From the Principal's Desk
The sailing day went very well last week with most students participating. There is another session tomorrow when I expect it will be a lot hotter than last week. Students need to wear their hats and sunscreen and drink plenty of water at sailing. Parents are welcome to visit. The activity is based near the Tourist Information Centre.

Surfing
After the sailing is finished there will be one surfing session on Friday Feb 17th at Bridgewater.

Alpine Ride
Please let Steve and Reece know if you are interested in attending the Alpine Ride.
We will organise a training ride next week and regularly over the rest of this term. Other students are welcome to come on the training rides.

Welcome BBQ Lunch  Thursday 16th Feb at 12.30pm at the school
The school will hold a welcome BBQ for our new students, their families and new staff.

Fire Season - Code Red Days
It is the middle of the fire season and it is timely to remember the school procedures for buses on Code Red days.
The school bus routes will not operate outside the Portland town boundary on days when the Fire Danger Rating is determined by fire authorities as being Code Red. This will affect all the bus routes but particularly the Toyota and Wheelie buses, with only minor changes to the other route.
The CFA’s decision to declare a Code Red Day can be taken up to 3-days beforehand, but will be confirmed no later than midday the day before. Once the decision is made it will not change regardless of changes to the weather forecast.

On declared Code Red days, letters will be sent home the day before to affected students outlining transport arrangements.
The school will remain open on Code Red days.
If you have any questions please contact Steve, Wendy or Narelle at school.

Student Support Group Meeting Day  Monday Feb 20th
The school will hold a dedicated day for student support group meetings.
The purpose of this day is to finalise students’ 12-month learning goals and learning and support plans.
It is expected and appropriate that some students will attend the meetings with their parents and carers.
There are no formal classes for students on this day.
Teachers will organise times with parents and carers.

Important Dates to Remember.
Monday 20th - Student Support Group Day
Monday 13th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 17th - Error on last newsletter - Normal student day
Friday 31st March - Last day of Term 1

COMING EVENTS
TERM 1 2017
Friday 10th February
Sailing

Next Week
Monday 13th February
Finance Meeting 1pm

Tuesday 14th February
School Council 7pm

Wednesday 15th February

Thursday 16th February
Swimming
Welcome BBQ

Friday 17th February
Surfing
School Council Elections
Your current school council is:

Parents
Debra Robinson (President) March 2017 Michelle Pumps March 2018
Rebecca Jacobson March 2017 Karen Rowley March 2018
Vacancy March 2017 Alex Miller March 2018

Community Members
Brad Charman March 2017 Julie Amor March 2018

Staff Members
Steve Crossley Principal March 2018
Gillian Caithness Minute-taker (non-voting)

Nominations for School Council are currently open for 3-parent vacancies (Deb’s and Rebecca’s term will finish in March and there was one existing vacancy).

The timeline for the School Council Election Process is as follows:
- Friday 3rd Feb: Call for nominations
- Friday 10th Feb: Nominations close
- Should nominations exceed the number of vacancies a ballot will take place
- Friday 17th: Feb Ballot papers distributed
- Thursday 2nd March: Close of ballot
- Friday 3rd March: Count of votes and declaration of the poll
- Tuesday 14th March: School Council AGM

If you have any questions about this process please ring me or come into see me.

Reminder – Accident / Property Damage and Insurance
Parents and carers are reminded that the school and the Department of Education does not hold insurance to cover accidents or property damage that occur at school or on school activities.

- parents or guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs; and
- parents or guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers;
- Principals should remind parents or guardians and staff that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.


Keep cool in the hot weather

Steve Crossley
Principal
Happy Birthday and best wishes to the following students who will celebrated their birthdays this coming week.

- Ethan Anderson - 9th February
- James Klotz - 11th February
- Ramona Anderson - 11th Feb
- Trevor May - 14th Feb
- Adam Jones - 16th Feb

We hope you all had great days.
School Council Elections
Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the 

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Name:

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Residential address:

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Contact phone (mobile or landline):

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Email:

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I am the parent/guardian of ........................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school 

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate ................................................................., Date ..................... / ............. / .............

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominees (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on .................................................................

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.
School Council Elections
Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate ................................................................. for an elected position as a parent member on the
........................................................................................................ school council.

CANDIDATE'S DETAILS

Name
Residential address

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Contact phone (mobile or landline)
Email
I am the parent/guardian of ................................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of ................................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the
school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator

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Signature of Nominator ........................................................................, Date ..................... / .............. / ..............

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am
not:
• an undischarged bankrupt
• of unsound mind
• currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence
• a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate ........................................................................, Date ..................... / .............. / ..............

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

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to determine your eligibility as a candidate and to nominate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the
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Community Announcements:

**DO YOU HAVE A YOUNG CHILD under 7 years old?**

Is your child:
- not talking like other kids?
- not playing like other kids?
- ‘mucking up’ but you don’t know why?

Some kids learn differently, and we can help them learn better. Some kids that learn differently might have Autism Spectrum Disorder. **Early Days** workshops help families learn about their child and these learning differences. Workshops are free.

Date: Friday, 10th February 2017
Time: 10.30am - 2.00pm
Venue: Windamara Meeting room
21 Scott St, Heywood

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**Break the Lice Life Cycle**

1. **Kill Lice!**
   - Use non toxic treatment
   - Remove eggs
   - Wash clothes

2. **Remove Nits!**
   - Remove nits
   - Wash belongings

3. **Clean House!**
   - Wash all items
   - Remove clutter

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**Mini Movers**

Dance/Movements Classes
- For toddlers/preschool kids
- (And their grown ups)
- Wednesdays 9.30-10.00am
- Portland Calisthenics
- Shed 4/102 Browning Street

$5 per week (insurance $38, payable on 2nd lesson)
Contact Sharryn 0427074248 Kym 0417824922