From the Principal’s Desk

End of term is upon us, please rest and relax over the break. Term 4 sees a busy calendar with group 1’s camp, school sailing, surfing, netball, cricket, our graduation day and a few more fun activity days. Dates and times will be confirmed when we return.

Parent Vacancy on School Council

There are currently 2-parent vacancies on school council. Please let me know if you would be interested in contributing to the governance of the school. It is an exciting time to be on school council as there is a lot of planning taking place for the new school. Please contact Steve if you are interested.

Appointments

I am very pleased to announce that Sarah Edwards has accepted a position of Speech Pathologist at the school and will commence early in November, 4-days a week.

Lani Butler has been reappointed the early years teacher for 2017. Julie Lamond has been reappointed as the art teacher. Sue Hoffman has been reappointed as the work experience and pathways coordinator. Congratulations to Lani, Julie and Sue who will all continue with their good work at the school.

Robert Telfer and Sarah Maclaine-Cross have also been appointed to part-time Education Support positions for the rest of 2016.

I also announce that Adam Jones has taken up the role and will be conducting our “Motor Skills Program” starting again in Term 4. Adam replaces Kelly who is on family leave. Congratulations Adam.

Caught Being Good

Well done to Harvey, Ryan, Akaysha, Dylan and James who were all caught being good last week in our assembly raffle. Great to see we are all trying to make good choices.

Footy Colours Day. Friday 16th (Tomorrow last day of Term 3)

We encourage everyone to wear their favourite footy colors tomorrow. Staff have organised footy activities after our morning assembly. A gold coin donation for casual/footy dress will go towards cancer research.

Sailing - Monday 10th and 17th October

The sailing program returns to Portland Beach in term 4. Permission notices have been sent home. Parents should contact their teacher or our sports teacher Emma if they need further information.

Early finish, Tomorrow, 2:30pm on the Last Day of Term 3

School will finish at 2.30pm tomorrow for our last day of term. Bus times will also be adjusted in line with this early finish. Portland Bay School always finishes at 2.30pm on the last day of each term.

Monday 3rd October 1st day of Term 4

School resumes Monday 3rd of October, our buses will pick up students as per current arrangements.

Advance Notice – Curriculum Day – Monday 31st Oct

This will be a curriculum day for teachers and there will be no school on this day. This date coincides with a public holiday on Tuesday 1st Nov for Melbourne Cup Day.

I have sent home today a separate letter to remind everyone about emergency procedures in the current weather conditions. When travelling over the holidays, please be safe.

Have a great break and see you Term 4…Steve Crossley, Principal

COMING EVENTS

TERM 2 2016

Friday 16th September
- Last Day of Term 3
  2.30pm Finish
- Footy Colours Day

Next 2 Week

Monday 19th September

School Holidays for 2 weeks

Friday 30th September

Important Dates to Remember

Monday 3rd October
- 1st day of Term 4

Monday 10th October
- Sailing in Portland

Monday 17th October
- Sailing in Portland

Monday 31st October
- Curriculum Day - No Students

Tuesday 1st November
- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Monday 14th November
- Group 1 depart to camp

Wednesday 16th November
- Group 2 return from Camp

Sun Smart

We are a “Sun Smart School” and we remind everyone, as per the school policy, to wear wide brim hats as at the 1st September. Students hats are usually held at school.
**Stars of the Week**

**“Caught Being Good”**

Very well done to our caught being good winners last week:

*Harvey McQualter, Ryan Rieger, Akaysha Morrison, Dylan Russell and James Klotz.*

We focus each week on all our areas of positive behaviour both in the school and on our buses.

At our whole school assembly, we draw the “Caught Being Good” raffle. Throughout the week, staff give students a raffle ticket for displaying positive behaviour either in their classroom, on the buses (including to and from school), on the playground or in any school events such as excursions, outings or community access.

**Happy Birthday**

& best wishes to the following staff who celebrate their birthdays over the holidays.

*Robert Telfer*  
23rd September  
&  
*Charlotte Peverett*  
1st October

We hope you both have great days.

Dylan Russell has designed this great peace poster, now proudly on display in our office. Love the details Dylan.

Faye has found that even the clothes line has decided its time for school holidays.

Jamie and Darrell were the joint winners of the footy tips on the Toyota Bus for 2016. Great job guys :)

You will see our bright question marks scattered around the school. These are part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Program. The questions marks are to remind us to ask questions such as “Can I help you?” and “Are you ok?”
Words on Wellbeing - Sue Cowie  

Respectful Relationships. Last weekend, I had the pleasure to once again attend the Australian Education Union Women’s Conference. There are always high calibre speakers that engage and inspire educators within our school environment. Also, I am reminded how good it is to network with other teachers, wellbeing workers and leaders. It is a timely reminder that to be truly inclusive, we all need to work together. And that means also combating any negative connotations that come from being a ‘girl’ or the term ‘feminism’.

There are many things we can do together to eliminate discrimination. Two speakers presented some challenges. Van Badham, a feminist and probably known to many as one of Australia’s most controversial social commentators (you can hear her on Radio National) gave the keynote. She stated that ending all forms of discrimination against women and girls is not only a basic human right, but it also has a multiplier effect across all other development areas. Did you know since 2000, there are more girls in school? That women now make up to 45% of paid workers outside of agriculture, compared to 30% in 1990? That there are still inequalities in access to paid employment and income? Take a look at what the AFL pays sportspeople (note the word), yet how hard women have had to fight for a wage. So congratulations to our Australian Netballers, who have negotiated better pay and childcare deals. We look at Parliament and the lack of women therein, and we cannot help but take notice business and schools where women often do not have the same privileges in leadership and wages. So, the challenge is to be aware of Gender Equality.

I attended a workshop with Khadija Gbla, who is an ambassador for Our Watch, the national organisation driving change in the culture, behaviours and power imbalances that lead to violence against women and children. Our Watch has developed the Respectful Relationship Education program being introduced in Victoria for early childhood to Year 12. We are focussing on Respect and I will keep you informed of the 20 Lighthouse schools that will pilot this project.

Khadija, a most articulate and amazing woman, was born in Sierra Leone, in poverty and had to escape the violence of civil war and the threat of FGM (Female Genital Mutilation). This occurs, according to UN Data, on 3 girls per day. Respectful Relationships Education is vital to instil the prevention of violence against women. Take a look at Why Women? A non-profit organisation that produces short films and watch Because I am a Girl/Run Like a Girl. Insightful stuff on how being a girl can sound like a negative connotation. Let us change that. Have a safe and happy break.

Super Heros Day on Friday 2nd September was a great success, some funny outfits and we managed to raise $73.50 to donate to Muscular Dystrophy Australia.
Community Announcements:

Spring Holiday Program 2016

Cooinda WC, 58th Street, Cooinda
Open Daily 8.30am-5.00pm

Bunbury WC, 10-22 Cameron Street, Bunbury
Open Daily 8.30am-5.00pm

Bunbury WC, 1210 Seventeenth Avenue, Bunbury
Open Daily 9.30am-5.00pm

Wellar WC, 1660 Great Western Highway, Wellar
Open Daily 9.30am-5.00pm

More activities for school students provided by Canning Shire Council

Kyeema Spring Sale Day

Saturday 8th October
10am–2pm

Come along and be entertained by Live music in our lovely gardens.
Silent Auction.
Monster Spring Garden Sale with Seawinds Nursery
Kids- Showbags, Lucky Dips, Animal Nursery.
Jumping Castle, Face-painting...

Food- Authentic Indian Cuisine
Also Strawberry Pancakes, BBQ, Lentil Veggies, Hot Dogs and Devonshire Tea, Variety of Coffees.

Queen sized Patchwork quilt, Decorated Xmas Cake and Kyeema Piggy bank to win in the raffle!

Our unique Kyeema Craft & Woodwork

Many other stalls to wander around.

Kyeema Support Services, Cnr Bridgewater Rd & Lalor St, Portland.

Beyond The Bell Mental Health Week Warrnambool 2016

Introducing Professor Caroline Taylor AM

Understanding the impact of trauma from childhood sexual abuse

These workshops will increase community awareness and understanding of the impact of trauma from family violence and childhood sexual abuse, and build the capacity of professionals and our community to support survivors.

Workshops for: professionals from multi-sector community organisations, health professionals, educators, school communities, legal/commercial and service providers in the community, youth programs, disability, child protection, rural/remote services, educators.

Cost: Free, Light meal provided
Workshop 1: Deakin University - Warrnambool Campus
Date: Monday, October 3, 10:15 AM
Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Workshop 2: Geelong Library
Date: Tuesday, October 4, 10:15 AM
Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Workshop 3: Deakin University - Warrnambool Campus
Date: Wednesday, October 5, 10:15 AM
Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Workshop 4: Deakin University - Warrnambool Campus
Date: Thursday, October 6, 10:15 AM
Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Workshop 5: Deakin University - Warrnambool Campus
Date: Friday, October 7, 10:15 AM
Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

For the community: Understanding the impact of trauma from childhood sexual abuse in our community

Workshops designed for members of the general public including community groups, family members, friends and supporters of affected families and individuals, and those interested in improving community understanding.

Cost: Free
Workshop 1: Deakin University - Warrnambool Campus
Date: Monday, October 3, 7:00 PM
Time: 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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