



Portland North Primary School

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NEWSLETTER ... *Thursday 3rd November, 2022*



Monday 7th November ... Curriculum Day, no students at school ... enjoy the long weekend kids!

Principal's Message...

Thank you to those parents who have made time to come and chat with me about their child's needs for 2023. We will ask the children to consider who they would like to share a class with next week, and then commence the construction of 2023 classes the following week. **If you there is something you think we need to know about classes for next year, please make a time to see me in the coming week.**

We had an **amazingly successful fete**; the Year 5 and 6 children did a wonderful job planning a great day for everyone! **Thank you so much to the teachers** who also worked extremely hard to make sure everything came together – I know they were exhausted but extremely pleased with the fete itself, how everyone enjoyed themselves, and how very well supported it was by the whole school community. The children **raised almost \$4500 (after expenses)** which has allowed us to subsidise their camp by \$60 each, as well as give us an expenses buffer for next year's fete. We would also like to offer our appreciation to **all those people who donated items and prizes**, and who helped during the day. A very special thank you to our newly invigorated **Parents Club** who also helped so much throughout the day – it is so good having a dedicated and enthusiastic group of parents to support the children and encourage participation in our school community.

Our Parents Club will continue to play a key role in engaging families in our community. This term they will help us welcome and connect with our 2023 prep children and their families. They will help with Graduation, donating a photobooth so the children can capture their last, joyful moments of Year 6, and conduct our Christmas Raffle to add to our fundraising efforts for playground development. We would love to welcome more members into Parents Club in 2023!

Thank you to the many families who have paid their school fees this year. As always, we really appreciate your financial contribution which makes such a difference to the learning experiences we can provide for the children. This year, like everyone, we have experienced increasing costs in the kitchen, which makes it more expensive to produce the meal each week for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. **If you have not yet paid the SAKGP levy, we would really appreciate it if you could do so now, so we can continue to provide a lovely meal each week for the children to enjoy!**

The children are enjoying their current inquiry into community, democracy, and our system of government. The Year 5 and 6 children are particularly interested as they prepare for their **coming trip to Canberra**. While it is a very long drive, with the entire week spent in the National Capital, we believe it is an important experience for them, and one which many will never repeat. They will attend many of the iconic venues, including:

- The National Capital Exhibition
- The National Museum
- Parliament House – including the students observing the House of Representatives sitting, and participating in a role play debating a bill
- Old Parliament House and the Museum of Australian Democracy - including the electoral processes for voting in the House of Representatives-
- The National Film and Sound Archives
- A tour of the Embassies, the National gallery, the High Court of Australia, the Royal Mint,
- A visit to the Australian War Memorial
- A visit to Questacon – Science house



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As you can see, they are all going to be very busy – I’m sure they will arrive home exhausted but having had an amazing time! **A big thank you to Hayley Jones, Tom Englezos, Dylan Jennings, Jodie Nash and Lauren Yuill for accompanying the children on their epic tour, and for giving up their personal time to provide this wonderful opportunity for the children – without adults who are willing to give up their time, to be on duty 24/7 for 5 very long days, camps would not be able to happen – so enormous appreciation in advance!**

We currently have a **vacancy on our School Council**, which plays a key role in enhancing and supporting our school improvement work. If you would like to join us or would like to know more about the role of School Council and its members, please give me a call for more information.

We’ve asked for parents support on this before, but we ask it again...toys being brought to school continues to be an issue which could easily be avoided if parents simply didn’t allow them to be brought to school (unless it is something for show and tell of course). Unfortunately, toys can become triggers for conflict or a distraction from learning. You are very welcome to blame me in the morning (***Cate said, there’s no toys at school!!***) if you are struggling about children wanting to bring their toys with them – and please come and see me if this is an issue we can help you with.

Following on from my last message about behaviour at school, I am currently creating an outline of our expectation and approaches to share with our community – as soon as it’s complete it will be sent home for your information and feedback.

Finally, please **monitor the newsletter closely for important dates**; the last weeks of the year are extremely busy and we don’t want you or your children to miss out on important information. As always, contact your child’s teacher if you need more information or are unsure about what’s happening, when.

Cate

... DATES ...

- **Monday 7th Nov**
Curriculum Day, no students at school
- **16/17 November**
St.Johns first aide for kids
- **Mon 28 Nov-Fri 2 Dec**
5/6 Canberra Camp

PROPOSED END of YEAR DATES

- **Wednesday 7th Dec**
School Concert
- **Tuesday 13th Dec**
- School reports home
- UP DAY
- **Wednesday 14th Dec**
Grade 6 Graduation (PM)
- **Thursday 15th Dec**
G6 KFC & PJ day
- **Friday 16th Dec**
Last day of classes
Whole School Picnic



**1 MIN
11 AM
11 NOV**

Honour their spirit this Remembrance Day. [#WeRememberThem](#)



**DENTAL VAN VISIT
5 December**

PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD

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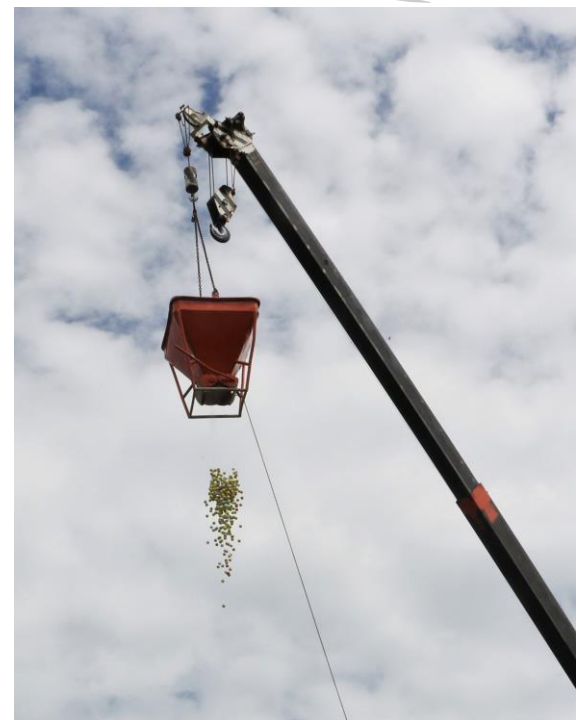
Grade	Name	Grade	Name
SAUNDERS	Oscar Prentice & Rylee L Joyce	FORD	Ned Pfeiffer & Alexis Gabriel
JESS	Zaine Petrie & Eli Nunn	ROLL	Neem Giampaolo
BROWN	Eamon Augunas & Ally Carlyon	ENGLEZOS	Darcy King
KING	Emily Roberts & Arlo Ward	JONES	Aurora Elliott & Liam Godfrey
other	Music – Ava Lindsey		



This week I offer my appreciation to
Reuben Hayes & Liam Godfrey
 ...thank you for being the most outstanding helpers on Fete Day, your efforts did not go unnoticed.
 Thank you for all your help



A-Mazing Fete Day - thank you





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Miniroos Soccer 4 week program

Saturday 19 November
Saturday 26 November
Saturday 3 December
Saturday 10 December
11.00AM - 12:00PM

Portland Soccer Club
For boys and girls aged 5-10

Please bring water and a hat.
This is a FREE program. Register on the day.

Contact Les 0414 559 106 for more information.

TS HENTY
AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS

Are you turning 13 this year or aged under 18? Do you have an interest in Sailing and the outdoors? The Australian Navy Cadets could be for you.

OPEN DAY

Come and Try

Saturday 29th October 19, 2022
 0900 hour – 1600hours
 (9am – 4pm)
 Lee Breakwater Road, Portland
 (Next to the Playground)

TS Henty Parades Friday nights 5.45pm – 9pm during school terms, at the Australian Navy Cadet Unit, Lee Breakwater Road, Portland. If you would like more information please contact [go.ts.henty@navycadets.gov.au](mailto:ts.henty@navycadets.gov.au) or Leut Rob Cox on 0409 438 928, SBLT Gary Cox 0409 429 957 or SBLT Tammy Cox on 0419 807 482.

NIPPERS 2022-2023 Season Sundays 11am – 1pm (10 sessions)

Join the Nippers program this summer and enjoy a fun, activity based program that will educate about *surf* safety and awareness. Nippers is a great way for children aged 6 to 14yrs gain confidence and build valuable life skills and knowledge in a supervised, safe beach environment.

How to Register:

1. For new families visit www.join.sls.com.au or www.portlandslsc.com.au to register online. It's fast & easy, just follow the prompts. (Recommended Option)
2. For returning families visit members.sls.com.au to renew your membership in your portal. Enter your username & password then follow the prompts
3. If you're having trouble registering or renewing on-line you can visit the Green Shed located behind the Tram Depot on the following dates:
 1. Sat 29th October 10am – 2pm
 2. Sat 5th November 10am – 2pm
 3. Sun 6th November 1pm – 4pm

COME & TRY: To be held Sunday 13th November from 11am to 12.30pm at Bridgewater Beach/Clubhouse

Season starts: Sunday 4th Dec 11am – 1pm – Welcome BBQ. Season ends: Sunday 26th Feb 11am – 2pm – Break up BBQ & Awards Presentations. For further information email portlandnippers@gmail.com

or visit www.portlandslsc.com.au



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