

# Portland North Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Thursday 22 April

... is a child safe school



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### Principal's Message

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break – we have heard lots of fun tales about camping, car trips, visits and activities so we know the children all had a lovely holiday. They have all returned to school very happy and ready to learn – it has been a great week so far!

It will be another very busy term: **please check the events calendar** included in this newsletter, add all the events to your own calendars, and look out for more details as we send them home closer to each event.

We would like to offer a very warm welcome to **Arabelle (Belle) Cashion** and her family, who has joined us in Year 1. We hope they feel welcome and valued as the newest members of our school community.

We are very pleased to welcome back **Sabah's Hot Lunches** menu for Term 2. Lunches should be **pre-ordered on Monday mornings** and lunches will be **delivered for first lunch each Wednesday**. Details are included in the newsletter.

Our **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program** continues for our Years 4 – 6 children. We are very grateful for the many helpers who have joined us to help in both the garden and the kitchen classes. It is a wonderful opportunity for members of our community to support and engage with us, and it makes an enormous difference to our program to have so many enthusiastic helpers. **If you are able to help out in either the garden or the kitchen, please contact your child's teacher.**

Our bikes continue to be a very popular pastime for many of our children at recess times. Although, I do admit that I didn't anticipate the level of maintenance required to **keep all of our bikes 'on the road'**. Thank you to **Paul Robins and Matthew Cook**, who have very generously offered to do some fixing of flat tyres, loose chains and wonky handlebars. If you have some skill and some time, and would like to help maintain our fleet, please let us know - we would really appreciate it!

Amongst all our school events, Term 2 is also the term for statewide monitoring and assessments. **NAPLAN assessments will be held from 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May**. We have already begun supporting the Year 3 and Year 5 children in their preparation for these annual assessments, with a focus on understanding the genre of the multiple-choice tasks, which is often unfamiliar to the children. However, we also aim to keep preparation relatively relaxed to ensure that all the children feel calm, comfortable and confident. It is our expectation that all children participate in the NAPLAN assessment program, however if you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

We will also undertake the annual students Attitudes to School Survey this term. We had very positive results in 2020. We were especially pleased to

**WELCOME  
BACK  
STUDENTS!**



## DATES

- **Wed 28<sup>th</sup> to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
GRADE 3 & 4 CAMP
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Prep, grade 1/2 and 2/3  
King all day Excursion
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
Grade 2 slumber party
- **May 11-13** NAPLAN
- **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
School Photos
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
Curriculum Day,  
no school for students
- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
Queen's Birthday  
Public Holiday
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
Last Day Term 2

see an improved sense of safety. The data below demonstrates our Year 4 – 6 student’s perception of safety in our school, significantly more positive than our network schools and the state. However, as always, there remains room for improvement and we continue to work very hard to develop a safe and engaging learning environment for every child.

Percentage Endorsement in 2020(%) ⓘ

For Safety - All

**91%**  
Your school

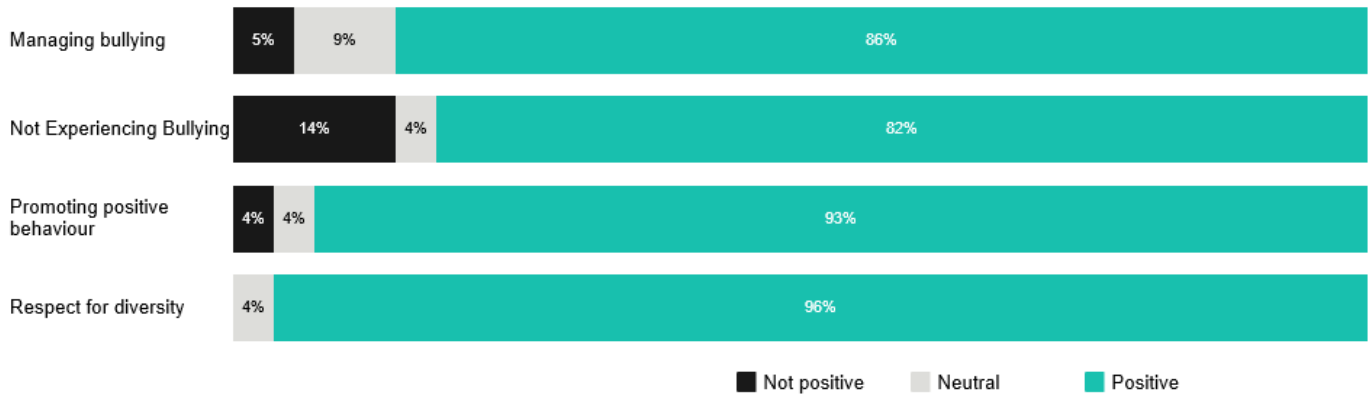
**86%**  
Similar schools

**85%**  
Network

**85%**  
State

Percentage Endorsement in 2020 (%) ⓘ

For Safety



Percentage Endorsement over last 5 years (%) ⓘ

For Safety - All

We are in the process of planning our **Cross Country event for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of May (we will confirm this date)** and we’ll advise you of all the details in the coming weeks.

**Our focus for Positive Education to start the term is Positive Emotions, particularly practicing Gratitude.** The benefits of practicing gratitude are nearly endless. People who regularly practice gratitude by taking time to notice and reflect upon the things they're thankful for experience more positive emotions, feel more alive, sleep better, express more compassion and kindness, and even have stronger immune systems. Gratitude is also one the 24 VIA Character Strengths that helps us be aware of and thankful for the good things that happen in our lives; it creates a sense of joy, appreciation and hope. **Something you can all try at home as a family: Write down three things you are grateful for, and why. Share your thoughts as a family around the dinner table.**

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
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| <b>JESS</b>            | Ruby M-Baas & Kobe Saunders | <b>ROLL</b>     | Hunter Barker & Juniper Gettens |
| <b>BILL</b>            | Elva Cook                   | <b>JONES</b>    | Milly King                      |
| <b>KING</b>            | Miah Watson                 | <b>ENGLEZOS</b> | Tasha Cornish                   |
| <b>Student Leaders</b> | Noah Howard                 |                 |                                 |



This week I offer my appreciation to  
**Pypah Driscoll**  
 ... well done for being an enthusiastic, friendly and helpful tour guide for our school  
 ... you did a great job helping me show a new family around

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

Sunday 25 April  
**ANZAC**  
*Day*  
*Lest we forget ...*




**Thank You!**

Our toastie day raised \$213



**HANDS ON LEARNING**   
 A program supported by Save the Children

**Grade 3 & 4 Port Fairy Camp  
 next week ... have fun & enjoy!**



**Thank you  
 Bakers Delight  
 Portland!**

Mark and Belinda donated  
 14 loaves of bread for our  
 HoL Toastie Day.

**Navy Blue  
 School beanies  
 available at the  
 office ...\$3**

  
**BE  
 KIND**

**BOOK CLUB  
 DUE IN FRIDAY  
 7<sup>th</sup> MAY**



**NATIONAL 17-23 MAY 2021  
 VOLUNTEER  
 WEEK**

**RECOGNISE. RECONNECT.  
 REIMAGINE.**

*You're invited*

to join us at one of the Volunteer Recognition Events being held across the Shire during National Volunteer Week

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|---|--|--|---|
| <b>NELSON</b><br>Monday 17 May 2021, 5pm<br>CFA Shed, Nth Nelson Rd | <b>CASTERTON</b><br>Monday 17 May 2021, 6pm<br>Town Hall, Henty St | <b>PORTLAND</b><br>Wednesday 19 May 2021, 6pm<br>Civic Hall, Bentinck St | <b>HEYWOOD</b><br>Thursday 20 May 2021, 6pm<br>Community Hall, Edgar St |
|---|--|--|---|

RSVP to Jodie Vaughan by Friday May 7, 2021 with the location of event you will be attending and the total attendees.  
 Please include any dietary, mobility and/or hearing requirements.  
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