

Portland North Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 6 May

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Principal's Message



We are in the middle of a very busy few weeks with many exciting things happening!

Firstly, congratulations to the **Year 3 and Year 4 children who had a very successful camp** last week. On behalf of all the children and their families, I thank their teachers Ms Brown and Ms Erin, and parents Helen Kent, Melissa Fitzgerald and Shawn Spencer who made sure they all had a wonderful time. Going on camp is a highlight in every child's school life and it wouldn't happen without a big effort from teachers and parent helpers.

Congratulations to Olivia Trickey, Zayne Medina, Sakura Riley, Stella Trickey, Charlotte Hein, Ruby Rudge, Paige Spencer, Milly King, Ruby O'Brien, Hannah Whitehead and Addison Bell who will all represent our school tomorrow at the **Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton Division Athletics Carnival**. We are very proud of them and wish them well!

Our **Year 2 children will enjoy their slumber party** tomorrow night – thanks also to their teachers and the Year 6 helpers who stay to facilitate all the activities, which make it such a fun night!

Next **Friday May 14th** we will all be enjoying our **Cross Country event at Fawthrop Lagoon** (Hood St entrance). We will travel by bus from school ready for a 2pm start. Parents are welcome to join us and if you can help with some check points and marshalling we would really appreciate it. All children are to be picked up from the Hood St entrance at 3:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be busy completing the annual National assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy (**NAPLAN**). The Language Conventions and Writing tasks will be completed on Tuesday, the Reading task on Wednesday and the Numeracy task on Thursday. We have supported the children in their preparation by familiarising them with the types of tasks they will encounter so they feel confident and comfortable next week. We use the data generated by NAPLAN to monitor our progress, identify the strengths of the students themselves, and us as a school, and to identify areas for further work and improvement. If you have any questions about NAPLAN please be in touch.

On Wednesday May 19th, I will be accompanying our student leaders (Olivia Trickey, Ava Hatten, Cohen Peatling and Quinn Ward) to the annual **GRIP Student Leaders Conference** in Mt Gambier. I am sure they will enjoy giving a report about their leadership day at an assembly in the near future.

As part of the COVID-19 remote learning recovery plan, the Department of Education and Training (DET) have set state wide and regional student attendance goals. Consequently, they are **monitoring student absences very closely** and contacting schools each month to discuss children who have unacceptably high levels of unapproved absences from school. We are then required to follow up these absences with families and implement an attendance plan. I encourage you to make your child's attendance at school a priority as there is a very strong correlation between high levels of school attendance and long-term success in school and life.

On behalf of our students, I would like to thank Elijah Sportspower and RSL Bowling Club for their recent **donation of additional sports equipment**. There is no such thing as too much sports equipment and we really appreciate their generosity.



DATES

- **TOMORROW**
Grade 2 slumber party
- **May 11-13** NAPLAN
- **Friday 14th May**
Cross Country
- **24th – 28th May**
EDUCATION WEEK
- **Monday 31st May**
School Photos
- **RECONCILIATION WEEK**
27th May – 3rd June
- **Friday 11th June**
Curriculum Day,
no school for students
- **Monday 14th June**
Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday
- **Friday 25th June**
Last Day Term 2

On behalf of our enthusiastic and dedicated bike riders, I also thank Matt Cook and Paul Robins for their **bike repairs**. Keeping our bikes in riding order is an ongoing challenge and I **can't express my gratitude for your help strongly enough** – without help to keep the bikes working the children would miss out an extremely valuable part of our school!

We are making up for the cultural drought caused by COVID-19 lockdowns last year with a **flurry of cultural events this term:**

- May 20th Funky Chickens (virtual show)
- May 25th Education Week – Open Morning: 9 – 11 am
- May 28th Pete the Sheep workshop
- June 2nd Reconciliation Week – Cultural Activities Day
- June 2nd Cyberwise (live show)
- June 4th Pete the Sheep Performance
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Before school supervision – thank you again to the parents who have made a special request for before school supervision for their child. This supervision begins at 8:20 with the arrival of the first buses. **No children are to arrive at school prior to the school start time of 8:40 unless they travel by bus or a special request has been made and approved.**

Cate



Camp Fun!



PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD



TRUST FORGIVENESS INTEGRITY HOPE COMPASSION

Grade	Name	Grade	Name
SAUNDERS	Olli Cracknell & Jarrah Cook	BROWN	Brianna Phillips
JESS	Ella Nelson & Caoiva Flannery	ROLL	Amber Fitzgerald & Alicia Burton
BILL	Sharlee Spiteri	ENGLEZOS	Jesse Boyce
KING	Mason Lindsey	JONES	Kye Field
Student Leaders	Jesse Boyce		



This week I offer my appreciation to
Teigh Flannery
 ... Well done for your efforts and progress in Minilit ...
 We are very proud of you ... keep it up Teigh!

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



Hands on Learning Team doing a great job around our school

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE DATES

...it is very exciting news that we can finally have Cultural Performances again. Here is a list of what we have booked in for the year ahead ...

- Friday 28th May,
Pete the Sheep Workshop for P-2
- Thursday 3rd June,
Cyber Wise for 3-6
- Friday 4th June,
Pete the Sheep Performance
- Friday 30th July,
Samba Experience – whole school
- Friday 29th October,
BMX Track Show – whole school

Education Week 2021

Building Connections 23 – 29 May



Scholastic Book Fair



Book Fair will be on during Education Week

GRADE 2 PJ SLUMBER PARTY

FRIDAY, 7th May

...just a little reminder to return your form/money ASAP and please make sure you pick up your child at **9.15pm sharp** from the main building...don't forget your P.J's and toiletries...

...the grade 2 students and staff are very excited!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

wishing YOU A lovely MOTHER'S DAY

BOOK CLUB DUE IN FRIDAY 7th MAY

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

SABAH'S HOT LUNCHES

1. Order forms are sent home on Wednesdays if a student wants a lunch order.
2. Orders and money **MUST** be in by 9 am each Monday.
3. Eat yummy Sabah lunch on Wednesday!
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