



# Portland North Primary School

## ... is a child safe school

NEWSLETTER ... *Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022*



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

We have reached the end of another busy and successful term. While the term has had no official COVID disruption, we have in fact, been more disrupted than at any since the beginning of 2020. We have had so many absences because of close contact rules and a variety of illnesses. While the high absence levels will inevitably have an impact of learning progress, we continue to provide engaging and rigorous learning programs across the school and provide ongoing support for all children when they need it. Your child's reports came home yesterday, and we hope they provided you with an in depth understanding of your child's progress and learning goals. We look forward to meeting you all next term to share, celebrate and discuss their progress with you and your children. Conferences are a great opportunity for us to reconnect with families as partners in each child's learning journey.

Conferences will be held in Week 1 and bookings are now open on Compass. Please make sure you book a time that works for you and if you have any difficulty, please call the office for support.

**Last Friday we had a wonderful day out on country with Budj Bim tours.** The children learnt about the country, eel traps, different edible plants, how to care for our country for future generations. We even saw a huge mob of kangaroos, a wallaby, a snake and lots of bird life. They were also very excited to hear all the frogs. Our guides Ben Church and ...were wonderful and the children had a thoroughly great day out. This excursion was part of our ongoing commitment to indigenous culture and language and building a stronger sense of connection to, and understanding of, our local history and first peoples.

Tomorrow our **Junior School Council want to celebrate the end of term and raise some funds for charity with a Disney-themed dress up day.** Children are invited to dress up and donate a gold coin – the Junior School Council will then select an appropriate charity to donate to.

Following the many disruptions of the past several years, our community groups have become slightly diminished. Next term we want to **reinvigorate our Parents Club** and reconnect it with the very supportive work that Parents Clubs provide to schools. I would like to invite any interested parents to join us for a Parent Club meeting early in the term (date to be confirmed) and to suggest that each class has a parent representative in Parents Club. I would also like to recommend that our senior Junior School Council members join Parents Club as student representatives – all something to consider next term. Please look out for more information and a confirmed date in the next newsletter – and we would love to see you join the group in Term 3.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of our school this term. It has been wonderful to finally have some school events that parents can attend. We look forward to expanding our school community events during the remainder of the year to keep building a strong sense of connection and belonging for all members of our community.

***Have a very safe and rejuvenating term break***

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## ... DATES ...

- **TOMORROW**
1. Last day of term 2

Junior School Council  
Fundraiser

Casual/dress up in  
**DISNEY** theme

Gold coin donation, all  
money raised will go to  
**CANCER COUNCIL ...**  
thankyou

2. Assembly @ 2pm
3. Dismissal @ 2.30

**TERM 3 STARTS  
MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

...all classes swimming  
during Term 3, every  
Monday or Tuesday

## Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held on

Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 6:00 pm,  
and on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 8:00 am - until 3:30 pm.

No classes on Friday, students are to attend their conferences

Conference bookings can be made through Compass and will open on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
...please log on and make a time that suits you. If you need help, please contact the office.

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## TERM 3 SWIMMING LESSONS 2022

DAY	SWIM TIME	GRADE
EVERY MONDAY	11:00 - 11:45	BROWN
	11:45 - 12:30	NASH
	12:30 - 1:15	KING
	1:15 - 2:00	SAUNDERS
EVERY TUESDAY	11:00 - 11:45	FORD
	11:45 - 12:30	JONES
	12:30 - 1:15	ROLL
	1:15 - 2:00	ENGLEZOS



**ALL STUDENTS WILL BE BUSSED TO AND FROM THE YMCA POOL**



- **ALL GRADES - STUDENTS** are to come to school dressed in their school uniform and will get changed into their swimming gear at the pool. Please ensure your child brings their swimming gear and towel in a separate swimming bag on their scheduled day.

- Please remember to send along a towel and any other personal swimming gear (ear plugs, goggles etc) that they need - **GOGGLES ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**. You also need to pack a plastic bag for their wet swimming gear to go into after their lesson.



### EVERYTHING IS TO BE CLEARLY NAMED PLEASE

You are welcome to come down & watch your child swim. We remind parents that they are to watch the lesson and not interrupt the instructors. Any further queries about swimming that you still might have please come and ask us.

#### NOTE FROM THE OFFICE -

- **SWIMMING FEES ARE INCLUDED IN SCHOOL FEES, and NEED TO BE PAID PRIOR TO THEIR LESSONS ... thank you** All enquiries to Kerry or Di...thank-you.

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