



Portland North Primary School

... is a child safe school

NEWSLETTER ... *Thursday 2nd February 2023*



WELCOME ♥ BACK

Principal's Message...

Welcome back everyone; we had a wonderful day yesterday with all of the children arriving with enthusiasm and a positive mindset. We hope you all managed to find time during the break to rest and recuperate from the frantic pace of schooling; while many of you were probably very pleased to see the children come back to school, I am sure there were also some mixed emotions as parents sent their little people into their first year of primary school. The Prep children had a great day, with not many tears and lots of fun. Their buddies stepped up to make sure they felt safe and secure in the playground and I'm sure they all slept very well last night – as did their teachers!!

Thank you also for your participation in our *Getting to Know You Conferences* early in the week. Having these early meetings provide us with valuable information about your children, which allows us to start the year with closer connections to families and greater knowledge about the children and their needs. We encourage you to maintain close connections with your child's teacher so that our partnerships remain strong. The teachers will also work hard to build strong connections with families and will communicate regularly with you about classroom arrangements and events, your child's learning progress and to celebrate achievements and successes. **It is important that you have and use your access to Compass and Seesaw so that you don't miss important information and communications.**



Our school's communication pathways are varied, as we try to ensure that everyone in our school community receives vital information and updates about what's happening in classrooms and across the school. **School newsletters and news updates will always be sent via Compass – you should receive an SMS and email notification.** If you have any issues connecting via Compass, please contact the school so we can support you to get linked. **Classroom teachers will communicate with you via email and Seesaw** and again, if you have any issues connecting, please let us know so we can support you to get set up. We will also add brief Facebook posts as reminders and updates as needed. Of course, you can always call us at any time. Effective communication is important to build strong connections, so please let us know if you have any difficulty so we can support you.

During our Conferences we invited you to indicate whether **you are able (and willing) to help out during the year** in any way. Again, this is intended to be another avenue for us to partner with you on your child's learning journey, build connections between school and home, and provide you with opportunities to contribute to, and participate, in school events and activities. Thank you to the many people who have indicated their interest in joining in and if you missed out and would like to complete a form, you can pick one up from the office.

We were very surprised to see two of our new prep children, **Aylah and Abby** and a reference to our school, on the front page of the Herald Sun this week; they are obviously proud and skilled horse riders! We have another extremely skilled horsewoman in our school community; **Lila Bentley** represented us in the Interschool Equestrian Competitions on January 7th and 8th. Lila completed two dressage tests and three rounds of 30cm show jumping on her horse Sparky. Lila was very successful, becoming the Preparatory Primary Dressage Champion and placing as a reserve Overall Primary 30cm in show jumping. What an amazing effort – she will now go on to represent our school in the State Championships...we are very proud of her and wish the best of luck!

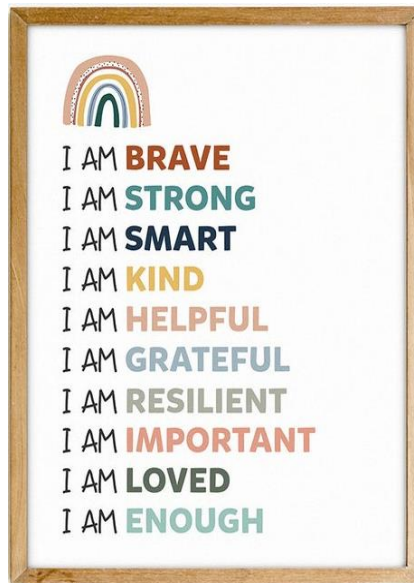
Our School Council will meet in a few weeks, and we need an additional member. If you are interested in becoming a member of our School Council, please pick up a nomination form from the office.

We continually look to find the best time for our **school assembly and have decided to give Monday morning at 9:05** a try. Our intention is to start the week and set the tone in a positive way, looking forward to what's coming rather than reflecting on what's happened. As always, all members of community are welcome to join us in celebrating our students' achievements so we look forward to seeing you on Monday morning if you can make it.

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This year we will be celebrating our **school's 150th anniversary** – what an exciting time to be a member of our community.

We would like to develop a **planning committee** to guide and plan the celebration. If you would like to join the group or know someone who has been a member of our school community in the past who would like to be involved, ***please give us a call – we would love your ideas and input.***



... DATES ...

School arrival time: 8:40
(earlier by arrangement with Cate)

- **Tuesday 21st February**
Cultural Performance –
Circus Elements Workshop
- **Friday 10th March**
School Colour Run (PM)
- **Monday 13th March**
Labour Day Public Holiday, no
staff or students at school
- **Tuesday 14th March**
Curriculum Day, no students at
school
- **Wed 15th to Fri 24th March**
NAPLAN
- **Thursday 6th April**
Last day Term 1

OUR 2023 STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS:

Prep

1/2

1/2

3/4

3/4

5/6

5/6



Performing Arts

Visual Arts

STEM

Indigenous Language and Culture

P.E

Sport

Tutor Learning Initiative

Education Support Staff

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

Garden Program

Hands on Learning

Grounds

Office Staff

Principal

Carly Saunders

Samantha Brown (Pos Ed Leader)

Damien King (Junior Team Leader)

Erin Roll

Julia Adams

Hayley Jones (Senior Team Leader)

Dylan Jennings

Shaun Spencer/Michelle Ford

Michelle Ford

Paul Booth

Erin Roll/Carly Saunders

Tom Englezos

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Michelle Ford/Rebecca Howard

Jodie Nash, Sharon Speedie,

Rebecca Howard, Karen Meredith,

Vicki Brown & Maddy Sutton

Brooke King /Michelle Ford/Kowen
Goodwin

Brooke King/Kowen Goodwin &
volunteers

Mark Hurkmans

Kerry Sharrock & Dianne Robertson

Cate Elshaug

**SCHOOL HATS MUST BE WORN
THIS TERM.**

NO HAT, NO PLAY!

Hats can be purchased from
the office. Please make sure
it's clearly named. Thanks

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD

TRUST FORGIVENESS INTEGRITY HOPE COMPASSION



Grade	Name	Grade	Name
Prep Carly		3/4 Julia	
1/2 Sam		3/4 Erin	
1/2 Damien		5/6 Hayley	
other			



starting soon

...thank you

(CSEF) Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

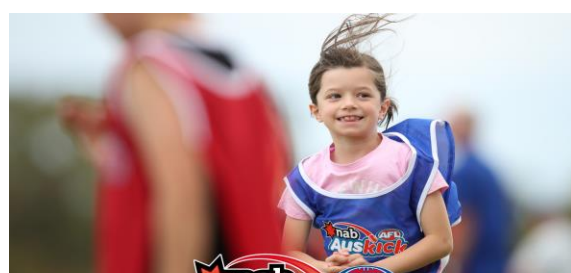
The CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent you may be eligible for CSEF. To be eligible, cards need to be current on 31/1/22. The annual CSEF amount for primary school student is \$125.

How to Apply (by 23/6/2022)

Contact the school office ASAP to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.educaton.vic.gov.au/csef. If you applied for the CSEF at this school in 2022 you do not need to complete an application form in 2023 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments** – if your child has started or changed schools in 2023 or you did not apply in 2022.
- **Changed family circumstances** – such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2023

...please see or call Kerry or Di in the office for all enquiries



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Hanlon Park, Portland

Friday 24th Feb- Friday 24th March

4:30-5:45PM

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Scan the QR Code to register!

For more information, contact
jm.sealy@bigpond.com
0417 592 969



**Junior Basketball
Registration Now Open!!**

Juniors Domestic Autumn 2023 Season
Registrations close **5th Feb**
The season will commence **13th Feb**
For more info or to register visit
www.portlandbasketball.com.au/domestic
or scan QR code

Meet our 2023

★ **Student Leaders:** ★

Ruby Rudge

Amber Fitzgerald

Harry Askew &

★ **Zayne Medina** ★

We know they will all
be great role models
who will embrace this

★ opportunity and ★
represent our school
with integrity and honour.



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