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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

REMINDERS FOR WEEK NINE: TERM THREE 2017

Friday September 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASSEMBLY – Music Festival performance.
Monday September 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Tuesday September 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Wednesday September 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Thursday September 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Basketball Zeeko – Music Performance 1pm
Friday September 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress up as your favourite hobby/sport ASSEMBLY

YOU CAN DO IT! STARS

Confidence– Caught 10 times

Talisha Hockley Jonathon Goode Abby McFarlane Janaya Grace
 Samuel Herbertson

Organisation– Caught 10 times

Abby McFarlane

Getting Along – Caught 20 times

Eli Herbertson Luke Fidge Briah Burford
 Samuel Herbertson

Persistence – Caught 20 times

Hamish Storrie Briah Burford Brayden StJohn
 Abby McFarlane Maddy Amundsen

Resilience– Caught 20 times

Eli Herbertson Hamish Storrie Samuel Herbertson
 Talisha Hockley

Academic Excellence – Caught 20 times

Abby McFarlane

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE 50 TIMES TALISHA HOCKLEY

50 LAPS

Ellie Bott Arlee Holmes-Wilson Dakota Oliver William Rethus

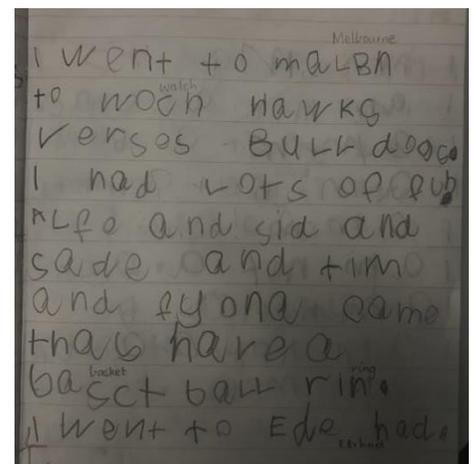
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE – Paddy Impey

Paddy's outstanding performance in Academic Excellence was celebrated at our assembly last Friday.

Paddy is excelling in his writing. At assembly, he read out his piece of writing pictured. Paddy has been working on his full stops. In this work, he has four sentences with four full stops. He is also working on capital letters.

The Preps are also working on adding more detail to their writing, not just having one or two sentences. In this piece of writing Paddy has given the reader more information.

Great work Paddy!



A special performance of the Music Festival act will be held at Assembly tomorrow (in the shed).

Students who are performing, please remember to bring Full Costumes



DRESS UP DAY – Friday September 15th

Student Leaders Term 3 fundraising day is Friday September 15th – Come to school dressed representing a sport or hobby.

Gold coin donation to go towards helping Chrispus.

Chrispus' birthday is on Monday October 9th, our first day of Term 4. Let us send Chrispus our birthday wishes by writing letters on our dress/up day.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

We had a wonderful turnout for our Father's Day Breakfast. Over 80% of our students were represented on the morning.

The breakfast occurred due to an ACTION (Alcoans Coming Together in Their Neighborhood) grant we received from Portland Aluminium. Thank you to Justin, Anna, Darren, Mark, Matt, Neil and Amanda for cooking the magnificent breakfast.

Thanks to the following groups who donated supplies for the breakfast; Flash from Halliday's Butchers, Jane from Admellas Fruit and Veg, Portland Strawberries, Justin from Kaz's Goog, Nathan from Daly's IGA, Murray Goulburn and Portland Aluminium.



ZEEKO - Music inspired by the environment Thursday September 14th - 1pm

Over the course of an hour, the musicians of Zeeko transport students on a journey across the earth's ecosystem. This eclectic rock band – with male and female voices, guitar, bass and percussion – compose original songs about fast food, golden frogs and the deep ocean, with influences ranging from bluegrass, the Caribbean, jazz and ambient music.

With glass bottles, squeaky toys and body percussion, students are able to engage their own creativity to explore a fundamental message: nature is calling to us, and it's time to listen.

IMPORTANT EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 3 DATES

September	Thursday	14 th	-	Arts Council Performance – Zeeko 1pm District Basketball – Boys	
	Friday	15 th	-		
	Monday	18 th	}	Supercamp – Grade 3/4	
	Tuesday	19 th		-	Supercamp – Grade 3/4
	Wednesday	20 th		-	Supercamp – Grade 3/4
			-	School Council 7pm	
	Friday	22 nd	-	Last Day of Term 3 Assembly/Shared Lunch 12pm	

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Andreena Hockley who will celebrate her birthday on Tuesday.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Each classroom is starting to collect items to fill a shoe box (special Xmas box) that will be given to a child overseas at Christmas. Classes are collecting gifts for a boy and a girl that are similar in age to themselves. Students in each classroom can donate an item to help fill the box. Items which can be included are:- something they can wear (t-shirt, hats, shorts,) something to love (teddy bear, soft toys, dolls), some things for school (pencils, notebook, sharpener), something to play with (tennis balls, cars skipping rope, puppets), something special (craft kits, necklaces, sunglasses), something for personal hygiene (soap, face washer, comb, hairclips).

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Lunches – Helpers tomorrow Friday, 8th September – Janie & Kerry. Friday 15th September - Sarah & Anitha.

BOLWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIR FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, 18th NOVEMBER

**As part of our fundraising ideas for the Bolwarra School Fair,
we will be having stalls with items made, donated and
manned by the students, staff and their families.**

**It might seem like a long way away,
but Bonnie & her team are working hard
behind the scenes now and**

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

**We need CLEAN USED TIN CANS
to turn into plant pots.**

Please NO SHARP EDGES

Please WASH CANS

a donation bucket will be at the office

THANK YOU

BONNIE

PORTLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION TWILIGHT COMPETITION

Grades:- Open, 15/under, 13/under, 11/under and Net Set Go (grade 3 & up)

Registration night is the 18th September

Team sheets available by ringing 5523 5140

Net Set Go (Grade 3 upwards) and 11 & U registration will be at 6.00pm

Junior teams (13 & 15 U) ..6.30pm

Senior Teams 7.00pm

If not in a team please come at the 6.00pm timeslot and we will hopefully place you in a team.

Competition to commence 9th October 2017

Chaplains' Corner – The fellowship of the weary

Every parent wants to do the right thing by their kids. Well, most anyway. There are a few who find it all too hard to invest the needed time and energy. They just give up and walk away. To do the mum and dad thing really well is not easy and never has been. Our kids don't arrive with a workshop manual.

There's one particular hurdle for many parents. It's called weariness, straight out fatigue. Our eldest bloke, in his late forties, often reports that he's worn out. His friends, all about his age and also with families, reckon it's time to set up a "fellowship of the weary." Family, work and community commitments are all tackled in good faith but at a cost. So, what about this weariness demon? How might we knock it on the head?

- **First up, not everyone is weary** – There are some marvellous people out there who've got their priorities and boundaries sorted. They've got coping with all their family and other responsibilities down to a fine art. It's just that I don't often meet too many of this bunch.
- **And there's another angle too** – The parent who does the absolute minimum to get by. Their commitment to the wellbeing of their crew is well down the list. They don't stress because they don't care all that much about their gang. It's about them. Chaos reigns.
- **But what about the "fellowship of the weary"?** – Most mums and dads would happily sign up – if they had the time. Once the kids arrive, we have to do life differently. It's the bottom line bit. Family life is complex. It is hard work. There are no easy short cuts.
- **So, how do we tackle the weariness bit then?** – Well, to begin with, it helps to know that most other parents are in the same boat. We are not alone in feeling the stresses and pressures of the growing family package. These all land in our lap. We can't dodge them.
- **There is one reality we have to face** – We can't tick all the boxes. We all have personal limitations. There are usually more things to do than can be done. It's that old juggling act routine. Some of us love it and are good at it. Many of us try it and find it a bit much.
- **Limitations are part of the deal** – If there were none, we would have all climbed Mt Everest by now. It takes courage to back off and work out what we can and can't manage. This has nothing to do with personal weakness. It has everything to do with wisdom.
- **And we do need to honour our limitations** – Otherwise we will be totally stressed all our days and a dreadful pain to live with. Living on the edge is fine for a while but not as an ongoing practice. We will lose it. Make bad decisions. End up acting on impulse. Not good.
- **There is a subtle danger lurking here** – Most of us, to a greater or lesser degree, like to do the right thing by our families and others. This is a terrific aim but we end up trying to please everyone. We'll agree to do things which we know we really can't do. Stress arrives.
- **We need a special courage here** – To say "Yes" and "No." Interestingly, the people who put the most pressure on us are our own kids. They see us being able to jump over mountains in a single leap. They have to learn that mum and dad can't do everything or meet every need.
- **We need to have good reasons why we can't do it all** – Our families need to know that they are our number one priority. And that there are other priorities too. Work will be right up there. The wider family. Paying the bills. Kids are smart enough to get this if these are explained to them.

In the outright busyness of life, weariness hunts for all of us. Let's be careful about biting off more than we can chew. Let's guard against giving our families a constantly worn out mum and dad.

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