

Reminder - Student
Free Day on Friday,
April 26



TERM 2, WEEK 2, 2024

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid or terrified
because of them, for the Lord
your God goes with you; he
will never leave you nor
forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

PRAYER/PRAISE POINTS:

- Continue to pray for the Year 9 Interlaken Long Stay.
- Praise God for the brisk mornings and sunny days
- Pray for parents in our school community that are unwell

SCHOOL FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR:

- Ford
- Forward
- Fourie
- Fourie
- Gardam

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day means different things to different people. I have come to understand over my lifetime that without the sacrifices of Australian men and women during past and present conflicts, I would not have the freedoms I so enjoy now. During WWI, there were many fire fights and great human losses. One such conflict was the capture of the little French village of Viller Bretonneux. It just so happened that this engagement, by Australian and English troops, occurred on April 24th/25th, 1918. The town had been overtaken by the Germans and the allies took it back. This is what was said about that conflict:

"The taking of Viller Bretonneux is perhaps the greatest individual feat of the war – the successful counter-attack by night across unknown and difficult ground, at a few hours' notice, by the Australians."

Brigadier-General George Grogan 23rd British Brigade

Below is a letter written home to the parents of a soldier who was sniped during that conflict. That soldier was my uncle.

Dear Mr & Mrs Bonhote,

I wish to convey to you the sincere sympathy of all officers, NCO's and men of the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade and my own personal sympathy with you in the sad loss of your splendid son, Phillip. He took part in one of the greatest actions of the war, in the taking of Villers Bretonneux on April 25th, 1918. All did splendidly, going forward in the face of great machine gun fire and secured a real victory. I trust that it will be some consolation to you to feel he took part in, and helped to secure such an important success. I know how hard it is for you to have lost one so dear to you. But I feel that he is not really lost. He has truly laid down his life for others, following the example of our dear Lord Jesus, who gave His life for us all. So, I feel he lives on in Him, sharing His reward in that better world, as he shared his sacrifice in this. So, I would not have you sorrow for him, just leave it all in God's loving wisdom. He has taken your dear one to Himself, to a higher, better service. I pray that the divine comfort of our Lord may rest with you and yours, that you may find His peace and strength in this great loss. We were able to give all a decent burial on the battlefield and a memorial is being erected near the place. I do feel so with you in this great loss, what a splendid boy he was. I have been with him for about two and half years and think very, very highly of him. It is wonderful how he rose to such position of responsibility. All respected him and feel his loss very keenly. He was one of my communicants, going when he could, and always helping in everything. A good example to his men. He was sniped after the attack during April 24th/25th and buried on the field of honour. I saw him only a couple of hours before the attack. He was then confident and happy, as usual. Enclosed is a copy of a card I gave him a little before, he may have sent it home to you. We often talked of getting back to that loved land of Tassie, but it was not to be in his case. Some higher service has been found for him. I really believe he died in Christ. With sincerest sympathy, yours very truly.
D.B. Blackwood - Chaplain

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KINDER:

Ayobami Falana – for doing a great job and persevering during cutting practice

PREP:

Melody Russell – for reading lots of books during the holidays

YEAR 1:

Isabel Blackberry – consistently working hard and carefully

Jayger Crowden – the enthusiasm he shows for all his learning

YEAR 2:

Amity Conway – for waiting calmly and patiently in class

Charlie Tabuyo – trying hard to work by himself

YEAR 3:

Samiya Spaulding – completing her work with a smile (Proverbs 17:22)

Kudzai Mukarati – getting straight into his work with a positive attitude (John 16:33)

YEAR 4:

Ariana Fourie – for completing her times-tables

Mason Blackberry – for listening well and following instructions in cooking

YEAR 5:

Mia Saltmarsh – getting 267% in her last Maths Pathway Test and a very positive start to the Term

Mason Parker – for his great work on his Maths Pathway project and a very positive start to the Term

YEAR 6:

Skye Hannon – for finishing her goals and having a cheerful smile every morning

Edgar Huxtable – for improved focus on his work

Congratulations!

YEAR 7:

Willow McDermott – for a great effort in Science

Justin Saltmarsh – for working consistently to achieve his goals

YEAR 8:

Ebony Kremneff – for consistently demonstrating the Golden Rule and showing love and kindness to others

Archer Nathan – for working well in cooking

YEAR 10:

Georgie Stebbeings – for her quiet and diligent work habits – they are a blessing!

Tom Butcher – for a consistent achievement because of his 'get the job done' attitude

YEAR 11/12:

Maeve McDowell – for being prepared to assist in the installation of a new steering system for Mrs Sykes' car during her study periods

Angus Robertson – for using his study periods and breaks to install a new steering system in Mrs Sykes' car

EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK

Mrs Micah Fourie – for showing genuine love for her students

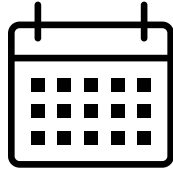
Mr Caleb Schmidt – for going the EXTRA mile at camps and getting up early to take students swimming

thank you

WEEK 2 INFORMATION

TERM DATES 2024

Term 2:
April 16 - June 28 (11 weeks)



Term 3:
July 23 - September 27 (10 weeks)

Term 4:
October 15 - December 18 (10 weeks)

TERM DATES 2025

Term 1:
February 4 - April 11 (10 weeks)



Term 2:
April 29 - July 4 (10 weeks)

Term 3:
July 29 - September 26 (9 weeks)

Term 4:
October 14 - December 17 (10 weeks)

TENNIS COACHING

Port Sorell Tennis Coaching has group sessions on Thursday nights for children aged 5-16 years old. Tennis recommences on Thursday, May 2. A group lesson lasts for 35 minutes with children of similar ability grouped together. If you are interested, please contact Peter Georgiades on 0439637301.

STUDENT FREE DAY

THIS FRIDAY, April 26th is a student free day.

HOUSE FOR RENT



House to rent in Shearwater (temporary)
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, furnished
Available June, July, August

For further information, please contact Phillip Skipper on 0409 221 172

UPCOMING DATES

Week 2

April 24 - Year 11/12 Parent Teacher

April 25 - Anzac Day

April 26 - Student Free Day

Week 3

May 3 - Year 9's return from Long Stay

May 3 - Agfest (Year 10-12)

May 3 - Casual Clothes

Week 5

May 13-15 - Primary Parent Teacher

May 17 - Year 10 Driver Awareness

Week 6

May 20-22 - Secondary Parent Teacher

May 24 - Casual Clothes

May 25 - Fireworks Night @ Geneva

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Bookings are now open for Parent Teacher interviews for Primary and Secondary

Primary (K-6) - May 13-15

<https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=2165>

Secondary (7-10) - May 20-22

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SCHOOL PHOTOS



School photos will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd (Week 6). Please put this date in your diary. Order forms will be sent home soon. There will also be an online ordering option available.

WEEK 2 PHOTOS



Little Gems Playgroup



YEAR 9 LONG STAY

Our staff and students have now been on camp for 12 days! They have been filling their time with lots of activities and making many new memories. Here is a little snippet into what they have been up to at camp so far:

- Went on a trip to the Oatlands pool to participate in a water safety session.
 - Visited the Steps Cottage and had the Mountain Hut Society group put on a big BBQ lunch and take the group for a tour around the property.
 - Went on a day trip to Mount Field where they did the 3 falls walk.
 - Kayaked to Dog's Head, which was a 10km return trip for those students who kayaked both ways.
 - Sunday morning Egg & Bacon muffins.
 - Continued their jobs around the Interlaken house and property.
 - Competing in daily team challenges and activities.
 - Swims in the lake, card games, chats around the fire + SO MUCH MORE!
- Everyone is doing a fantastic job and have settled into camp life. WELL DONE!

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Kaitlyn: My favourite part of camp so far has been doing the Nutbush and Macarena with the whole class.

Mary-Ann: Doing lots of fun and interesting challenges with my friends, and getting to know everyone in the class better.



REMINDER OF PROCEDURES for WARNINGS & DETENTIONS YEAR 7 – 12

From Year 7 to Year 12, all students have 3 plastic cards in their office, with their first name and numbered 1,2,3. Keeping these cards is for the best. Losing these cards is not desirable. If all three cards are lost in one day, the student will have a lunchtime detention the following day. The amount of time served will be decided case by case but must not be the entire lunch period. Students should be allowed to eat, drink and use the bathroom. If 3 cards are lost each day for three days in one week, then the student will serve an after-school detention with the Principal or supervising teacher. At this point it would be considered a red flag and further discussion between home room teacher and the Principal is essential. When a student receives a lunch time detention or an after-school detention, parents will be notified in the student's diary, by email or phone. Reasons for losing a warning card can include:

- continually not following academic procedures
- disrespect or disruptive behaviour
- no diary brought to school
- deliberate lateness to class
- talking without permission
- passing notes
- throwing things
- consistently out of uniform
- misbehaviour on the bus
- misuse of I.T. / devices etc.

Lunchtime detentions are served in the designated classrooms each day. Afterschool detentions are served between 3.15pm and 4.00pm.