



Portland North Primary School

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NEWSLETTER ... *Thursday 28th April*



Principal's Message...

Well back to another very busy and exciting term. We hope you all enjoyed some sort of break from the routines of school and feel ready to start again! After several years of interruptions to the usual school activities, it seems like we are back to normal with a vengeance – it is a short and very busy term.

Next week our Years 3 and 4 children head off to camp at Cooriemungle. We know the children are very excited and we hope they have a marvellous time. Thank you in advance to the teachers and parents who attend camp with the children – being away 24/7 and with a group of children can be very demanding and a huge responsibility. We appreciate their commitment and willingness to give up their time to make sure the children can safely have a wonderful camp experience. We are also very aware of the financial commitment camps require from families, so please make sure you come and see me if we can help in some way. We'll look forward to lots of camp news and photos in the next newsletter.

Our Year 2 children will enjoy the first slumber party next Friday May 6th. All details have been sent home to families and we also wish them a wonderful night of fun and games!

We also have **Cross Country next Tuesday May 3rd, starting at 2pm.** We'd love to see you here cheering your children on and if you have some time, we'd also love some helpers during the event. Please let your child's teacher know if you're available to give us a hand. The **interschool Cross Country is scheduled for May 12th** for those children who make it through to the next level.

Our four student leaders, Aurora Elliot, Zahlee Curry, Elkanah Meola and Darcy King will attend the annual GRIP **Student Leader Conference in Mt Gambier on May 10th.** We will attend along with all the student leaders from our district and it's always a great day out learning about leadership for our children.

NAPLAN will be completed on May 10th, 11th and 13th. This year all components are completed online, with the exception of Year 3 Writing. We have some additional flexibility in when the tests must be completed this year, so we are able to schedule times that we think work best. We

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have an additional week to make sure that any children who missed an assessment in the first week, can complete them from May 16th – 19th. It is the expectation that all children deemed able to complete the assessments should do so. However, if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN please feel welcome to come in and have a chat.

A special request for families; it has become very common for children to bring precious items and toys to school. There are many reasons **why this has become problematic**. Firstly, while we do our best to keep everyone's items safe, unfortunately things do go missing, get lost or broken, which children obviously find distressing. We feel that this distress could be easily avoided if children didn't bring their precious things to school. Secondly, many of these precious items and toys are causing children to become very distracted from their learning; again, a distraction that could be easily avoided if children didn't have toys etc at school. **We would really appreciate your support in helping us manage this issue by not allowing your children to bring precious items and toys to school.**

We have another **Curriculum Day planned for May 20th**. We will continue our work with Bronwyn Ryrie -Jones on Responsive Teaching, effective assessment, feedback and goal setting. **No children will attend school on this day.**

Following the agreement of the Australian Education Union's EBA negotiations, Professional Practice Days (PPDs) have been re-allocated to schools this term. We have selected **May 31st as our PPD**, during which we will collaborate to collate and moderate various assessment in preparation for the mid-year reports. **No children will attend school on this day.**

... DATES ...

- **Tuesday 3rd May**
Our Cross Country
- **Wed 4th – Fri 6th May**
Grade 3 and 4 camp
- **Friday 6th May**
Grade 2 after school party
- **NAPLAN** for grade 3 & 5 ... Tuesday 10th to Thursday 19th May
- **Friday 20th May**
Curriculum Day, pupil free
- **Friday 25^h May**

..SMILE..

SCHOOL
PHOTOS



**Grade 3 & 4
Cooriemungle
Camp next
week ... have
fun & enjoy!**

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available at the
office ...\$3**

PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
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| JESS | Tabor Jones & Cobi H-Muskee | ROLL | Isaac Flower & Eva Augunas |
| MICHELLE | Phoebe Cashin & Brok Martyn | ENGLEZOS | Elouise Pye |
| KING | Essie Barker & Arlo Ward | JONES | Harry Askew |
| other | | | |



This week I offer my appreciation to

Divisional Athletic Squad

... Well done to our students that made it to Divisional Aths. Goodluck for next Friday. We are very proud of you already, so have fun and enjoy...

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