



Dolphin Echo



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Principal's Report

The winter weather has started to make itself felt these past couple of weeks and with it have come coughs, colds, sniffles and for some a bout of covid too. Please encourage handwashing, 'vampire' coughing and sneezing and, of course, stay home if unwell.

Students have all had the opportunity to experience workshops with authors, musicians and artists as part of the Queenscliff Literary Festival's schools program. This is a fantastic series of events targeting the youth of the borough and we are all hugely appreciative of the generosity of the QLF committee in curating such high quality offerings. If you haven't heard, the Early Years worked with indigenous artist and storyteller Rhys Jeffs to create murals and a collaborative artwork for the school. Ask your children about the smell of gum leaves. Shelly Ware entertained with stories from her books, reminded us inspiration can be found in the simplest things and gifted us a copy of her latest book about the Matildas. Finally the 5/6 students worked with Sarah Carroll and the amazing Zoe to write a song celebrating country even though the name seemed to take us on a different journey. We will all remember the "Coconut Cream Pie in the sky" and the images brought to mind. I know all who attended the concert on Friday had a great time and were blown away by the talent on display. A huge thank you to the parents who assisted in transporting our students back to school when our plans for a walk and picnic went awry.

Term 2 is always an exciting time of the year as it is the time when skills begin to bed down and become second nature, It is also the time when we begin to teach lots of social problem solving skills, tweak teaching groups in the Early Years and expand our extension programs beyond the VHAP (Victorian High Ability Program) group to participate in off site activities and some in house writers workshops. In coming weeks we have debating, the Victorian Youth Parliament and Bio-mimicry sessions on the calendar for some students in Years 3-6 and this week all students will be doing an author workshop courtesy of MARC Van with Di Hickleton. Senior students have been busy with interschool sport in its many forms too.

Teachers and students are busily undertaking the mid year assessment cycle, collecting work samples. Completing tasks, and assessments and planning reports. The reporting system has been set for 2024 and we have planned to hold our 2 way (student, parent, teacher) interviews on Monday 24th June (F-2) and Thursday 27th June (Yrs 3-6). Watch Audiri for further details. Reports will be sent home prior to these conversations.

This week saw the first of our 2024-2025 transition sessions held. This is always an exciting time as this is often the first PLPS visit for prospective students. The Early Years team planned an engaging getting to know each other and space activity, and we are happy to report it was full of smiles and laughter, even if the group was extremely small.

Take care/ Stay safe/Stay warm

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APPRECIATIONS

- * Lions Club of Queenscliff /Point Lonsdale for donation of comfort bears
- * Simpson family for donation of instruments for our musical instrument library
- * Families who have donated recyclables for STEM and creativity
- * Parents who provided assistance with transport to and from varied events recently
- * Rotary Club of Ocean Grove for donation of funds for our reading program
- * Local contractor for donation of leaf mulch for our garden
- * Andy Millar for organising the weekend working bee and his band of helpers
- * Students for their ongoing rubbish pick ups
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MARKET ROSTER

Sunday 9th June

Site Direction/Set up 7am

Ratcliffe Roberts Rodgers

Pack up 2:30pm

Royer Salter Sanford

Sunday 14th July

Site Direction/Set up 7am

Schmidt-Jenner Schroen Sheather

Pack up 2:30pm

Shipman Simmons Smith (Coco)

Sunday 11th August

Site Direction/Set up 7am

Smith (Elka) Tatlock Taylor

Pack up 2:30pm

Thom Timmiss Toms

Sunday 8th September

Site Direction/Set up 7am

Toohey Torrance Travis

Pack up 2:30pm

Valentine-Gallagher VanDoren Verhagen

Sunday 13th October

Site Direction/Set up 7am

Walker Wightman Wighton

Pack up 2:30pm

Williams Wilson Woodall

Sunday 10th November

Site Direction/Set up 7am

Wright Anderson Aras

Pack up 2:30pm

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