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Happy campers at Point Leo.

Principal and Assistant Principal's Report

Each fortnight provides exciting learning opportunities for our students – *and many highlights!*

Last week all members of staff and students met in the gym to observe Remembrance Day. The School Captains spoke confidently of the importance of the 11th day of the 11th month before Lachie Ray, our 2019 Music Captain, played the Last Post on his trumpet. It was a wonderful solo performance.

Later on the same day students across the school proudly presented their learning portfolios to parents, carers and friends. Thank you to all who were able to attend this important component of our 'Reporting to Parents' schedule. Listening to children as young as 5 years of age speak confidently of the learning goals they had met during their first year at school indicates that our students have a strong voice in their own learning. Working in partnership with their teachers and parents the children are actively taking responsibility for their progress.

Once again we are indebted to Chris Hackett grandfather of Ava in Year 4 for the very many volunteer hours he gives to our school. Last week he built a bus for the Foundation / grade 1 classes, which has been an instant hit and inspired lots of imaginative play.



Today our students were treated to a wonderful performance by Billanook College's senior school rock band. The band played radio hits and a few swing tunes accompanied by a small, vocal group. Our children absolutely loved the band and showed their enjoyment with their loud applause.

Our year 5's have been respectful and caring of themselves, others and the Point Leo environment whilst enjoying their glamping adventure. This annual outdoor program is certainly another highlight of the school year. It has been lovely to hear that many have already managed to catch a wave.



Our 2020 Foundation students are becoming more familiar with our campus now that the 'Step into Foundation' program has commenced. The weekly visits incorporating developmental play activities, an art session, PMP and a wetlands picnic, provide opportunities for children to explore various areas of the school and begin to develop those all-important relationships with both their peers and school staff.

The students in Year 4 have keenly participated in a Water Safety program at Pelican Park this week. The Victorian Curriculum requires students to demonstrate the competencies of the Victorian Water Safety Certificate by the time they leave Year 6 which includes amongst other competencies, the ability to swim for a continuous distance of 50 metres. The Year 4 students will be assessed at the end of the week. Parents will be informed if their children have not yet reached the required standard.

At the Year 5 Point Leo Surf Camp the children learn water safety and rescue skills. These school swimming activities provide basic skills to keep children safe in the water but are not enough to make them proficient swimmers. We are so lucky that we have beautiful beaches so close to our homes but to really enjoy the water safely, all children need to be taught how to swim.



The 4R's (Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships) program has made an impact in all classrooms. Have you seen the beautiful banner on display in the office passageway? As a result of the program, our School Captains have actively (and proudly) made a slight alteration to the Balnarring Way pledge when addressing the whole school at assemblies and over the PA.

Staff and children together now recite the following promise...

I promise to respect and care for myself

I promise to respect and care for others

I promise to respect and care for the environment

I promise to do my best

Because that is the Balnarring Way.

A final reminder that all requests for 2020 need to be put in writing addressed to Rhonda or Sandy by November 30th. This give teachers time for your request to be considered along with all the other factors teachers look at when making up class groups.

Enjoy the next busy fortnight with us!



Rhonda Stephens and Sandy O'Meara

ATTENDANCE: All attendance must be entered onto Compass. Please ensure that if your child is absent or going to be late, that you record this on Compass prior to 8.30 am daily.

WALKING BUS:

The walking bus departs from the Skate Park at 8.30 am every morning and departs school for the return trip at 3.20 pm. Please be at the meeting point on time to meet your children.

SUPERVISION AT SCHOOL—BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL HOURS:

Supervision before school commences at 8.30 am and after school until 3.30 pm.

Bendigo Bank School banking: Bring your bank books on TUESDAYS.

Uniform Shop dates: (Please note that samples only are kept onsite)-Cash only-Shop open 3.00 pm to 3.30 pm
Term 4 - 4th December and (10th December-10.15am to 10.45am)

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE COMING UP

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT DATES SOMETIMES CHANGE AND UNFORSEEN EVENTS MAY BE ADDED. CHECK COMPASS FOR UPDATES.

MONDAY	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				22 November *Yr 4 Water Safety *Assembly Yrs F-6 -Curriculum presentation FB
25	26 *Soiree 5.00 pm	27 *Class Reps meeting 9 am *School Council 7 pm	28 *District Triathlon *Yr 1 Camp *Yr 2 Camp begins	29 *Yr 2 Camp ends *Indoor/Outdoor Working Bee—parents welcome
2 December *Yr 3 Camp begins	3 *Yr 3 Camp	4 *Yr 3 Camp ends	5	6 *Assembly Yrs F-6 -Curriculum presentation FC *Christmas Carols at The Common 6 pm
9 *Yr 3 & 4 Water Safety	10 *2020 Foundation Orientation	11 *Yr 1 & 2 Water Safety	12	13
16 *Assembly Yrs F-6	17 *Foundation Beach Day	18 *Yr 6 Graduation	19	20 END OF YEAR 1.15 PM FINISH

CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

From Monday 2nd December, outside the school office you will see our Christmas tree. This tree provides a place for our school community to donate gifts and items of food for families in the local community, who are struggling during this Christmas period. All we ask is that you choose a tag from the tree, purchase a gift for that aged child and place it under the tree. Perhaps also whilst you are shopping in the next few weeks, you may like to pick up something to place in our food hamper too. Thank you once again for 'caring for others at Christmas time!'

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS INTO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2019.



GOOD HABITS SAVE LIVES

Remember our children expect us to keep them safe, so we should not risk their lives getting them to and from school.

Parents and visitors MUST slow down and obey the signs...

- Take the extra minute to drive to the end of Civic Court and follow the loop before parking
- No U-Turns are allowed in Civic court

The Balnarring Junior Football Club (BJFC) has one of the most inclusive and fun football programs in the Mornington Peninsula. In 2019, three of our past players progressed to the AFL.

BJFC invites girls and boys from Under 9 to Under 14 to join teams for the 2020 season. If your child is interested in playing AFL, please contact Nikki 0401314317 or email bjfcthunder@gmail.com

Go Thunder!



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 6th December

See separate flyer