

# Portland North Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

... is a child safe school



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## DATES

- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
Term 2 starts
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
GRADE 3 & 4 CAMP



### Principal's Message

Wow – I know I seem to say this often but I still can't believe we're at the end of another term! It has been a great term and I'm very proud of the start all of the children have made to 2021, **particularly our senior school children**. They have been wonderful role models and have set a great tone in the school; they are working and behaving beautifully and we appreciate that very much.

**Congratulations to our littlest people** for making it through their very first term of school. We hope they have a very big rest and come back next term refreshed, enthusiastic and ready for another busy term of learning and play.

Thank you also to our wonderful families; you have done a fantastic job in supporting your children in their return to school after a very challenging year in 2020. **We value your partnership** and look forward to creating more opportunities for you to engage with us as the year progresses. We hope you all have a lovely break from school as well!

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been extremely well supported by **Brian Antony (Cooper and Jack's step-dad) and Jamie Watson (Miah and Jax's dad)** who volunteered to do some much needed repair work around the school. Maintenance of our aging buildings can be costly so we really appreciate their generosity and kindness – the money we saved on plastering will be diverted to providing more resources to support the children's learning. On behalf of our school community, **I thank them very much**.

Congratulations to our **interschool athletics team** for their wonderful effort on Tuesday. Every one of them put in their very best effort and we were very proud of them. They all competed with great sportsmanship and made sure they supported and cheered for all competitors! Congratulations to the children who were successful in making it to the regional competition on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We are also very proud of Sakura Riley who won her age group Champion on Tuesday!

**Today we farewell** a very important member of our school community. **Stacey Millard** and her husband are making the long-awaited and very exciting retirement move to Queensland. Stacey has been an integral member of the PNPS team for 17 years. She has supported many, many children and teachers throughout those years and we know she has made a huge difference to all of us! We wish her a wonderful transition to retirement but we will miss her enormously!

We have been so lucky to have **Julie Baker** return to us this term, as she also made the final transition to retirement. Julie has provided a great deal of support to us this term as she established the tutoring program for our Year 3 – 6 children. As always, Julie has approached her work with energy and enthusiasm and I know that she has already made a difference to the teachers and children she has worked with this term. We wish her a wonderful retirement and thank her again for the contribution she has made to PNPS over many years and her hard work this term. Wendy Gray will continue Julie's work with our senior school children in term 2.

I would like to introduce our **2021 School Council** to the community. Damien King, Tom Englezos, Kerry Sharrock and I remain on School Council as DET representatives. Brad Hein, Melissa Imbi, Charlotte Elliot, Nikki Hudson and Lauren Yuill remain on the team and Liz Regent returns as our School Council president. We welcome Peter Edkins and Crystal Hays as new members of the council for 2021. Every member of the School Council is committed to ensuring our school functions at the highest level and the parents act as representatives of the parent community. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas I encourage you to share them with your School Council representatives.

We also have **several sub-committees of School Council** that you are welcome to



join – Facilities, Community Engagement and Parent’s Club. Please contact the school if you would like to find out more about how you can continue to support this wonderful school community.

Last night the School Council endorsed our **2020 Annual Report**, which summarises and explains our progress and achievements for the year. While 2020 was very challenging on so many levels, we also had a great deal to be proud of. While more details will be available in the Annual Report, which will be available on our website or by request at the office shortly. I wanted to begin to share some of our successes in the newsletter as a great way to celebrate and appreciate what a great school community we all belong to.

**95%**  
Your school

**79%**  
Similar schools

**82%**  
Network

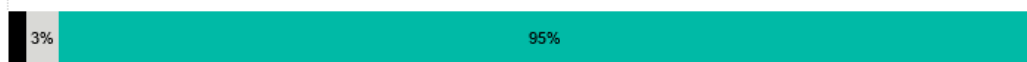
**79%**  
State

### Percentage Endorsement in 2020 (%) ⓘ

Social engagement for students in Years 4 to 6

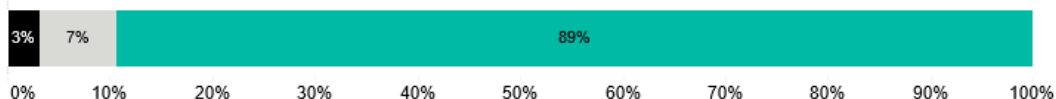
School stage transitions (Y7 and New Students)

Sense of connectedness



Sense of inclusion

Student voice and agency



■ Positive ■ Neutral ■ Invalid ■ Not positive

This data set shows the extent to which our 2020 Years 4 – 6 children felt connected to our school and felt that they had voice and choice in their learning. We have worked very hard to build positive relationships with and between the children, and to create a school culture that ensures they all have a strong sense of belonging. We also worked very hard, particularly during remote learning, to provide learning experiences which were engaging, challenging, and which allowed the children to take responsibility and manage themselves well. Clearly, this worked for them because their perceptions are well above our network, state and similar school benchmarks.

Happy holidays everyone - Cate

**Well done Sakura & Zayne**  
**on your outstanding achievement at**  
**Athletics. They were age group champion**  
**We are so proud of you.**



## PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD

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Grade	Name	Grade	Name
SAUNDERS		BROWN	
BILL		ROLL	
JESS		JONES	
KING			
Student Leaders			



**happy holidays**

we offer my appreciation to

**Xander**

... well done

APPRECIATION AWARDS are handed out at our fortnightly assembly...3.10pm





**Well done to all our students who competed at the Interschool Athletics. You did yourself and our school proud...x**



**SCHOOL**  
Photo Day  
**MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY**  
*...put it in your diary*



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