

Portland North Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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... is a child safe school



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LONG WEEKEND ... enjoy! Monday 8th - Labour Day Public Holiday

Principal's Message

Get ready for the **Colour Run next Friday March 12th!** The children have done an amazing job raising funds so far – thank you so much for your support so far.

- Start time 2:30pm
- Casual clothes – white/light tops to capture the colour
- Parents welcome (while practicing COVID-safe rules)

We look forward to seeing you all there to cheer the children through the course!

Congratulations to **Darcy King** who represented our school at last night's inter-school tennis competition, and to **Ruby Rudge, Harry Askew, Mary Noonan and Bianca Adams** who represented us at the swimming carnival on Tuesday. We were very proud of their enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Congratulations especially to Ruby, who won her age group championship!

We have a **Curriculum Day planned for Friday March 19th**. Our work on that day will centre on the development of Individual Education Plans for all of the children being supported through the DET's Learning Tutor Initiative, and extensive planning for Term 2.

Our **School Athletics** is scheduled for **Wednesday March 24th** at Nelson Park. More details will be sent home soon but we'd love you to put it in your diary and join us if you can.

We are very excited to welcome Delsie Lillyst into our school community and Portland School Network as our **Indigenous language Support teacher**. Delsie will be working in our school 1.5 days each fortnight to support us in teaching indigenous language and culture. We are thrilled to have her support and we hope to begin communicating with families in the coming weeks about what we are learning and why – stay tuned!

We will hold a **special assembly on Tuesday afternoon at 3:15** to congratulate our **student leaders, sport captains & Junior School Council for 2021** and present them with their **badges**. You are very welcome to join us.

Now is a great time to remind everyone about the importance of **school attendance**. DET is focussed on supporting every child to attend school and ensuring that families have the resources they need to maximise school attendance. There is a strong correlation between high attendance rates and learning success and wellbeing, so please let us know if there is

DATES

MONDAY 8th March

LABOUR DAY

Public holiday

COLOUR RUN

FUNDRAISER

Friday 12th March



Friday 19th March

CURRICULUM DAY

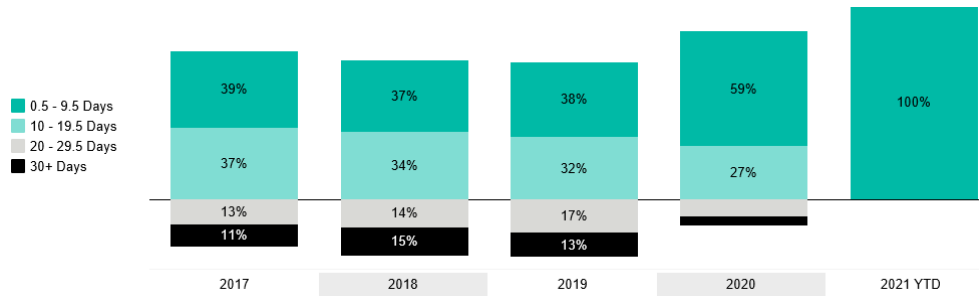
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WEDNESDAY 24th

March

Athletics Day

anything we can do support your child's attendance. Our School Strategic Plan Goal is to improve student attitudes to attendance from 82% positive responses in 2019 to 91% in 2023. **In 2020, we achieved a 95% positive endorsement – so we have already exceeded our target.** Our trend data over the past 5 years also shows a huge improvement – we are very grateful for the effort you all make to ensure your children attend school!



Our **Positive Education** focus for the coming fortnight is **Positive Meaning**. This means creating a sense of belonging and purpose in our classrooms and ensuring that children are engaged in meaningful learning and work. Positive psychology research has found that this is one of the important pathways to wellbeing and flourishing. We will explore the relationship between being of service to others and having a meaningful life; what we can do to make a difference; and how developing our own sense of voice and agency can give us meaning and enhance our wellbeing. If you would like to explore the idea of meaning and happiness, I encourage you to watch the TED Talk 'There's More to Life than being Happy'

https://www.ted.com/talks/emily_esfahani_smith_there_s_more_to_life_than_being_happy

Cate

BOOKCLUB DUE THURSDAY 18th MARCH

CONGRATULATIONS

...to our newly elected **Junior School Council**. These students have been elected by their peers to represent them - it is a very big honour and achievement.

PREP

Ava Lindsey & Sophie Atwell

1/2

Kobe Saunders & Stevie Yuill

2/3

Emma Gould

3/4

Ava Kent

4/5

Ducati Durbidge

5/6

Zayde Talbot & Charlotte Hein

HOOKIN2HOCKEY.COM.AU - want to play Portland Hockey...get you info flyer from the school office. Call Jemma for more info on 0448729218

COLOUR RUN fundraiser Friday 12th March

Not only will this be fun, it is also our major fundraiser for the year. So please get involved ... Thank you

PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD

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Grade	Name	Grade	Name
SAUNDERS	Phoebe Goldsworthy	BROWN	Liam Godfrey
BILL	Jai Barker	ROLL	Ducati Durbidge
JESS	Cooper Godfrey SonnyO'Connell	JONES	Elkanah Meola
KING	Lukas Jones	ENGLEZOS	Darcy King
Student Leaders	Junior School Council		



This week I offer my appreciation to

Teigh Flannery

... well done for having a positive and enthusiastic attitude to school and learning. We are proud of you...

APPRECIATION AWARDS will be handed out at Tuesday assembly next week...3.15pm

(CSEF) Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

The CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent you may be eligible for CSEF. To be eligible, cards need to be current on 27/1/21 in term one and 19/4/21 for term two. The annual CSEF amount for primary school student is \$125.

How to Apply (by 25/6/2021)

Contact the school office ASAP to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. If you applied for the CSEF at this school in 2020 you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments** – if your child has started or changed schools in 2021 or you did not apply in 2020.
- **Changed family circumstances** – such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020

...please see or call Kerry or Di in the office for all enquiries



A big thank you to the **Durbidge family** for donating freshly picked organic fruit for the students to eat. We really appreciate your generosity and kindness.

PREP STUDENTS ARE FULL TIME

Congratulations to our Preps who are now full time students. We thank Carly & the parents for carrying out what we believe is a very valuable process of testing & interviewing.

It is important for parents & staff to work together to develop relevant programs for all children.



MiniRoos is up and running on Saturday mornings from 11am - 12pm for 4 - 9 year olds. The sessions are for boys and girls - wear runners or soccer boots and bring a drink bottle. Come along to the Portland Soccer Club grounds and have some fun - Corner Glenelg and Percy Street Portland or contact Les Horovitz for more information on 0414559106.

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SECOND HAND & NEW UNIFORMS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL, please see office.

Portland Secondary College

OPEN DAY
Parent Information Night & Scholarship Testing

Monday 15th March



6pm Junior Wing Building Family Information session and testing (will be open from 5.30pm) 2022 year 7 Academic and Leadership positions available.

Alternative Tour Times:

Tuesday 16th March, 9-10am

Wednesday 17th March, 9-10am

Thursday 18th March, 2-3pm

To arrange one of these times please phone

Sally Dunstan 55231344



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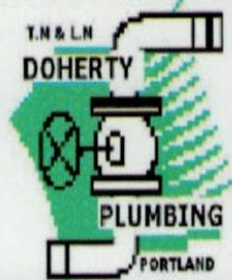
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