



# Portland North Primary School

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NEWSLETTER ... *Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May*



## **Principal's Message...**

Well, what a busy fortnight we are having – so much activity and fun being had! After almost 2 years of not being able to do much in schools, it feels as though it's a little bit frantic again. We know the children love all the extra-curricular events and the way they enrich learning experiences and help make school engaging and exciting; we also know that taking learning out of school and into the world also makes a big difference.

Congratulations again to the successful Cross-Country runners; whether they ran, walked or did a bit of both, it was great watching the enthusiastic participation and the willingness to give it their best try. We know long distance running isn't for everyone, but we loved the way everyone had a go. Congratulations in particular to the age-group winners who participated in the interschool Cross-Country events this morning. Congratulations again for the way they represented our school with great sportsmanship and effortful participation. **As always, we are very proud of their efforts.**



Well done Koby, Darcy and Lily for making it to the next level

Our Year 3 and 5 children are in the middle of the NAPLAN assessments this week, online for the first time. Regardless of the eventual outcomes, we know they are all trying their best; we are also very proud of their bravery and resilience in sometimes stressful circumstances. I would also like to thank their teachers who have prepared the children well in ensuring they are familiar with the test format and how to use the online platform. A very big thank you to Hayley Jones who has put a lot of effort into preparing our school for the online format and ensuring everything runs as smoothly as possible.

Of course, our **Year 3 and 4 children headed off to Cooriemungle** for camp. By all accounts they were beautifully behaved, had a wonderful time and seemed to escape the worst of the weather. As I'm sure you saw from their camp booklets, they did so many things and had great fun – I'm assuming that's all they talked about for a few days! Again, thank you to the adults who accompanied the campers – **Erin Roll, Carly Saunders, Jodie Nash, Matt Kent and Shane O'Connell**. Being full responsible for children 24/7 over a period of days is a very big ask, and on behalf of our school community **I offer our appreciation to them for giving up their own time so that the children could enjoy camp.**

Our Year 2 children enjoyed the first **Year 2 Slumber Party** since 2019. They also had a wonderful time – I'm not sure why there is such excitement at staying at school for an extended evening, but they love it! Thank you so much again to their teachers Damien King and Samantha Brown who made sure they had a great experience. I

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also want to offer our appreciation to all those who stayed to help out, cook dinner, and plan and facilitate all the fun activities – **Jessica Nash**, **Kowen Goodwin** and many of our senior school students. Yes again, these events can only happen because people give up their own time so that the children can enjoy another wonderful experience.

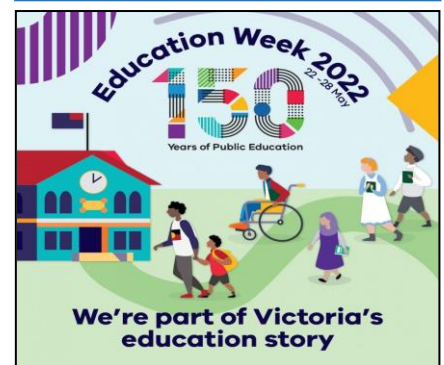


Yesterday I had the delightful experience of taking our Student Leaders Aurora Elliot, Zahlee Curry, Elkanah Meola and Darcy King to Mt Gambier for the annual GRIP Student leadership Conference. We had a great day out learning about leadership, integrity, developing ideas for making a difference and raising the standard of teamwork. As always, the children represented our school beautifully and I was proud to be with them. We now have to work with our Junior School Council to develop our ideas for action.

**Please make sure you collect the school photo packs that were sent home with the children today. School photos are scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup>.**

## ... DATES ...

- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
Curriculum Day,  
**pupil free day**
- **23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May**  
**EDUCATION WEEK**  
**& book fair**
- **Friday 25<sup>h</sup> May**  
**..SMILE..**  
**SCHOOL**  
**PHOTOS** 
- **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
... **pupil free day**



**BOOK CLUB**  
**DUE IN TOMORROW**

**HEADS UP**  
Grade 5/6 Canberra  
Camp Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Nov  
to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

## PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD

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Grade	Name	Grade	Name
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<b>JESS</b>	Detroit Martyn & Khyra Stretton	<b>ROLL</b>	Carter Frost & Cody J-Keiller
<b>MICHELLE</b>	Sharlee Spiteri & Jai Barker	<b>ENGLEZOS</b>	Lily Johnstone
<b>KING</b>	Elva Cook & Chiara Trickey	<b>JONES</b>	Amber Fitzgerald & Dayna Beyer
<b>other</b>	Brianna Phillips (music) and Koby Cracknell (literacy)		



This week I offer my appreciation to

**Charlotte Foley and Zayne Medina**

... Well done Charlotte for being so brave on camp with your leech bite...eek!  
... Well done Zayne for being a true gentleman at Cross Country, we are very proud of you!





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**NATIONAL** 16-22 MAY 2022  
**VOLUNTEER**  
Better Together **WEEK**



**BOOK FAIR 2022**

*You're invited to*

Join us at one of the Volunteer Recognition  
Receptions being held across the Shire for National  
**Volunteers Week**

This years theme is 'Dive into Reading'. Our Book Fair will run from Wednesday 18th of May until Wednesday 25th of May (Wednesday of Education Week). The Book Fair will be open from 8.20am to 8.50am and 3.30pm to 3.45pm daily. There will be 3 x \$20 lucky draw prizes for students that make a purchase at the Fair. The lucky draw will be drawn on the 25th at 8.50am. The Book Fair will be located in the Senior Primary Unit (SPU) building. Keep an eye out for more information during the week.

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| <p><b>CASTERTON</b><br/>Wednesday 18 May<br/>5pm<br/>Casterton Town Hall</p> | <p><b>HEYWOOD/<br/>PORTLAND</b><br/>Thursday 19 May<br/>6pm<br/>Portland Golf Club</p> | <p><b>NELSON</b><br/>Friday 20 May<br/>5pm<br/>Nelson Hotel</p> |
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RSVP to Liane Kirwan by Monday 16 May. Please include any dietary and accessibility requirements.  
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