

Portland North Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 29 July

... is a child safe school



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to everyone from another lockdown! Thank you so much for your support and the very business-like way you all managed the challenge of remote learning. The children have all returned with enthusiasm and positivity – although I think most of that was due to the fact that they all missed their friends so much! However, regardless of their motives, we are very pleased to have them all back at school and ready to learn.

The annual **DET Parent Survey is underway**. We use the feedback gathered each year from families and carers to measure our progress, identify areas for improvement and to celebrate our successes. It is a highly valued aspect of our annual review process, and we really appreciate the time and effort families and carers put into completing the survey; it provides us with a lot of very useful information. **The link and confidential school PIN number will be sent out to families via COMPASS this afternoon.**

While we are back at school and out of lockdown, the pool is shared between other groups and the public. **Therefore, swimming will not recommence until we receive further advice from DET.**

The school photos have arrived and will be sent home with children this afternoon. Please look out for them in your child's bag.

In the coming weeks our Year 3 and 5 children will participate in a NAPLAN Item Trial for reading and maths. ACARA (Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority) has enlisted multiple schools across the state to trial new or modified items for future NAPLAN assessments and our participation is a valuable contribution to this national initiative.

Individual student and school results are not reported or published. The purpose of the Item Trial is to test the functionality of the test items, not to test students. If you have any questions, please contact me.

DATES

- **Swimming all term**
Senior classes Monday,
Junior classes Tuesday
- **MONDAY 2nd August**
Grade 6 Big Day Out
- **FRIDAY 20th August**
Curriculum Day, pupil
free

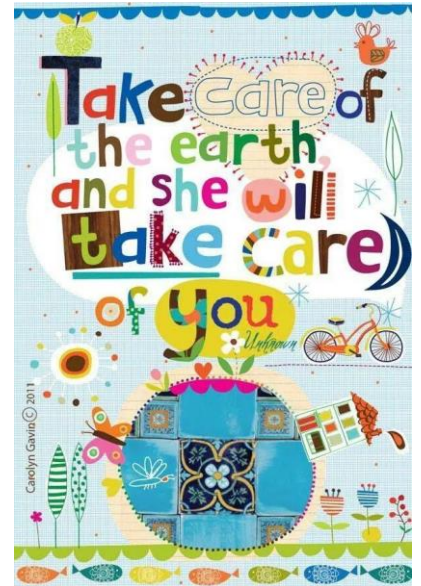


Our focus for Positive Education this fortnight is **Positive Accomplishment – Mindsets**. We will all be learning more about how to develop a Growth Mindset which is so important to our behaviour and our achievement. Science has proven that our brains can and do change with practice and effort, and that just because we haven't learned or achieved something YET, we can achieve success with determination, effort and practice. Professor Carol Dweck has delivered two wonderful TED Talks – *The Power of believing that You Can Improve* and *How to Help Your Child Fulfill Their Potential*. They are both very worth watching!

I also watched a very interesting episode of 4 Corners on Monday night about **Tik Tok and the many concerns it raises for the safety of children using the platform**. I know it is a challenge keeping up to date with all of the online platforms available to us these days and the ways in which our children are using them - it is also very worthwhile watching!

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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Grade	Name	Grade	Name
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JESS			
FURNEAUX			
KING		JONES	
Student Leaders			

no awards due to remote



This week I offer my appreciation to
All PNPS students & families
 ... Well done during our Lockdown 5 remote learning, we are proud of you all ...

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

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