

Portland North Primary School

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NEWSLETTER ... Thursday 17th February



Principal's Message...

Wings to Fly

We continue to navigate our way through the start of the year and remain relatively unscathed (SO FAR) by COVID cases and related disruptions. However, I really encourage you all to **remain vigilant for symptoms and complete a RAT** twice a week – your care and caution will continue to help keep us all safe.

One of the things we are noticing at the moment is that we have a lot of hungry children who are looking for lunchbox topups on a regular basis. While we are very happy to make sure no children are hungry, it's probably worth remembering that our day is structured around having a fruit break at 10am, first lunch at 11:35 and second lunch at 2:25. First lunch remains the main meal of the day, but many children are also looking for another substantial lunch by 2:25. **We know for sure that children with full tummies are much happier learners!**

Teachers are currently collaborating with their children to develop their **classroom agreements for 2022.** The agreements are intended to reflect the values of our school and the principles of positive education. Their purpose is to support the development of a positive learning environment where everyone feels cared for and respected; where the expectations for relationships, learning and behaviour are high; and where there is a culture of safety, trust, and collaboration. The completed agreements will be communicated to families over the coming week or so, so that you also know what your child has agreed to and what is expected of them as members of their classroom. If you have any questions about the agreements and how they work in your child's classroom, please contact your child's teacher, or have a chat with me.

Our Positive Education focus for Week's 3 and 4, is **Positive Relationships.** This focus is intended to enhance the work already done in establishing quality connections within the classrooms. I hope you have **enjoyed browsing our beautiful new Student Diaries** and have taken the time as a family to practice some of the Random Acts of Kindness and top Tips for the week. You can also read more about Positive Relationships and why they are so important to our wellbeing on page 4. Perhaps you'd also like to discuss the quote on page 14 as a family and celebrate the 'brightness' of each member of your family.

We are very excited that our Colour Run returns in 2022 on March 18th. The children have already received the information about registering their participation and how to raise money. It was such a successful event last year, and almost the only one we managed to squeeze into another COVOID-effected year. We raised over \$10,000 to put towards new playground equipment, which remains unspent because of COVID. Our plan is to add this year's funds to the kitty and therefore be able to create an even more amazing new playground area. We look forward to seeing you all on the 18th – fingers crossed we have an amazing day like last year! If you need more information about signing up, please let us know.







We have our first **Parent's Club meeting next Thursday, February 24**th **at 3:30pm.** Anyone is welcome to join, and we encourage your participation as a wonderful opportunity to engage with other families and make a positive contribution to your child's. Our Parent's Club plays a significant role and is a key component of our wonderful school community. We look forward to welcoming our old and (hopefully) new members next week.

Last year we said farewell to several two School Council members and consequently, we are calling for nominations for two **new School Council members for 2022.** Information about School Council and nomination forms will be available from the office next week. If you would like further information, please give me a call.

Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program is in full swing again, and we thank the many families who are already volunteering to help. However, please remember that in order to help you need to be fully vaccinated and where a mask indoors. The children have already been very busy in the farm, particularly with planting out the wonderful array of succulents that were very generously donated by the Arden family – they look gorgeous! We also have some interesting new additions to the farm family – we welcome Bubbles and Rascal to the farm, and have appointed some very excited carers to look after them. Thank you to the Spencer family for their generous donation!

We have high hopes that our **Athletics Day will go ahead on March 15**th – stay tuned for all the details and updates over the coming weeks.

Finally, thank you to the many families who have already paid their children's **school fees for the year.** Last year we had more than 85% of our families make their financial contribution to the school and appreciate that you know how much difference it makes to our school and what we provide for the children to enhance their experiences here. If you have questions or concerns about the payment of contributions, or would like to arrange a payment plan, please feel welcome to make a time to chat.

... DATES ...

- Thursday 24th Feb
 Parents' Club Meeting,
 3.30pm
- Monday 7th March
 Cultural Performance,
 Stomp Co
- Monday 14th March Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 15th March PNPS Athletics Day
- Friday 18th March

OUR COLOUR FUN FUN

Friday 1st April
 Curriculum Day, pupil free

BOOKCLUB DUE FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY TO THE OFFICE PLEASE

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	CRAWFORD	GLENELG	SURRY	FITZROY
CAPTAIN	Zayne Medina	Ruby Rudge	Garry Askew	Zac Thornton
CAPTAIN	Kye Field	William Oliver	Bonnie Travers	Ducati Durbidge





2022 SPORT HOUSE LEADERS

CONGRATUALTIONS!





PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD

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Grade	Name	Grade	Name		
SAUNDERS	Charlie Albin & Henry Taylor	BROWN	Brock Hayden & Arianna Durrant		
JESS	Lila Bentley & Paige Roberts	ROLL	Jude Readett & Kobe Saunders		
MICHELLE	Ned Pfeiffer	ENGLEZOS	Luca Salmon Myers		
KING	Isla Saunders	JONES	Rachel DeLange & Poppy Malseed		
other	Music – Ivy O'Brien				



This week I offer my appreciation to

Nathan Dixon-Pace

... Well done on your progress in reading ... we are very proud of your accomplishment ...



Preps 2022 ...

not the complete group – we are working on it!

But it's a good start ©

Welcome to North kids ... we are really enjoying getting to know you...

XOX





JUNIOR NETBALL PRESEASON 2022

We are excited to announce that our U11, U13 & U15 preseason training will commence on Thursday February 24th at 5pm at the HFNC Reserve.

We welcome all current, new & returning players to join us for some fun & fitness as we prepare for the 2022 season.

Enquiries can be made by contacting Steph on 0408 524 915.

Senior training will follow this at 6pm

Portland Secondary College

Creating the opportunities

Thank you Portland North Primary School, your hard work and dedication to your students is greatly appreciated.

The students that have come to us from your school are amazing, and have had a fantastic start to their secondary education.

We look forward to sharing some of their experiences with you.

"The best thing about Portland Secondary is how nice everyone is and seeing all my friends!". AVA HATTEN "The best thing about Portland secondary is seeing my new friends!" LEAH GOLDSWORTHY

"The highlight of my ' first week here was making lots of new friends!" "I would like tell all my friends back at primary school that there are lots of new people to meet!"





(CSEF) Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

The CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent you may be eligible for CSEF. To be eligible, cards need to be current on 28/1/22 in term one and 26/4/22 for term two. The annual CSEF amount for primary school student is \$125.

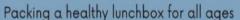
How to Apply (by 24/6/2022)

Contact the school office ASAP to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.educaiton.vic.gov.au/csef. If you applied for the CSEF at this school in 2021 you do not need to complete an application form in 2022 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments if your child has started or changed schools in 2022 or you did not apply in 2021.
- Changed family circumstances such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2022

...please see or call Kerry or Di in the office for all enquiries

Healthy Lunch box tips





When food shopping, buy fresh fruit and vegetables in season. This ensures good quality and value for money.



Get your kids involved when preparing snacks for their lunchboxes. They are more likely to eat what



Include foods from each of the five food groups.



Aim for a rainbow of different coloured fruit and vegetables. This gives your child the energy and nutrients they need to grow, learn, play and stay healthy.



Pack foods in reusable containers.
They are better for the
environment, healthier and easier
for kids to handle.



Include a refillable water bottle.

No need for sweetened

drinks, as they contain too much



Keep food cold by using a cooler lunch box or ice packs. This keeps food safe.



Try different options, like sushi, salads, pasta and noodles. Different sandwich fillings can keep your child interested too.



Avoid packing sometimes foods like chips, biscuits and chocolate.



Pre season training starts for 2022

PTJFC are looking to field 3 sides in 2022

Under 11s (U11s must be 8 yrs @ 1.1.2022) Under 14s

Under 16.5s

Exciting times ahead!

Monday 7th March

Hanlon Park

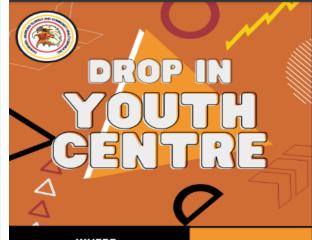
Starts 4: 30 pm

Monday 7th March training starts 4:30pm Hanlon Park, all past and new players welcome, bring a mate have a kick, all abilities welcome no experience needed.

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BYO drinks etc, follow COVID guidelines please do not attend if

For more details please contact email: portlandtigersjfc@gmail.com Simon: 0409 521 789



WHERE:

DWECH front building (18 Wellington Road, Portland)

WHEN:

4:30pm-7:30pm Friday Night

WHO:

Open to everyone aged 10- 18 FOR MORE INFO CALL SAMMY ON 0427 404 136

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