

Portland North Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 4 November

... is a child safe school



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Principal's Message

Thank you for helping us celebrate World Teacher's Day with your many expressions of thanks to our wonderful teachers. I know how much you appreciate their hard work and the way they support your children's wellbeing and learning, and it was lovely to hear so many of you express your appreciation!

We are beginning the process of organizing our **class groups for 2022**. While we work very hard to make decisions about class placements that take every child's wellbeing and learning needs into account, we also welcome your input. Therefore, if there is anything you think we need to know **please call me before November 19th if you would like some input.**

We are in the process of unpacking our 2021 students' Attitudes to School Survey, with another year of outstanding results. Our data is above state, network and 'like' schools in every category, many significantly so. See below for some of our results, and I will continue to share results in the next few newsletters so you can celebrate our successes with us. We are very proud that our focus on student wellbeing, engaging learning and positive education are resulting in such positive perceptions of our students. We know that when children feel happy, connected and engaged, their learning will improve.

Percentage Endorsement in 2021 (%) ⓘ

Sense of connectedness for students in Years 4 to 6

92%

Your school

80%

Similar schools

82%

Network

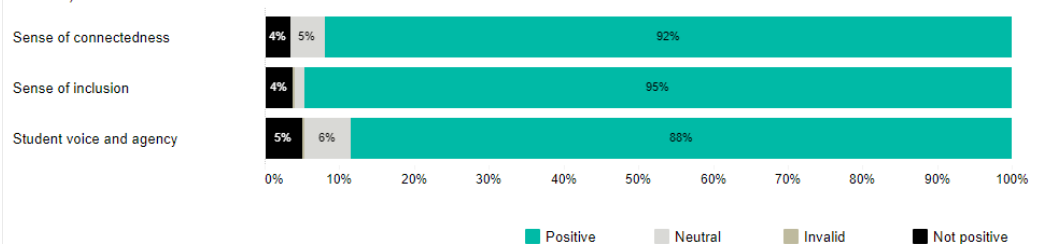
80%

State

Percentage Endorsement in 2021 (%) ⓘ

Social engagement for students in Years 4 to 6

School stage transitions (Y7 and New Students) NDP



DATES

- THURSDAY 11 Nov Remembrance Day
 - TUESDAY 7th DEC Transition Day
- ...please note - 2022 prep transition information notes have been sent, please contact the office if you did not receive one.

HATS ON FOR TERM 4 – PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ARE NAMED.



1/2 Jess learning fractions 'pizza style'...



We are very disappointed that COVID restrictions between SA and Portland continue to make work travel for Mr Hardcastle impossible. He has had to make the difficult decision to take leave for the rest of 2021 so that we can provide some consistency in our learning program. We are still finalising his replacement and will let you know what's happening in our next newsletter. However, I want to acknowledge how difficult the COVID-19 restrictions have been for Adam over the past 18 months and thank him for persisting in trying to make the most of very challenging circumstances. We certainly hope that 2022 provides our cross-border community with an easier road to travel. As a result of Adam's very disrupted music program this year, there will be no concert at the end of the year – sadly, another COVID casualty.

We are also making some final decisions about our end-of-year activities, including Year 5 and 6 events. **Graduation will be held on Wednesday December 15th** – while details are still to be decided, save the date and we'll send you more information in the coming weeks.

Cate

Percentage Endorsement in 2021 (%)

Stimulated learning for students in Years 4 to 6

97%
Your school

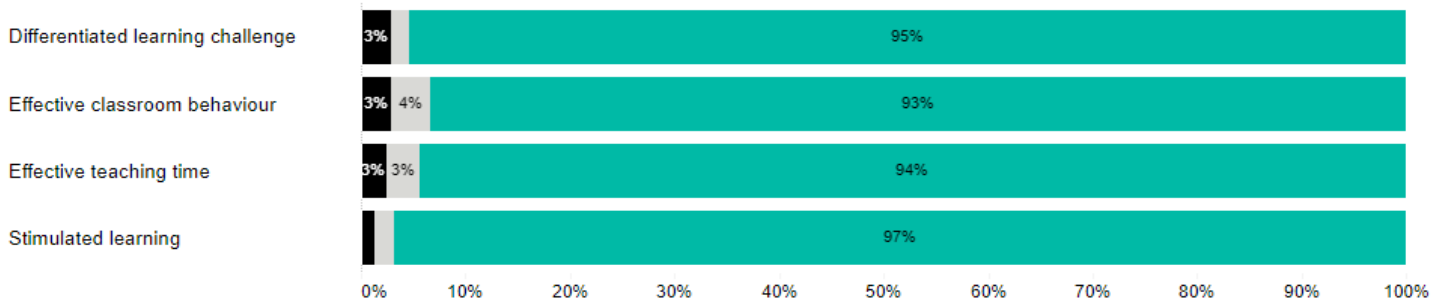
79%
Similar schools

84%
Network

79%
State

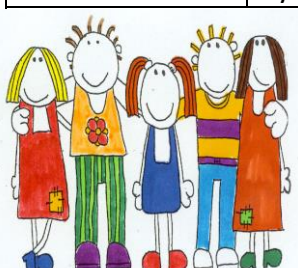
Percentage Endorsement in 2021 (%)

Effective teaching practice for cognitive engagement for students in Years 4 to 6



PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD

TRUST FORGIVENESS INTEGRITY HOPE COMPASSION			
Grade	Name	Grade	Name
SAUNDERS	Logan Cashin & Kash Beard	BROWN	Jack logan & Lily Johnstone
JESS	Coen Hoekman & Kobe Saunders	ROLL	Allira Askew & Harry Askew
FURNEAUX	Stevie Yuill & Tyson Rice	ENGLEZOS	Ruby O'Brien
KING	Eva Robinson	JONES	Zahlee Currie & Sakura Riley
OTHER	Tyson Rice		



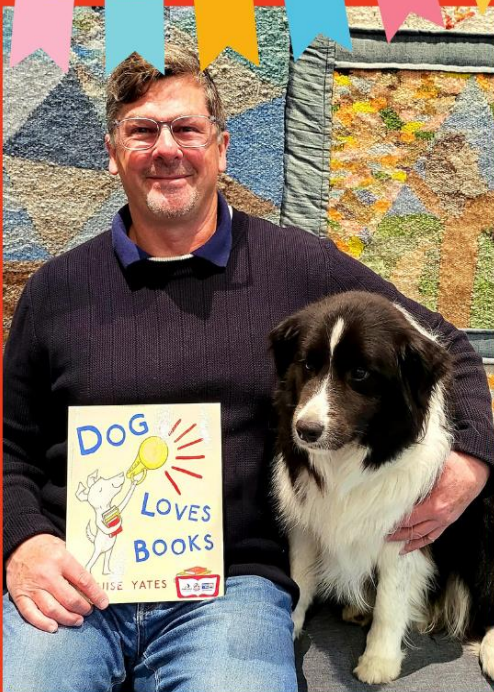
This week I offer my appreciation to
Evie Hays
 ... Well done Evie on being an all round solid student.
 Thanks for being organised, helpful, friendly, caring and happy!

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



MAGIC OF STORYTIME

Join us as
Greg Burgoyne CEO
& Summer of
Glennelg Shire reads
Dog loves books



Friday 12 November 2021



11.00 am



Glennelg Library
Portland

Book and activity giveaways
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PORTLAND LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE **SEASON 2021-22**

- WHAT:** Athletics-based events, with emphasis on self-improvement (personal best times/distances).
Athletes will take part in four events each Thursday, rotating through three programs.
Running events, throwing events, jumping events.
- WHEN:** Every Thursday (5pm to approximately 6.30pm),
Term 4, 2021 (starting November 11), and Term 1, 2022.
- WHERE:** Nelson Park, Portland (Cape Nelson Rd)
- AGE GROUPS:** Under-6 (must have turned 5) to Under-16
- COST:** \$115 first child \$110 second child \$105 third child
This includes insurance through Little Athletics Victoria.
No other competition fees.
- COME + TRY:** Little Athletics Victoria offers a Trial Athlete program, where new athletes are encouraged to come and try for two nights, free of charge, before signing up.
Trial athletes should be registered at least one day prior to first attending.
- REGISTRATIONS:** To register (Trial Athlete or returning member) go to the Little Athletics Victoria website - www.lavic.com.au (Note: works best using Chrome or Firefox as your web browser)
No refunds can be given once fees are paid.
- ENQUIRIES:** Denis Belden (secretary) 0417 316 084
Email portland@lavic.com.au
- PARENTS:** It is an expectation that any child who is registered be accompanied by a parent/guardian, who will be available to assist with the running of the event. These are simple, but important, roles.
- COVID-19:** This season is being run under COVID-19 guidelines.



Portland Little Athletics Centre is run by parent volunteers. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

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