

Portland North Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 18 November

... is a child safe school



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DATES

- **FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER**
Student fundraiser
- **TUESDAY 7th December**
Transition Day
- **WEDNESDAY 15th DEC**
Grade 6 graduation
- **THURSDAY 16th DEC**
Family Picnic & mini-concert/Xmas sing-a-long.
- **FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER**
Clean up day – no classes



DENTAL VAN VISIT
6 – 8 December

Principal's Message

Thank you to all our families for supporting us and complying with DET COVID management guidelines. We understand that it remains difficult to navigate and we're all doing our best to keep everyone safe.

Please be advised of current DET guidelines regarding **Vaccination requirements for visitors and volunteers performing work in schools.** Visitors and volunteers performing work on school sites (both inside and outdoors) must have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by **29 November 2021** or have a valid medication exception.

Vaccination requirements for parents and carers attending schools

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must also adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings **must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021** or have a valid medical exception with the following limited exceptions:

- * when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- * when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer.
- * when attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.

FUNDRAISER by

Junior School Council + Ruby Rudge

Friday the 26th November

Casual dress day plus colouring competition

Raising money for the Smith foundation

... helping students get an education!

Dress theme **blue** and **red** - Smith Foundation colours

Gold coin donation – thanks for your support

Parents and carers attending any event or activity inside a school building including, but not limited to meetings with staff, tours, graduations, kindergarten transition, whole of school events are required to show evidence of vaccination.

Meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) with parents and carers who do not meet vaccination requirements will be held virtually.

Parents and carers attending school sites for drop off and pick up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

If you have any questions about these latest guidelines, please feel welcome to call or make an appointment.

We will complete our 2022 classes on Monday, so this is our last call for any input from families. Please call me if you have information that will influence our decisions about class placements.

We are very pleased to advise you that Jess Cook will take over our music program for the remainder of the year. Jess brings with her a wonderful enthusiasm for music, and it will be a lovely way to end the year with lots of musical fun!

We invite all families to join us for a final, **Family Picnic on Thursday 16th December at 5pm**, where we will celebrate what has been a challenging year with a mini-concert and Christmas sing-a-long with Jess' guitar. Weather permitting, we look forward to having a lovely whole school event to complete the year. ***I encourage all of you to reach out to other families to ensure that everyone feels welcome and included after a year of disconnection and disruption.***

Please be advised that the **Dental Van will be visiting the school between the 6th – 8th of December** for free dental check-ups for all children. Consent forms were sent and returned by families earlier in the year, however if you missed that information and would like your child to have a check-up, please contact the office for details.

Year 6 Graduation planning is underway. It will be held on December 15th here at school. Details and invitations will be sent home in the coming weeks. We are still working on the program, waiting for changes to COVID restrictions before we finalise arrangements. ***If you would like to help with preparations and decorations, please let us know – we'd love your help!***

Cate

PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD

TRUST FORGIVENESS INTEGRITY HOPE COMPASSION



Grade	Name	Grade	Name
SAUNDERS	Xander Mills & Mia Tobolov	BROWN	Caleb Noonan & Dayna Beyer
JESS	Charlotte Foley & Isla Edkins	ROLL	Addie Bell & Seb Finck
FURNEAUX	Jade Brewster & Arlo Ward	ENGLEZOS	Aurora Elliot
KING	Ned Pfeiffer	JONES	Mary Noonan & Connor McPhan
OTHER			



This week I offer my appreciation to
Kobe Saunders & Hugo Kent

...for initiating, organising and managing games for the junior school children so that they all feel included and safe in our playground. I'm so proud of your leadership skills and kindness to others.

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

Congratulations!



Charlotte Hein

Well done on achieving an Academic Scholarship for 2022. We look forward to you becoming part of the PSC Community.

Kids Learn to Sail with Tackers

Tackers is an Australian Sailing program aimed at getting kids aged 7-12 into sailing.

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Each program includes:

- ✓ 15hrs with qualified AS Instructors.
- ✓ FUN on & off-water games.
- ✓ Certificate presentation & sausage sizzle on the last day.
- ✓ Plastic optimist sailing dinghies and lifejackets

Where Portland Yacht Club
When 3rd -5th January 2022
Info:
Portlandyachtclub.com.au

TACKERS
 Australian Sailing

ReInventionArts Summer Holiday Art & Craft Program 2022



Week 1 January		Week 2 January		Week 3 January		Week 4 January	
Mon 3rd	Origami	Mon 10th	Geometrics	Mon 17th	Yarn	Mon 24th	Drawing
Tue 4th	Drawing	Tue 11th	Punch Art	Tue 18th	Quilling	Tue 25th	Painting
Wed 5th	Painting	Wed 12th	String Art	Wed 19th	Puppets	Wed 26th	AU Day Art
Thur 6th	Stencilling	Thur 13th	Modelling	Thur 20th	Sand Art	Thur 27th	Modelling
Fri 7th	Sand Art	Fri 14th	Collage	Fri 21st	Painting	Fri 28th	Collage

Aim of Summer Holiday Program is to provide creative, hands-on exploring that encourages children to develop and express their creativity, stimulate their minds while socially working on their take home masterpiece.

Kids Benefit Through Art

- Boost self-confidence, self-esteem, and sense of self, expressing emotion
- Promotes curiosity and encourages knowledge building
- Develops imagination, storytelling, sequencing, and problem solving
- Improves social skills, making friends and getting along with others

Dose your child enjoy art & craft?

Why not get them into a summer session where they can create projects and explore a range of materials and mediums that are bound to excite and inspire.

Each day has a themed materials base and children can freely explore up to 5 activities during a 3-hour session.

Sessions are self-paced; projects are easily adapted to age as well as the interest of the child supported by qualified instructors and supporting aides using quality materials in our registered Creative Practice and Education Centre.

Bookings are NOW open for Primary aged students of all ages and abilities.

Cost: \$25 per child per 3hr session

Early drop off and late pick up can be accommodated along with full day placements. Family Discount, NDIS funded on request.

Limited spaces available. Operating Australia Day.

Casual booking can be placed by email reinventionarts@gmail.com or call/text 0473 495 244

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