

Portland North Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 17th June

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DATES

- **Tuesday 22 June**
School photos
- **Wednesday 23 June**
Assembly, 3pm
- **Thursday 24 June**
Reports sent home
- **Friday 25th June**
 1. Last Day Term 2
 2. **Dress up day and fundraiser**
 3. **EARLY DISMISSAL**
2.30pm



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

- **T3 starts** Monday 12 July ... **swimming all term for all students**

Principal's Message

Well, here we are approaching the end of another busy term. We are very grateful that Remote Learning 4.0 only affected us for a short time and that we were able to have a largely uninterrupted term of learning. The teachers have completed their mid-year monitoring and assessments in preparation for the **reports**, which will come home late next week. Given the disruption of 2020, we are very pleased with the learning progress being made by the children.

We are also in the process of monitoring the learning progress of the children involved in the **tutoring and literacy intervention program**, with the intention of adjusting those groups for Term 3. Parents of children participating in the tutoring program will receive additional information in their child's report and progress can be discussed at Student Progress Conferences early next term.

Student Progress Conferences will be held in Week 1 next term; on the evening of Wednesday July 14th and Thursday July 15th, and **all day Friday 16th July**. Conference bookings will open in COMPASS next week. As with previous conferences, children attend the conference with their parents/carers so there will be **no school for children on July 16th**. Please contact the school if you need support in accessing COMPASS or making a booking.

Our focus for Positive Education for the last two weeks of the term is **Positive Relationships – Forgiveness**. Forgiveness is one of our school values and it underpins our belief that practicing forgiveness has enormous benefits for both the forgiver and forgivee (if that's a word!). Forgiveness is another character strength, which involves forgiving those who have wronged or offended us. Forgiveness entails accepting the shortcomings of others, giving people a second chance, and putting aside the temptation to hold a grudge or behave vengefully. Forgiveness allows us to put aside the self-destructive negativity associated with anger and to extend mercy towards a transgressor. When we can forgive someone, we have healthier relationships, better psychological wellbeing, less stress and hostility, a greater sense of calm and less anxiety. If you would like to learn more about the power of forgiveness, and why we think it is so important, you can learn more at the following sites:

<https://www.theforgivenessproject.com/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8o9_TIZyB_Y

Our **Hands on Learning** team have had yet another great term of collaboration and creativity. They have painted items for the gardens, made their own toolboxes and some more wicking beds are under construction. I know the children love their Hands on Learning day and I thank Brooke King for all the work she does in making sure the children participate in a wonderful program.



Next week we welcome our **DSSI Teaching Partners** for the final time. The Teaching Partners (Chelsea Arnott and Jane Dunn) have been supporting the development of our Literacy Program for 18 months. They have worked closely with our teachers in their classrooms; modelling, coaching and mentoring teachers as they implemented effective reading and writing programs across the school. They have led the professional learning of teachers and supported them in their planning and the development of whole-school curriculum documents.

Having the Teaching Partners in our school has been a huge support to me in leading school improvement, and they have made an enormous difference to the teachers and their students. We are very grateful for the opportunity this initiative has offered us and really appreciate their support in building our capacity as effective teachers in literacy. However, we are very fortunate to have been part of a trial in which **Hayley Jones has worked with Chelsea Arnott this year as an acting Teaching Partner, which means we will continue to benefit from their influence into the future.**

We are very excited to announce some winners of the recent **Glenelg Shire Council Bushfire Colouring Competition**. The judge, Troy Lovett, a proud Gunditjmara and Yorta-Yorta man, was impressed by the creativity of these artworks and of all the artwork submitted by our students. **Our winners are Isla Saunders, Lily Johnstone, Elva Cook, Ruby Rudge, Zac Berry and Hugo Kent.** The children will receive some very generous awards next week at our final assembly for the term.

Now seems a very good time to gently remind families that the payment of school fees would be very much appreciated. The payment of school fees makes a very big difference to the resources and experiences we are able to provide for the children. At this stage, 52% of families have paid their contribution, so any improvement on that figure would be fantastic!

Next Wednesday will be our final assembly for the term. We have our fingers crossed that restrictions will allow us to have visitors into the school to celebrate the end of term. **4/5R are our Class in Focus**, and we look forward to hearing all about their achievements for the term.

We also have our fingers crossed that restrictions will further ease and the **school photos scheduled for next Tuesday June 22nd** can go ahead as planned. We will confirm those arrangements as soon as we are able to.

We know that a family's engagement in their child's education is a key factor in that child's success in school. Therefore, the School Council has established a **Community Engagement sub-committee**, which aims to improve family engagement in our school and greater involvement for parents as we collaborate to support every child's progress and achievement. If you would like to join this sub-committee, we would love to have your company. We meet today, **Thursday 17th at 2:45 – all welcome!**

Cate

PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD

TRUST FORGIVENESS INTEGRITY HOPE COMPASSION



Grade	Name	Grade	Name
SAUNDERS	Ally Carlyon & Sami Kerr	BROWN	Elsa D'Adduzio & Ava Kent
JESS	Mikaylah Hilton & Noah Imbi	ROLL	Koby Cracknell & Zayne Medina
BILL	Stevie Yuill & Isla Saunders	ENGLEZOS	Archie Collier
KING	Georgia Hatten	JONES	Charlotte Hein
Student Leaders	Winter Series Sports Teams		



This week I offer my appreciation to

Liam Harrison & Sharlee Spiteri

... Well done **Liam** on being resilient and brave with your current medical situation
 ... Well done **Sharlee** for helping us find & bring back 'Miffy' to school

APPRECIATION AWARDS are handed out at our fortnightly assembly...3.00pm

SWIMMING



TERM 3 SWIMMING LESSONS 2021

DAY	TIME	GRADE
EVERY MONDAY starting 12/7	11am	BROWN
	12pm	ENGLEZOS
	1pm	JONES
	2pm	ROLL
EVERY TUESDAY starting 13/7	11am	KING
	12pm	DORING
	1pm	SAUNDERS
	2pm	NASH

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE BUSSED TO AND FROM THE YMCA POOL

- **ALL GRADES - STUDENTS** are to come to school dressed in their school uniform and will get changed into their swimming gear at the pool. Please ensure your child brings their swimming gear and towel in a separate swimming bag on their scheduled day.

- Please remember to send along a towel and any other personal swimming gear (ear plugs, goggles etc) that they need - **GOGGLES ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**. You also need to pack a plastic bag for their wet swimming gear to go into after their lesson.



EVERYTHING IS TO BE CLEARLY NAMED PLEASE

You are welcome to come down & watch your child swim. We remind parents that they are to watch the lesson and not interrupt the instructors. Any further queries about swimming that you still might have please come and ask us.

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE -

- **SWIMMING FEES ARE INCLUDED IN SCHOOL FEES, and NEED TO BE PAID PRIOR TO THEIR LESSONS ... thank you** All enquiries to Kerry or Di...thank-you.

Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser

Friday June 25th

Casual Day Wear Blue/Yellow

Gold Coin Donation

Cup Cakes will be for sale at Recess. \$2 each



Please support this valuable fundraiser

Due to current Covid 19 restrictions, we are unable to run our biggest morning tea.

We hope this will be a fun way for the school community to be involved, and still raise money for a very worthy cause.

Donations can be sent to the school office.

If you require a receipt, please include your name & contact details.



Dear Portland families,
 The Ballarat Y would like to take this opportunity to highlight our Afterschool Care program operating from All Saint's Primary School. The Afterschool Care service is open Monday thru to Friday and operates daily from 3.20pm until 6.30pm. We provide a bus which collects from children from St John's, Portland Primary School, North Primary and South Portland Primary which transports them to the All saints Primary School. We also have a walking school bus from Bundarra school. The bus is supervised by one of the Afterschool Care educators.

To Enrol your child/ren simply copy and paste the link below:
https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment_v2/centre/qjypqWB942311vtA8xhvnQb50w

Once complete, the service will receive a notification and one of our educators will be in touch to finalise your enrolment. You can also log into Grampians.ymca.org.au Click on what do we do Children services Then go to Portland after school care Scroll down and click on enrol and manage your bookings Complete the enrolment form



The Vacation Care program operates school holidays from 7.30am to 5.30pm, your child/ren have the option to attend for full or half days. Children can participate in a number of excursions, incursions and have the opportunity to meet children from various Portland Primary Schools.

A copy of the Vacation Care program flyer will be distributed to each local Primary school a month prior to the school holidays commencing, early enrolment is encouraged.

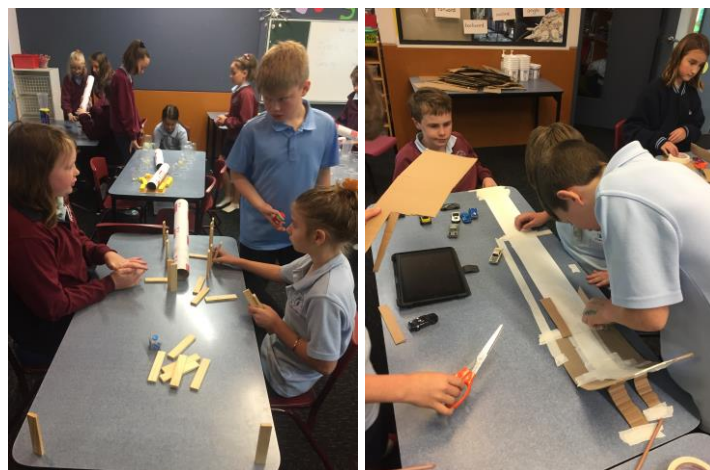
Families are welcome to contact the Outside School Hours service from 1-30pm, Monday thru to Friday on 0419904056.

The Service Coordinator, Belinda is available to answer questions you may have and provide enrolment support if required.

Outside of those hours you can also email:

portland.oshc@ymca.org.au

STEM - This term our senior students have been investigating forces and movement. In particular, we have been investigating the effect of gravity and its 3 laws. Here are some of the Rube Goldberg machines that our student scientists created this week demonstrating their understandings of the 3 laws of gravity.



Glenelg Shire Council Children's Services 2022 Kindergarten Enrolments Monday 12 July - Sunday 1 August

Visit our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Glenelgshirechildrensservices> to keep up to date with all our enrolment news

Contact us by phoning 1300 453 635 or by emailing enrolment@glenelg.vic.gov.au



SCHOOL DENTAL VAN

...forms need to be returned by 21/6/21. Thanks

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

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! *please support our hot lunch program ...*

It's really yummy!

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