



# Portland North Primary School

## Newsletter

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, Term 3 | Week 5

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## PNPS Reminders

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

MSCHOLASTIC

## Book Club

**Book Club – ISSUE 6**  
**orders are due back on:**  
**September 4th**



## Class Swimming Times

### Mondays

3/4 Adams 11:00am

5/6 Roll 11:45am

4/5 King 12:30pm

### Tuesdays

1/2 Brown 11:00am

1/2 W/J 11:45am

Prep S 12:30pm

Our Year 5 & 6 children have had a wonderful week at their **Log Cabin Camp** this week. Their experience at this new camp has been very positive and they have enjoyed great facilities and activities. No doubt they will come home exhausted, but we hope you enjoy hearing all the stories they return with. As always, we thank the children for representing our school so well and participating in all their camp activities in a respectful and responsible way. We are always very proud of our students when we take them out into the world!

We also thank our very dedicated staff who go above and beyond the call to ensure the children have a great camp experience. **Erin Roll, Damien King and Maddy Sutton** take full responsibility for the wellbeing and safety of the children, and that is no small thing to ask. We thank them very much for the time, effort and care they provide during this very big camp week. We also thank **Rachel Lindsey and Jasmine Benbow** who also supported the children on camp – we hope they had a great time too. Finally, I am very appreciative to **Friction Bouldering** in Ballarat who gifted our children a free climbing session this morning, which has completed their camp on a high (no pun intended 😊). More photos from camp are included in today's Newsletter showcasing the fun the students have had.



*Making his way up the boulder climb is Hudson A, thanks to Friction Bouldering in Ballarat.*



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## Book Week

We are celebrating Book Week next Wednesday 21st August with our Parade at 9:05am, followed by some lovely multi-age literature activities during the morning. The teachers will have an exciting morning engaging the children in reading some of this year's Short Listed Picture books – the children always love working together in mixed-grade groups, so we're looking forward to it very much. We hope you can join us to celebrate beautiful books and encourage a love of literature!

Our Book Day will also extend to an **Open Morning** (9am – 11am - Wednesday August 21st) for all members of the community, as we join all Portland schools in celebrating the success of state education. Please extend our invitation to any members of the Portland community who might like to visit the Portland schools during the week.



You are invited to help us celebrate  
**BOOK WEEK...**



BY VISITING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOLS

NARRAWONG & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Monday 19th August 11:30 – 1:30

BUNDARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Tuesday 20th August 9:00 – 11:00

PORTLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Tuesday 20th August 11:30 – 1:30

PORTLAND NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Wednesday 21st August 9:00 – 11:00

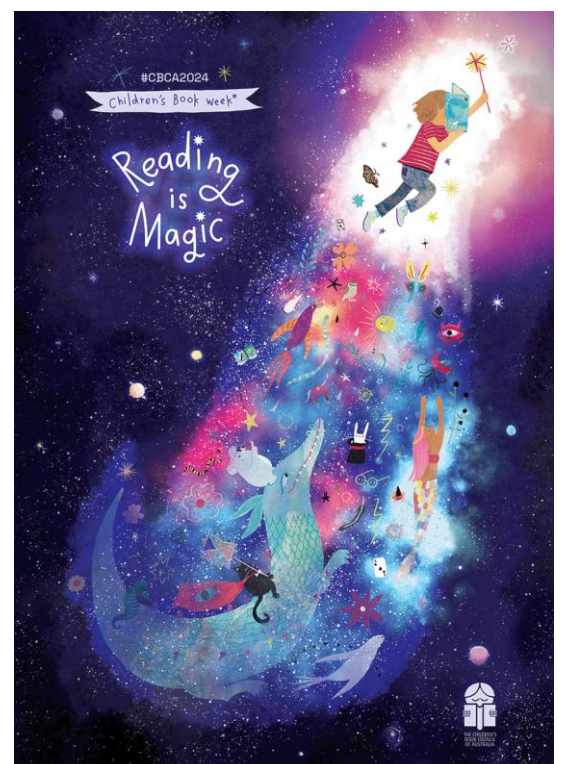
BOLWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Wednesday 21st August 11:30 – 1:30

PORTLAND SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Thursday 22nd August 12:00 – 1:30

HEYWOOD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL  
Friday 23rd August 9:00 – 11:00



Reading  
is  
Magic





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You will have received a Compass invitation to complete the **annual Parent Opinion Survey**. Your feedback is an important piece in our ongoing improvement journey, so your participation is always highly valued. At this stage, 17% of you have responded, which is very much appreciated. However, the more of you who participate, the more representative and reliable the data becomes. **Please check your compass posts for the survey links and passwords. The survey closes on August 30th.**



Our Parents Club are busy planning for our **Father's Day Breakfast on Friday August 30th from 8am – 8:40am**. We are again looking forward to hosting a lovely event to celebrate all the wonderful dads and special people in our school community. **An invitation is being sent home this week**, so please search it out in your child's bag. We have asked for **an RSVP** so we can cater appropriately, so please return that to us soon as possible.

The **Portland Music Festival** is just under 2 weeks away, and our gorgeous Choir will be performing on **Tuesday August 27th**. The families of our Choir members have been allocated tickets and are invited to purchase their tickets from the office here at school as soon as possible. We wish our choir the very best for their performance and they are invited to **perform for our school at assembly on August 30th – you are also, all invited to join us for their special encore performance.**

I am planning to take some Long Service Leave during the last 2 weeks of the term but will leave the school in the care of Hayley Jones, who will be the Acting Principal in my absence. We also welcome **Caity Gordon, a very experienced teacher, to our teaching team this term**. Caity will be collaborating with Kimberley Westlake and sharing their class to ensure the children remain supported and stable through this time. Hayley, Kimberley and Caity are all working closely together to provide the children with consistent and uninterrupted learning experiences.



*Thank you, Cate*





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## Grade 5/6







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Our elderly preps arrived with incredible excitement and fantastic dress-ups, celebrating their 100th day of school! Bursting with energy and joy, the kids dove into thrilling activities and projects, marking the milestone with fun and creativity. It's a dynamic and colourful celebration of their amazing journey so far!

**Well Done, Preps, Mrs Saunders and Lauren!!!**







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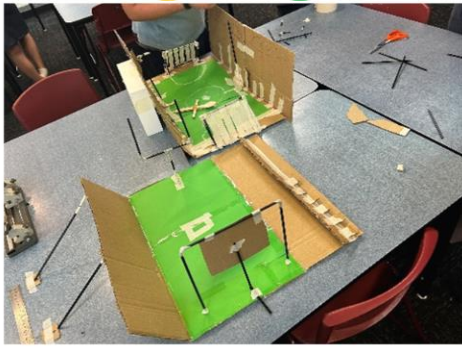
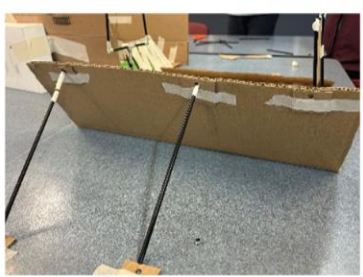
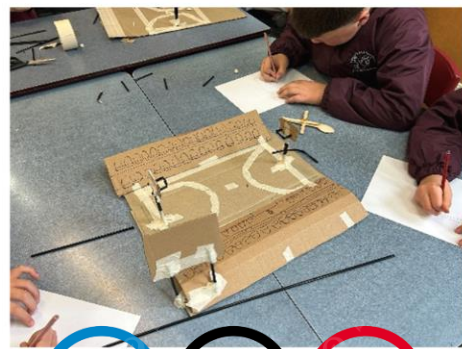
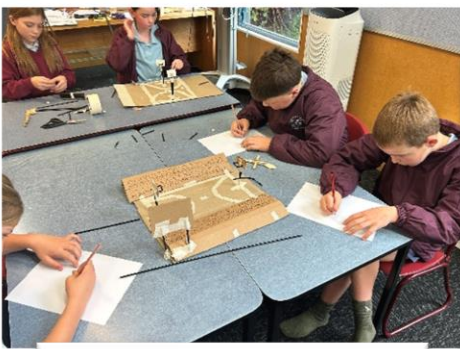
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**Mr. Booth's enthusiasm and expertise** are fuelling a wave of discovery and learning in the STEM classroom, with an Olympic twist!

The Olympic Games in Paris have ignited a wave of excitement, and students have channelled their Olympic spirit into **an incredible STEM challenge!** Imagine a classroom buzzing with energy as students design and build their very own Olympic stadia using recycled cardboard and plastics. This hands-on project is not just about creativity—it's a showcase of cutting-edge engineering, inventive problem-solving, and stellar teamwork. From intricate stadium structures to innovative use of materials, the students are pushing the boundaries of what's possible. Their enthusiasm is palpable, and their designs are nothing short of spectacular! **It's an electrifying display of STEM in action**, where every creation reflects their passion and ingenuity.





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### PNPS CALENDAR - August

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2
5 - Senior Swimming 100 Days of PREP!	6 - Junior Swimming	7	8	9
<b>12 CURRICULUM DAY</b> No Students at School. Staff Professional Development	13 - Junior Swimming	14	15 Newsletter Uploaded Cultural Performance	16 Grade 5/6 Rest Day
----- Grade 5/6 - Ballarat Adventure Camp (have fun!) -----				
19 - Senior Swimming	20 - Junior Swimming	21 • <b>BOOK DAY PARADE</b> • <b>OPEN MORNING</b> 	22	23 3:10pm - Assembly
----- BOOK WEEK -----				
26 - Senior Swimming PREP - Fire Safety Incursion	27 - Junior Swimming Music Festival (PNPS)	28 St. Johns First Aid - Students	29 St. Johns First Aid - Students Girls Basketball Tournament	30 Father's Day Breakfast

## PNPS Student Appreciation Awards

Trust      Forgiveness      Integrity      Hope      Compassion

		<b>Eli Hill</b>	
	<i>Cate</i>	<i>For being an amazing friend, helpful class member and always looking out for his peers. A wonderful example of PNPS compassion and unwavering kindness.</i>	
	<b>Prep</b>	• Nate Flower • Lexi Hann	
	<b>1/2B</b>	• Otto Winters • Ivy O'Brien	
	<b>1/2W</b>	• Chloe Vincec • Eli Nunn	
		<b>3/4A</b>	
		• Caoiva Flannery • Jaggar Nepean	
		<b>4/5K</b>	
		• N/A (Camp)	
		<b>5/6R</b>	
		• N/A (Camp)	





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# NOTICE BOARD

## Drum Kit & Percussion Lessons KADE NOONAN 0421 076 996



- 1:1 Lessons
  - Group Lessons
  - Improvisation
  - Reading Music
  - Various Genres
  - Beginners to Advanced Lessons
- Contact for Information

**Kade is an ex-PNPS student, with an exceptional talent for music and drumming. If you would like to know more, contact Kade!**



**PORTLAND SCOUT GROUP**

Email: [portlandscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:portlandscoutgroup@gmail.com)

## INVITATION

Dear Parents and Friends,

On August 13<sup>th</sup> we will be holding an important meeting about the future of our group.

We are inviting friends and former members of the group, community members, as well as all current families.

The meeting will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, followed by supper.

Please confirm your attendance by email:

[portlandscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:portlandscoutgroup@gmail.com)

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

Robyn Meade

Leader In Charge



**Woolworths net set g**

Ages 5-10

Starts Thursday, August 1 for 8 weeks  
4 - 4:45pm each week

For more information, message Brooke -  
0448 585 640

Westerns Football Netball Club





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### The Beauty Boutique

0408218855  
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Spa Facials  
IPL Hair Removal  
Enzyme Therapy  
Body Contouring  
Tattoo Removal  
Radio Frequency  
Skin Needling  
Photorejuvenation  
Carbon Facials  
Spray Tanning  
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.

## FINWASTE SOUTH WEST

Phillip and Lisa Newton

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