



Portland North Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 18th July, Term 3 | Week 1

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PNPS Calendar

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

TERM 3 DATES

12th August
CURRICULUM DAY
(Staff Professional Development)

12th – 15th August
Grade 5/6 Camp
(Ballarat Log Cabin Adventure Camp)

16th August
Grade 5/6 Rest Day
(No Classes)

19th August
Book Week

21st August
Book Day Parade

26th August
Prep – Fire Safety Incursion

27th August
Music Festival

Reminder:



Swimming Lessons began this Week for Term 3, for dates and times, please refer to the Swimming Note sent home, and included in today's newsletter.

Welcome back to another exciting term; we hope you all had a restful break and are ready for the adventures that Term 3 will bring.

We are excited to continue our journey of learning and growth together as a community. Our dedicated teachers have been hard at work preparing engaging learning experiences and activities for the children, and they have outlined their learning focus for the term in their newsletters – look out for them via Seesaw or in the children's bags.

As we start another busy term, we will continue to focus on building positive relationships, creating a strong sense of belonging and ensuring we have a positive and inclusive school community. We will also continue to have high expectations of the children, for both their learning and their behaviour, so that everyone feels safe and experiences success. The principles of wellbeing science and Positive Education pathways to flourishing, remain the foundation for everything we do.

At Portland North PS we uphold values that support us in building strong relationships: **Trust, Forgiveness, Integrity, Hope, Kindness and Gratitude**. We will continue to teach the children the knowledge and skills they need to embody these values in everything they do, both inside and outside the classroom.

As always, thank you to all our families for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can ensure that every child flourishes and reaches their full potential.





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We have had a great start to the term with our Family Conferences this week. It is such a wonderful opportunity for us to connect, share and discuss each child's learning progress and achievements. Thank you all for bringing such a positive, supportive and warm 'vibe' to your conferences - we appreciate your partnership very much. And, as always, please make sure you keep in touch during the term and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.



Swimming has started very well - with almost all children participating in this very important and compulsory program. Victoria's Education Department is very committed to making sure all schools provide a rigorous swimming program that promotes water safety and encourages all children to become competent swimmers.

On a slightly less positive note, we had a very important meeting about swearing and the use of inappropriate language with our Senior School children yesterday. I will be meeting with our Junior School children tomorrow. We have become increasingly concerned about the very poor language being used by some children of all ages. They have been reminded about our school expectations and their agreement to behave in a way that reflects those expectations and our school values. Swearing and the use of very inappropriate language is not ok, and children who swear and use inappropriate language have been advised of the consequences.... which of course we hope won't have to be implemented. We would appreciate your support in teaching the children the very important prosocial skill of understanding that there is a time and place for the use of language, and swearing at school is neither the right time nor the right place. If you have any questions and concerns about any of this, please feel very welcome to contact me for a chat.

The **2024 Parent Opinion Survey** information will be sent out to families soon. As always, we look forward to families providing us with the feedback we need to keep improving all aspects of our work as a school - your input is always highly valued, and we use the data to celebrate what's working well and identify areas for ongoing improvement. Please keep your eye out for further information and we look forward to gathering your feedback.



As announced on Compass earlier this week, the Portland and District network of schools **NAIDOC Week event planned for tomorrow Friday July 19th has been postponed**. We will let you know the new date as soon as we know.



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Book Week!

Book Week is coming up, with a very magical theme. **Our Book Character Dress Up Day will be on Wednesday August 21st.** The parade will be at 9:05 so we look forward to celebrating all things literature with you then!

Reminder!

Finally, please remember that children may not arrive at school prior to 8:40am, and those children who do arrive before 8:40am need to either **be on the bus or have made arrangements** with the school to have an exemption to arrive at school early. Please call me if you would like to make arrangements for a school start prior to 8:40am, as staff are not required to be on supervision duty prior to 8:40am and special arrangements need to be made. Thank you for your support.

Thank you, Cate

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We are very proud of Ella Nelson who competed in the State Cross Country Championships yesterday. She placed an extremely impressive 25th amongst 91 of the state's best runners for her age group. On behalf of our school community, I congratulate Ella on her achievements and look forward to supporting her as she continues to shine in the sporting arena!





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Prep – Fire Safety Incursion

27th August
Music Festival

29th August
Girls Basketball Competition

30th August
Father's Day Breakfast

SEPTEMBER

5th September
Boys Basketball Competition



PNPS Student Appreciation Awards

Trust Forgiveness Integrity Hope Compassion



Ivy O'Brien & Tilly Baker

for helping to keep our Wellbeing room well looked after and beautiful, so that everyone can enjoy the space.



Prep : Zach Baker
 : Knox Beard

3/4A : Ava Lindsey
 : Jade Brewster

1/2B : Charlie Albin
 : Darcy Struhs

4/5K : Arlo Ward
 : Isla Edkins

1/2W : Levi Watt
 : Connie McIntosh-Walker

5/6R : Hudson Adams
 : Noah Imbi



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SWIMMING LESSONS



Day	Swim Times	Class
MONDAY <i>Starting 15th July</i>	11:00am --> 11:45am	3/4 ADAMS
	11:45am --> 12:30am	5/6 ROLL
	12:30pm --> 1:15pm	4/5 KING
TUESDAY <i>Starting 16th July</i>	11:00am --> 11:45am	1/2 BROWN
	11:45am --> 12:30am	1/2 WESTLAKE/HAYLEY
	12:30pm --> 1:15pm	PREP SAUNDERS

THE \$100 SWIMMING FEE (INCLUDING BUS FEES) MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE PROGRAM BEGINS.

ALL 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.

EVERYTHING IS TO BE CLEARLY NAMED PLEASE

If you wish to attend lessons to watch your child, you are more than welcome, but please do not interrupt the instructors.

**For any enquiries about the swimming program, or fees,
please contact the office on 5523 1482**



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Infared Sauna

Please ring the office if you would like to advertise a business, we have 1 spot available...

THANK YOU!

A sincere thank you to our local sponsors for their ongoing support. Their contributions enhance our school community.

We encourage families to explore the high-quality services offered by these businesses.

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