.portlandartscentre.com.au or call 5522 2263

Chaplain's Corner – Found any tennis balls lately?

It's amazing what you find when you start a tidy up. Take our garden for instance. We've done a lot of clearing lately. Just pulling out bushes which had taken over. So far, we've found ten tennis balls. Reminders of cricket matches with the family when they've been visiting. You know the story – the ball disappears into the bushes. Can't find it. No problem. We've got a spare somewhere.

Have you noticed how easy it is to lose things – and not just tennis balls? High on my list are car keys, my wallet and glasses. Yet, it's not only things that we lose. In the lives of busy families, it's very easy to lose track of even more important matters. Check out this list and then add your own....

- **We lose our cool** – Dead easy when the stresses mount up, weariness checks in and frustrations surround us. It only takes just one critical comment, or annoying behaviour to lead to raised voices and unhappy exchanges. The straw breaks the camel's back.
- **We lose our perspective** – The way we look at what's going on inside us, in our families, in our getting along with others. Almost without warning, we start to see things negatively. Life gangs up on us. Clear mindedness goes out the window. Little things become very big.
- **We lose our ability to cope** – As our kids grow and mature, we have to put in much more time and energy. The family taxi is increasingly on the road. Running the house, paying the bills, keeping the peace all take effort. Life is not straightforward. We struggle to keep up.
- **We lose our inner space** – No one can keep up the pace without taking time out. Some of us try to be all things to all people, our families especially. It can't be done. We lose our down time; the ways we unwind go missing. We don't catch our breath when we need to. We run ragged.
- **We lose hope** – Some us are born optimists. Many of us are not. We say that problems come in "threes". When one situation goes belly up, we wait for the next catastrophe. It only takes one family member who's hard to handle. Life becomes draining. We feel like giving up.
- **We lose connections** – Sadly, when difficulties and tensions gang up on us, particularly in families, it's easy to write people off. It may seem easier not to talk to those who really should be close to us. Families splinter. Talking stops. Love is exhausted. Long-term gaps arrive and stay.

So, where to now? How do we find what we're losing or even lost? There are some things worth trying. Most are obvious when you take a step back. For example....

- **Take a look at what's going well** – Positive perspectives can be restored by recognising what's going well. Three meals a day? Mostly healthy? Roof over the head? Stop and be thankful for what you do have. Millions in this world don't have what we take for granted.
- **Check out your commitments** – Families can be seriously over committed. Trying to do too much. All with good intentions. But take a moment. What can we put on the shelf for a while? How do we create a little more space just to unwind, relax, enjoy each other, stay off the road?
- **Try to renew broken ties** – What's the point of hanging on to old hurts, disagreements, past upsets? Not much actually. Leave the door open to reconnect. Forgiveness is powerful. Sure, you can only do what you can do. But clear the way for a fresh start.

Above all, leave room for love. Not the mushy, half-baked stuff we see on TV soapies. The real kind. Love reclaims the losses. As we accept our own rough edges, we are better able to accept the rough edges in our kids and wider family circle. We can find what we've lost – including tennis balls!

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