



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



REMINDERS FOR WEEK EIGHT: TERM FOUR 2016

Friday November 18 th	• ASSEMBLY 3pm
Monday November 21 st	• Grade 5/6 Camp
Tuesday November 22 nd	• Grade 5/6 Camp
Wednesday November 23 rd	• Grade 5/6 Camp
Thursday November 24 th	• Grade 5/6 Camp
Friday November 25 th	• Grade 5/6 Camp • International Day of Disability at Civic Hall – Grade 4 students • No ASSEMBLY

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS – 1/2E

Our Exceptional Students this week are Harvey Stratton, Julia Stiles and Chantelle Shemeld.



Harvey is an exceptional student who continues to display great resilience. You will never hear him complaining and he is always tolerant of others. He is a reliable friend to his classmates. Harvey knows when it is important to listen and to be organised. He is prepared to tackle all tasks with real gusto and it is wonderful to see the great progress in his reading. Well done Harvey on a fantastic effort.

Julia is an exceptional student who is now prepared to take risks. She realises it is O.K to have a go even when she is not 100% sure. Julia has developed her confidence whereby she will share her answers knowing her comments are valued. She is a great friend and will always show empathy towards

others. Julia, our Miss Reliable. I'm always confident that you are doing the best you can.

Chantelle is an exceptional student because she always tries to do her best. She confidently and carefully works on all tasks showing great persistence to get the job done. Chantelle thinks of others, being tolerant of other children's differences, and likes to help where she can. She has the happy knack of being able to make people feel happy and valued. Great Job Chantelle!

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

YOU CAN DO IT! STARS

Confidence - Caught 10 times	Chad Daniel	William Rethus	Ethan Smith
Resilience – Caught 10 times	Chase Baker Charlie Arnold	William Rethus Charlee Coates	Banjo Taylor Jessica McCluskey
Persistence – Caught 10 times	Kiah Cashin	Eva Tait	Willow Iversen
Getting Along–Caught 10 times	Kiah Cashin		
Academic Excellence–Caught 10 times		Lachlan Clifford Ethan Smith	Hamish McDougall
Getting Along – Caught 20 times	Chase Baker Jack Swanson	Banjo Taylor	Jessica McCluskey
Organisation - Caught 20 times	Chase Baker	Jessica McCluskey	
Academic Excellence - Caught 20 times	Brandon Wood	Daniel Goode Angus Impey	Elliot Munday Zarah Bott

Academic Excellence - Caught 50 times

Hayley Fidge

LAPS – 50	Jacob Sutherland	Marcus Zeunert			
LAPS – 100	Jonathon Goode Melanie Price	Anthony Price	Luke Fidge	Rebecca Goode	Sam Fidge

Our You Can Do It! stars will be presented with their awards at assembly tomorrow at 3pm.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE – Michael Wood

At assembly a few Fridays back we highlighted the Academic Achievement of Michael Wood in Mathematics. In class Michael was asked to draw a picture of an alien and then make up multiplication sums. Michael, who is in Grade 1, drew an alien and made up sums such as 2×8 legs = 16. He then went many steps further with stories such as 2×60 hairs = 120. Michael was able to do these equations in his head.

Michael amazed the assembly crowd when I asked him what 2×47 equalled and he was able to answer 94 very quickly. He then explained his working out which went like this; '2 x 40 equals 80, 2 x 7 is 14, add 10 to 80 is 90 then 4 more makes 94'.

Great work Michael. At Bolwarra we celebrate and recognise Academic Excellence.



BOLWARRA COUNTRY FAIR

**Saturday November 19th
9:30am to 1:30pm**

Weather forecast: Mostly Sunny, Light Winds 18 degrees

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT – Grade 5/6 students

Starting tomorrow the Grade 5/6 students will be involved in 4 lessons on Personal Development. I will be taking the boys while Mrs Arthur will be taking the girls. The lessons will revolve around;

- the physical, social and emotional change associated with puberty
- variations in the timing of puberty
- respecting the feelings of others
- hygiene products used during puberty
- qualities of a good friend
- sources of information about puberty

It helps the students to know that growing up and puberty is a universal experience.

The students will be encouraged to speak about what they are learning at home, please ask them about our lessons.

If you have any questions about these lessons please see Mrs Arthur or myself.

PREP PHOTOS OF OUR CURRENT GRADE 6 STUDENTS



Please let me know if you have any questions about any of the above information. I'm happy to be contacted face to face, via phone or e-mail (gibbons.lee.a@edumail.vic.govc.au)

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

November	Saturday	19 th	- Bolwarra Fair
	Monday	21 st	
	Friday	25 th	- Grade 5/6 Camp
to	Friday	25 th	- International Day of Disability at Civic Hall – Grade 4 students
December	Friday	2 nd	- Report Writing Day –Pupil Free day
	Monday	5 th	- Parents Club
	Tuesday	6 th	- Orientation Day
	Friday	9 th	- Disco 6pm
	Tuesday	13 th	- Family Night
	Wednesday	14 th	- School Council
	Wednesday	14 th	- Decadent Day Grade 3-6
			- Prep -2 Excursion
	Friday	16 th	- Final Assembly
			- Shared Afternoon Tea
	Monday	19 th	- Alternative Program
	Tuesday	20 th	- Alternative Program

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GRADE 5/6 PASSION PROJECTS- SAVE THE DATE

This term, Grade 5 /6 T have been working hard on their passion projects- finding out about a subject that they are passionate about.

Parents and friends are invited to view the finished projects on **Friday, 9th December at 2.30pm** in the Grade 5/6 classroom.

Students from other grades will be able to view the projects at lunchtime on the same day.

Hope to see you there!

Grade 5/6T

PARENT'S CLUB NEWS – Next Meeting Monday 5th December

Lunch Roster – **Tomorrow** – Belinda, Barry & Michelle

Next Friday – Andreena, Michelle P & Michelle S

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – A book of raffle tickets (30) is attached to today's newsletter. We have many prizes which have been donated by local businesses. Please use both sides of the tickets - \$1.00 each (\$30 per book). All tickets, together with money, must be returned to school by the morning of Monday, 12th December.

CHARACTERISED 2015 TEA TOWELS - We still have a number of these Tea Towels for sale at the lower cost of \$5 each. See Nicole in the office to view/purchase.

BOOKCLUB – **Issue 8** is due back at school by tomorrow, Friday, 18th November.

If required, orders can be held at the office for collection – please mark order clearly **“HOLD”** or see Nicole in the office.

Chaplain's Corner – Is your home a safe place?

There are some media reports I just can't handle. Child abuse is one of these. Why a defenceless child is hounded to death by a raging adult is beyond my grasp. Sure, our kids give us about equal measures of joy and grief, delight and frustration, co-operation and clashes. So be it. That's being a family. As long as our homes are still safe places is what really counts.

But some homes are anything but safe places. So, what does a safe home look like? Well, no two families ever really pull it off the same way. That's why making comparisons is not all that helpful. But there are traits which are pretty much the same despite the many differences. Try these for size....

- **A safe home has routines** – Just understood ways and times for getting things done. The morning routine is about getting up, getting dressed, breakfast, packing bags. The evening includes reading, pj's on, teeth cleaned, bed times. Routines give family life a basic structure.
- **A safe home is tuned in** – To what's going on, the joys and the dilemmas are picked up and responded to. Busyness is kept in its place. Anyone who is a tad quieter than usual is sending a message. Listen up. Pay attention – to younger and older alike. Otherwise we will miss stuff.
- **A safe home has boundaries** – Kids know what's ok and what isn't around here. Acceptable behaviour is commended; the unacceptable kind is corrected with reasons given. Tolerance and patience have their limits. Harmony is about getting along well. It requires effort.
- **A safe home has fun** – We enjoy wasting time together. Indoors, outdoors, it doesn't matter. Be it board games, fishing, riding bikes, bowling, you name it. The only agenda is to enjoy each other's company. Building memories. Being spontaneous. Laughing.
- **A safe home has rough edges** – It's not about perfection. Safe homes have their dramas. It's called growing up, maturing. Dealing with selfish, me type priorities. Yes, voices will go up a few decibels. There will always be an issue to work on, sort out, resolve. It's about being real.
- **A safe home forgives** – This means knowing how and when to offer and receive apologies, to be humble enough to accept that a blunder has been made, to set things right as required. It is not about keeping a little black book of bumbles to be trotted out at every turn.
- **A safe home protects** – We cover each other's backs. We look out for each other. We want the best for each other. When illness, or accidents, or setbacks show up (as they surely do), we're in there caring for each other, holding up the heavy end, giving hope and support.
- **A safe home connects** – It's not an exclusive, inward focussed club. Safe homes relate happily within and beyond. Networks are created with other families, with sporting clubs, charities and churches. Safe homes engage with their community and make a practical difference.
- **A safe home prepares for the big wide world** – It's not a walk in the park out there. It's about coping, making the right choices, selecting good friends, recognising different values, knowing how to respond, making your own way in a real and often tough environment.
- **A safe home has a mission** – It's view of life is bigger than just what we need or want. It's about finding a larger purpose, a way of helping others, of keeping an eye open for the strugglers, the ill, the lonely, learning how to make life better for those facing hard times. We're here for this crowd.

Our sad and messy world is crying out for safe places, places which then become beacons of healing and hope for those trying to survive in life's many dark and unsafe places.

John – stay in touch revsimmo@gmail.com

