

Portland North Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday September 10th

... is a child safe school



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DATES

- Friday 17th September
Last day of term
- 2.30pm dismissed
- Dress up in your footy colours – just for fun!
- Term 4 starts Monday 4th October

Principal's Message

We are thrilled to see all our littlest people back at school today; they have returned full of excitement and enthusiasm! They've had a lovely day getting back into the school routine with lots of engaging and creative learning tasks and I'm certain they're enjoying being back in their classes with their classmates.

Thank you yet again for the way you have supported them throughout this latest remote learning program – they have worked hard through a challenging time. We hope this next week back at school will settle them back into a routine so that they are ready for a calm and uninterrupted Term 4.



Below is the latest advice from DET about current arrangements for schools:

The Victorian Government has made announcements in relation to arrangements for schools in regional Victoria.

From Friday 10 September students in Prep to Grade 2, Units 3/4 Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) students and final year Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and International Baccalaureate (IB) students will return to face-to-face learning.

Parents in regional Victoria who are returning to work will be able to access in-home childminding for primary-school aged children and younger.

The existing remote learning program will continue for our Year 3 – 6 students, with on-site supervision only available for those students who were previously eligible for on-site supervision. No additional students in Grades 3 to 6 will be able to attend on-site.

We will continue to ensure that remaining year levels undertaking remote and flexible learning continue to be well supported.



Key health advice

- School staff and secondary school students aged 12 or older must always wear a face mask indoors and outdoors at school, including when attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program, unless a lawful exception applies.
- It is recommended that children under 12 years of age and students at primary school wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OSHC program.

The Victorian Department of Health is hosting a live webinar for young people to provide information on COVID-19 vaccines and how to support their mental health. You can join the free webinar on Tuesday 14 September, 6-7pm. Registration is via this [link](#).

Topics covered include:

- Vaccines, development and safety
- Accessing and consenting to a vaccination
- How to book an appointment
- How to support your mental health
- Q+A with the panel.

This event will be held via Microsoft Teams Live. For access information visit [Attend a live event in Teams](#).

The current guidelines have stated that **no camps, excursions or incursions can be conducted at this stage**. Our School Council has decided that the Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill camp planned for next term will be cancelled and an alternative program will be developed in alignment with whatever restrictions are in place at the proposed time. More details will be communicated next term.

School gatherings, assemblies and non-essential meetings should be deferred.

COVID-safe restrictions remain in place:

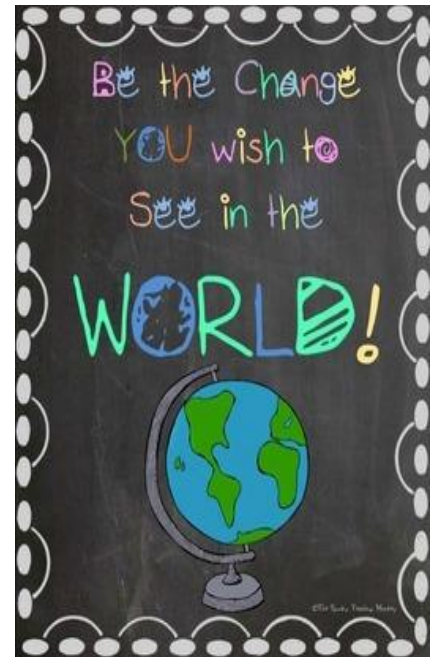
- Visitors onsite are limited to essential school services and operations
- Parents may visit for essential business only
- Masks must be worn & good hand hygiene must be practiced
- QR code check-ins are required

Thank you for complying with our COVID restrictions and helping us all keep safe. As always, if you have any questions or need support, please contact us here at school.

Cate

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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JESS		ROLL	
FURNEAUX		ENGLEZOS	
KING		JONES	
Student Leaders			



This week I offer my appreciation to

Sophie Atwell

... Well done for being friendly, helpful, smart, organised and an all-round perfect student ... and thank you for your delicious cupcakes!

APPRECIATION AWARDS handed out internally by Cate & Student Leaders until assemblies start again ...

For our inquiry we have been studying local endangered and threatened animals. We worked in pairs to research and write a report on our animal. Once our reports were finished they were published into a special book.

As a class we found out that all the animals we researched are being protected at the Healesville Sanctuary Zoo - just past Melbourne. We researched what we could do to help our animals and found out that we could 'donate' to the Zoo. So as a class we took 'Action' and had a cupcake donation day on Friday the 20th. We raised \$100 and all the money raised went to Healesville Sanctuary Zoo! We'll done 1/2 Nash 🙌



Before You Speak,

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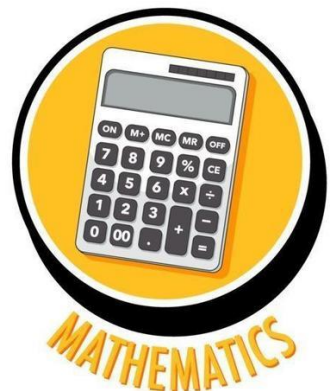
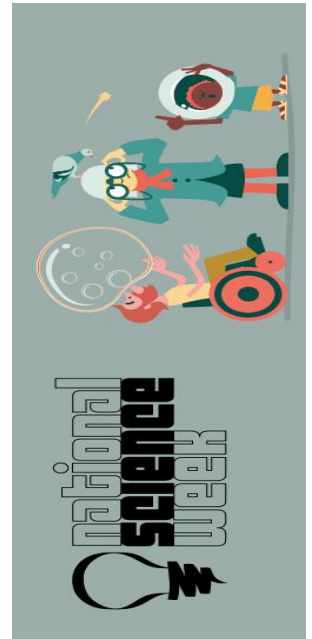
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- H**- Is it **Helpful**?
- I**- Is it **Inspiring**?
- N**- Is it **Necessary**?
- K**- Is it **Kind**?



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This week is National Science Week ... but at Portland North Primary School,
every week is science week!

Here are some of our students exploring robotics and computer sciences.



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