



Portland North Primary School

... is a child safe school

NEWSLETTER ... *Thursday 3rd February*

Welcome back! ★

Principal's Message

We are all very pleased to see everyone back at school – it was lovely seeing all the children's excited faces as they arrived yesterday, and to see those smiles continue as the day progressed. Thank you, as always, for your enthusiasm and commitment to both your child's education and our school – it is a lovely school community because of the way you engage with us as partners in your child's educational journey. I know you all sincerely hope, as we do, that 2022 is a calm, uninterrupted year focussed on wellbeing and learning.

Thank you also for your participation in our *Getting to Know You Conferences* early in the week. Having these early meetings provide us with valuable information about your children, which allows us to start the year with closer connections to families and greater knowledge about the children and their needs. We encourage you to maintain close connections with your child's teacher so that our partnerships remain strong. The teachers will also work hard to build strong connections with families and will communicate regularly with you about classroom arrangements and events, your child's learning progress and to celebrate achievements and successes. **It is important that you have and use your access to Compass and Seesaw so that you don't miss important information and communications.**

Our school's communication pathways are varied, as we try to ensure that everyone in our school community receives vital information and updates about what's happening in classrooms and across the school. **School newsletters and news updates will always be sent via Compass – you should receive an SMS and email notification.** If you have any issues connecting via Compass, please contact the school so we can support you get linked. **Classroom teachers will communicate with you via email and Seesaw** and again, if you have any issues connecting, please let us know so we can support you to get set up. We will also add brief Facebook posts as reminders and updates as needed. Of course, you can always call us at any time. Effective communication is important to build strong connections, so please let us know if you have any difficulty so we can support you.

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We had our Bike shed completed during the holidays. Thank you to Steve Elshaug for his generous donation and construction of the shed and thank you to Shane Hegarty who finished the floor for us. We are in the process of preparing (and repairing) all the bikes ready for enthusiastic use. **Please be aware that the north carpark will be blocked to traffic from 11am – 2:30pm each day, to ensure the safety of our cyclists.**



DATES

- **Monday 14th March**
Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Friday 1st April**
Curriculum Day, pupil free day



We are also very grateful to **Portland Earthmoving** who generously donated their time and machinery to grade and improve the north carpark. We really appreciate their support and I'm sure you'll enjoy having no potholes to drive through.

**SCHOOL HATS MUST BE WORN THIS TERM.
NO HAT, NO PLAY!**

Hats can be purchased from the office. Please make sure it is clearly named. Thanks

There are a few DET policies that need to be communicated to our school community each year. Please follow the link below to familiarize yourselves with DET's Privacy Policy. There are also many school policies on our school's website if you'd like to make yourselves familiar with them.
[Schools' privacy policy \(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/schools/privacy-policy)

As you're aware, we are still experiencing some **restrictions because of COVID 19**. It is recommended that RATs are completed twice during the school week and that children are vaccinated. Masks must be worn indoors, and hand hygiene practices are followed. Please notify the school if your child tests positive and complete the government's notification process as per the letter you received with your RATs.

Please also remember that, in accordance with DET directives, adults may only enter the school buildings if they are fully vaccinated and wearing masks.

Thank you yet again for helping us get through this challenging COVID period.

Cate



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COUNTS**



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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND HELP, CONTACT MADDY 0409618405



Junior Basketball Registration Now Open!!

Juniors Domestic 2022 Autumn Season

- Registrations close **09th Feb**
- Teams & Game Times announced **15th Feb**
- The season will commence **16th Feb**
- Girls - Wednesday Nights
- Boys - Friday Nights

Beginner Basketball Program - Coasters Hoops

Is the our 10 week introductory to basketball program, providing a fun, supportive and inclusive basketball experience for 5-7-year old's. Our Coasters Hoops program is designed to introduce kids to the game of basketball with planned skills and activities that will lead to modified game play and leading to match ready participants who will then easily transition into our local junior competitions. Commencing **8th March**

For more info or to register visit
www.portlandbasketball.com.au/domestic
or scan QR code



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PORTLAND SOCCER CLUB
2022 PRE-SEASON LAUNCH

SOCCER TRAINING

Under 12 and Under 14
Thursday 3 February - 5 - 6pm
Every Thursday during February

Under 17, Women and Men
Wednesday 2 February - 6 - 7:30pm
Every Wednesday during February

MiniRoos
5 - 9 year olds
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11am
Contact Les 0414 559 106

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