



Portland North Primary School

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NEWSLETTER ... *Thursday 9th June, 2022*



Principal's Message...

We have our fingers crossed once again that we can get through to the holidays without a major COVID outbreak. We really appreciate your support in being so vigilant with monitoring symptoms and completing regular RAT's. It seems that worse than COVID, we are being hit by the flu, bad colds, and gastro across the school. We also really appreciate your care in keeping sick children home so that illnesses don't spread right through classes and across the school. We encourage you to keep looking out for the health and wellbeing of the entire community in keeping unwell children at home to reduce infection.

We are fast approaching the end of another term, with mid-year reports due home in the last week of school. The teachers always put a great deal of time and effort into writing comprehensive and informative reports for families, which ensure that we continue to work as partners in every child's learning journey. As always, we will follow reports with a mid-year Student Progress Conference in early Term 3. This is an excellent opportunity for families and teachers to discuss progress, achievements, and future learning goals. It's a great time for families to share information with teachers and for teachers to support families in how they can engage with their child's learning at home.

Conference will be held on Wednesday July 13th and Thursday July 14th from 3:30 – 6:00 pm, and on Friday 15th July from 8:00 am – until 3:30 pm. Conference bookings can be made through Compass and will open on Monday 21st June – please log on and make a time that suits you. If you need help, please contact the office.

Once again, we are in the process of completing the annual **Student Attitude to School Survey**. It is a great opportunity to listen very carefully to how our Year 4 – 6 children are feeling about their learning, their relationships, their sense of connection and belonging to school, and their general sense of wellbeing. We will use the data to reflect on our strengths as a school, and to identify areas in which we can improve. We will share the student perception data with the community when it arrives back to us later in the year.

We recently participated in the annual interschool **Winter Sports Program** with our football and netball teams. Both teams participated with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship and as always, we are proud of the way our students represent us when they are out in the community.

Last week we recognised and celebrated **Reconciliation Week and National Sorry Day**. The children participated in multiple events and activities throughout the week, which culminated in an assembly on Friday which highlighted this year's theme of: The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, "Be Brave. Make Change." is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can *Make Change* for the benefit of all Australians.



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We continue our work in this very important indigenous space by Taking all the children on a **cultural excursion to Budj Bim** next Friday June 17th. Permission forms for this event will come home this week, to be returned by Wednesday June 15th. The cost of this excursion is taken from school fees, so we would really appreciate fees being paid prior to the event.

Our focus for **Positive Education** in the last few weeks of the term is Positive Health, specifically **understanding the mind-body connection**. The children will be learning about our need for positive physical contact such as hugs and high-fives, how emotions can be felt physically, and how we can activate positive emotions to generate wellbeing and contribute to positive relationships. This is a lovely culmination of our school-wide inquiry to health and how we can be the stewards of our own health and wellbeing. I hope you take this learning as an opportunity to discuss emotions and health with your family. **Watching the movie *Inside Out* as a family could be a wonderful way to explore the complexity of emotions and how they are felt in our bodies and reflected in our behaviours.**

Remember that Monday is a Public Holiday – we hope you have a lovely long weekend!

... DATES ...

- **Friday 10th June**
Cultural Performance @ 2.30, Solar System
- **Monday 13th June**
Public Holiday, no school for staff or students
- **FRIDAY 17 JUNE**
IPA Tour, whole school excursion
- **FRIDAY 24 JUNE**
 1. Last day of term 2
 2. JSC dress up fundraiser
 3. Assembly @ 2pm
 4. Dismissal @ 2.30

TERM 3 STARTS MONDAY 11TH JULY
...all classes swimming during Term 3, every Monday or Tuesday

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Last day of term, Fri 24th June
Junior School Council Fundraiser

Casual/dress up in DISNEY theme

Gold coin donation ... all money raised will be going to **CANCER COUNCIL ... thankyou**



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Grade	Name	Grade	Name
SAUNDERS	Rexy Presley & Rylee L-Joyce	FORD	Flynn Brewster & Evie Hayes
JESS	Phoebe Foley & Ava Lindsey	ROLL	Noah Imbi & Sonny O'Connell
BROWN	Mitchell Beswick & Nathan D-Pace	ENGLEZOS	Elouise Pye & Lukas Presley
KING	Teigh Flannery & Lille Panagakis	JONES	Elkanah Meaola & Tayla Keane
other			



This week I offer my appreciation to

Cruz Nelson

... Well done for being genuinely kind and inclusive...we are so proud that you are a member of our school community. Keep it up mate!

SWIMMING



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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