



# Portland North Primary School

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NEWSLETTER ... *Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2022*



## EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY TOMORROW ... 9 - 11.30am

Classrooms are open to visit and a special morning tea will be at 11am.

Morning tea is provided by our HOL and Kitchen Garden team.

*We look forward to seeing you ...*

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

We are very excited to welcome you all into our school **tomorrow morning as part of our Education Week** celebrations. The children are always very enthusiastic about having their special people visit them in their classroom – I am sure they will be very proud to share their efforts and achievements with you. Our wonderful kitchen and Hands on Learning teams are also thrilled to be able to provide our guests with a lovely **morning tea tomorrow at 11am** – they have been working hard in the kitchen – we hope you can join us to enjoy their carefully prepared morning tea treats.

We successfully navigated the online **NAPLAN assessments over the past two weeks**, and we look forward to receiving the results in time to reflect on our progress and achievements, and to identify further opportunities for improvement. On behalf of the school community, I want to **thank Hayley Jones** for the time and effort she put into ensuring our students had a relatively calm, stress-free experience. I also want to thank the children's **teachers** for the time and effort they put into preparing the children, so they felt comfortable and confident with the process.

I also want to **thank Hayley for her organisation of the Book Fair**. As always, the children love this opportunity to shop for great reading material and we hope it promotes a love of reading for your children and family.

We have started our **2023 Prep tours**, and it is always a lovely time to reflect on our successes as a school and share all our strengths and achievements. Please encourage families who are in the process of selecting a school to make an appointment and take a tour, and if you have children beginning school next year, now is the time to collect enrolment forms.

We are also about to begin the annual **Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS)**. We always use the data collected from our Years 4 – 6 children to reflect on strengths and achievements and identify areas for further improvement. Our data over the last two years has been extremely positive and I always enjoy this opportunity to spend dedicated time to talk with children about their perceptions, what is going well for them and what we could do better. If you have any questions or concerns, or you don't want your child to participate in the survey, please be welcome to give me a call or make a time to come in for a chat.

Congratulations to **Lily Johnstone, Koby Cracknell and Darcy King** who all represented our school at the regional **cross-country** event on Monday. We really admire and appreciate the positive and enthusiastic way in which they participated in the event – we're very proud of their effort and how hard they tried. Well done!

We had the **school photos done yesterday**, however there were about a dozen children absent for various reasons. Our photographers will return to school at a later date to make sure everyone's photo is taken, and they are included in their class photos. We will let you know in advance when the return date is confirmed.

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# National Sorry Day



## ... DATES ...

- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
... pupil free day
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
... 5/6 Winter series
- Friday 10th June  
Cultural Performance  
@ 2.30, Solar System
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Public Holiday, no school for staff or students

We continue to have a wellbeing **focus for Positive Education** each fortnight. We are currently focusing on **positive relationships**, particularly on exploring how emotions such as empathy and compassion can influence our behaviour and our relationships. Being able to appreciate and consider the feelings of others and having empathy and compassion for the perceptions and perspectives of others, is integral to the development of positive relationships, and is sometimes a skill that little people can find a challenge.

We have two teams of children attending the **English Games Day** at Heywood & District Secondary College on Friday. These events are a great way for children to mix with and get to know children from other schools, and to celebrate and use their skills. We wish them lots of fun and success!

Please remember that **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of May is a student free day.** This is an additional professional practice day for our teachers, who will use the time to gather and moderate their assessment data in preparation for reports later in the term.



Finally, we communicated via Compass yesterday about the COVID vaccination clinic being offered here at school on June 7<sup>th</sup> 3:15 – 5:15 pm. Please follow the link if you would like to take this opportunity for convenient vaccinations.

<https://interconnect.book.vaxapp.com.au/workplace/portlandnorthprimary-ya42zi>

## Cross Country report by Darcy King...

Koby Lilly and I ran in Warrnambool on Monday. It was a nice sunny day. The track was difficult as it had lots of rabbit holes. We all did our best and enjoyed our experience. Thanks to our parents for their support in taking us there.



## PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD

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Grade	Name	Grade	Name
SAUNDERS	Oscar Prentice & Lily Noonan	BROWN	Ally Carlyon & Logan Cashin
JESS	Chloe Vincec & Phoebe Goldsworthy	ROLL	Toby King & Ava Tobolov
MICHELLE	Caleb Noonan	ENGLEZOS	Riley Noske
KING	Emily Roberts & Coen Hoekman	JONES	Zoe Bell & Liam Godfrey
other	Music – Ducati Durbidge ... Art – Tyler Wilson		



This week I offer my appreciation to

**Cody Jackson-Keiller**

... Well done on being the best helper ever for Miss Hayley with Book Fair. You have been so helpful, organised, thoughtful and kind. Thanks mate, we really appreciate you...x



# Hands On Learning




## 2023 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

**MONDAY 30 MAY -  
SUNDAY 26 JUNE  
2022**



Contact us on 1300 453 635 or email  
[enrolment@glenelg.vic.gov.au](mailto:enrolment@glenelg.vic.gov.au)



### Junior School Showcase

Portland Secondary College invites current and prospective families along with interested community members to join the Junior School Leadership Team, Staff and Students to celebrate the exceptional work that has taken place so far this year.

## Monday 6th June

Starting with a BBQ at 5:30pm, followed by student presentations at 6pm



**Ms. Jo Kindred**  
Principal



**Ms. Kirsten Mitchell**  
Assistant Principal

Please don't hesitate to contact our General Office on 5523 1344 for further information or to book a school tour.



**Ms. Emma Speers**  
Junior School Assistant Principal



**Ms. Emma Clignett**  
Year 7 Student Engagement Leader

## WORKING BEE THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Godfrey, Medley, Brewster, Kerr, Dixon-Pass & Edkins families for their support at the farm working bee. The farm is looking brilliant!



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