

# Portland North Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21st October

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## — WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL



### Principal's Message

We are very grateful to be returning to some sort of normal tomorrow, with all our students finally back onsite together. Despite the disruption, the last few weeks have been very smooth, and the children and staff have managed the 'staged return' to school with calm positivity. Nevertheless, we are very excited to have everyone back tomorrow!

The DET's Operational Guidelines outline updated advice about the return to school and the current COVID-19 restrictions include:

- Mask-wearing for all Year 3 – 6 children and staff.
- Continued hand hygiene practices

**Individual NAPLAN results** will be sent home to families next week. If you would like to discuss your child's results, please feel welcome to contact your child's teacher or myself. It's always good to remember that NAPLAN is one 'photo in the album of your child's progress' and that there are many other ways we monitor and measure a child's progress and achievement. NAPLAN does give us valuable data which helps us monitor our progress and achievement as a school, identify our strengths and identify areas for ongoing improvement.

We are in the process of planning **transitions for our Year 6 and 2022 Prep children**. We are not yet certain about what those transition activities will be due to changing restrictions, but as soon as we know, you'll know.

We are also waiting for updated advice about camps, excursions, concerts, graduation and other end of year events. Again, as soon as we know what we're allowed to do, we'll let you know.

Children continue to be supported through our tutoring program across the school. Teachers are just completing **Term 4 Individual Education Plans** and will share the goals and strategies with families over the coming few weeks. Please feel welcome to contact your child's teacher or myself if you want to discuss the support plans in greater detail.



## DATES

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
**Curriculum Day**  
*no students at school*

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November



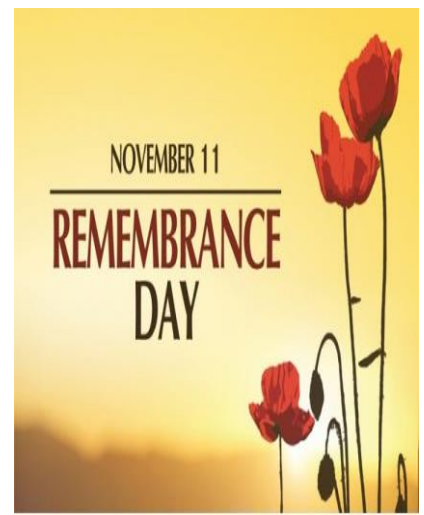
MELBOURNE  
CUP PUBLIC  
HOLIDAY

Please be reminded that our school's **Sun Smart policy** includes **the wearing of hats in Term 1 and Term 4**. Hats are available to purchase from the office for \$7. While we do have spare hats to share in times of emergency, for hygiene reasons we encourage all children to wear their own hat.

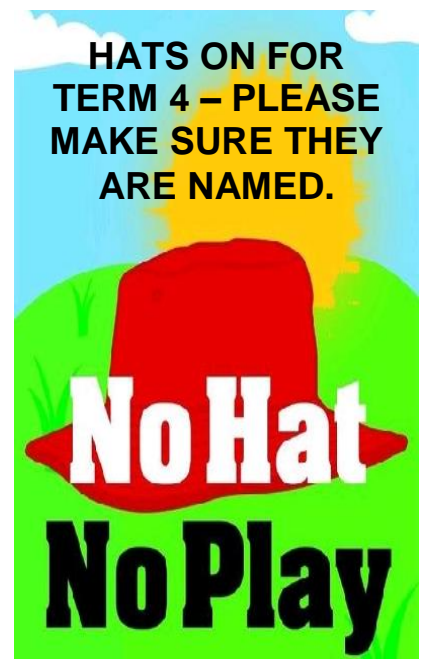
We have a Curriculum Day planned for November 1<sup>st</sup>. We are finally able to have Chris Egan join us onsite to facilitate our day, which will focus on developing a detailed wellbeing strategy for 2022. This strategy will include a focus on wellbeing and flourishing for the students and all adults in our community. We plan to communicate and share our plan, along with a revisit of our school vision, early in Term 1, 2022.

Our school's Community Engagement Team will play a key role in communicating our vision and strategic plan, and if you'd like to join the team you would be very welcome – just let us know!

We are very pleased to share that **DET's Tutor Learning Initiative**, which has been a huge investment in Victorian schools this year, has been extended for 2022. It has been a highly successful initiative which has allowed us to provide extensive support for children across the school to minimize the impact of disruption of COVID lockdowns and remote learning. Kimberley Westlake will continue in the tutor role in 2022.



**BOOK CLUB  
DUE BY  
MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
PLEASE**



PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD									
TRUST		FORGIVENESS		INTEGRITY		HOPE		COMPASSION	
Grade	Name			Grade	Name				
SAUNDERS	Detroit Martin	Jirndi Rotumah		BROWN	Cody Jackson-Keiller	Eva Augunas			
JESS	Felix Bell	Aengus McDougal		ROLL	Marlee Hogg	Connor Desmoulin			
FURNEAUX	Eli Hill	Nathan Dixon-Pace		ENGLEZOS	Briell Emerson	Lachlon P-Willams			
KING	Charlie Askew			JONES	Asha Travers	Noah Howard			
Student Leaders	N/A								



This week I offer my appreciation to  
**Olivia Trickey & Ava Hatten**  
 ... Well done for being such independent, helpful, happy and organized students whilst doing onsite learning ... we are very proud of you both!

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

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