

Portland North Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Here we are, back at School again – it's just as well we're all really flexible and able to turn on a dime!



Regardless of the impact on our teachers who have to change their approaches and planning with moments notice, we are very pleased to have all the children back at school, reconnected with their classmates and engaged back into their learning programs. Thank you for your positive attitude to it all – we're all getting very good at just going with the flow. We do acknowledge that all the changes can be unsettling and disruptive for the children, and our focus on returning to school is on their wellbeing and creating a very calm, supportive learning environment.

Because of the recent disruptions we have rescheduled our **Curriculum Day. It will now be on September 3rd**, providing the presenter **Chris Egan**, who is travelling from Melbourne, is able to join us on site. Our professional learning focus for the Curriculum Day is Literacy; motivating our students to read and love reading. We will advise you closer to the proposed date whether any further changes are required. You might also be interested to know that we are collaborating with **Adam Voight** to enhance our restorative school culture, and **Professor Peter Liljedahl** (from Canada) to further improve our approach to teaching numeracy. We are tapping into some wonderful experts in their fields to improve our knowledge and practice – exciting times!

We remain unable to provide swimming lessons due to COVID restrictions.

However, we are hopeful they might be resumed soon.

The annual **DET Parent Survey** remains open for your feedback. **Please revisit your Compass notifications for access advice and our school pin number.** The feedback we gather from families is very important, so I encourage all of you to participate and contribute to our school improvement journey.

DATES

- **Swimming all term**
Senior classes Mon
Junior classes Tuesday
cancelled for now
- **Wednesday 25th Aug**
BOOK WEEK
dress up, parade
& activity day
- **FRIDAY 3rd**
September
Curriculum Day,
pupil free



I'd like to thank the children, staff and families for the effort put into celebrating **Principal's Day last Friday**. It was a shame we were unable to celebrate with the children, but they still made the day special with their appreciations flower – it was a lovely reminder of why my work as a principal is so important and that it is an honour and a privilege to lead this lovely school and try to make a positive difference to everyone in it.

Thank you also to the 85% of families who paid their fees for 2021. What an amazing difference it makes to our ability to provide the resources we need, and we really appreciate your contribution!

Our **Positive Education focus this fortnight is Positive Engagement – Motivation and Flow**. This has been particularly important during remote learning when the children have had to dig deep to develop their self-motivation and a willingness to attempt new and challenging tasks. Research tells us that we are all generally motivated by the desire to achieve and do well, by a sense of purpose, and by having some autonomy (voice and choice) over what we're doing. We know from our own experience that remote learning has provided us with these motivations and in turn, we have seen evidence that the children have also been highly motivated by the same drivers. Our challenge is to hold on to the motivation through these challenging and changing times. **Daniel Pink** has produced some interesting YouTube videos about motivation, if you're interested in finding out more.

The **NAPLAN item trials** mentioned in previous newsletters have been postponed due to the current restrictions. I will let you know the new dates when I have been advised.

It has been SO wet, our playground is very muddy and while we are trying to keep the children out of the worst of it, some of them are getting a bit dirty at the moment. I'm sure it's a challenge to keep up with the washing, so we encourage the children to wear gumboots until things dry out a bit. While we acknowledge the challenge of keeping clothes clean, we ask that **families do their best to keep children in our school uniform, with the correct colour pants (navy, not black) and school jumpers.**

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
SAUNDERS	Zaine Petrie & Liam Harrison	BROWN	Sophie Page & Jude Readett
JESS	Isla Edkins & Caoiva Flannery	ROLL	Addi Newton & Layla Yuill
FURNEAUX	Euan Elliott	ENGLEZOS	Darcy King
KING	Toby King	JONES	Tayla Keane
Student Leaders	Darcy King		



This week I offer my appreciation to

PREP STUDENTS

... Well done Preps and Mrs Saunders for achieving **'100 days of learning at school'**
We are super proud of you all and love having you at North...x

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

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STEP UP TO SCHOOL

An online forum for the community to hear from early childhood experts about how to get children ready for a smooth transition to school in 2022.

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- KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
- FOUNDATION TEACHER
- PRESCHOOL FIELD OFFICER
- SPEECH PATHOLOGIST
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
- SOCIAL WORKER



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Parade & activity day...
Wednesday 25th August**



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