



Portland North Primary School

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NEWSLETTER ... *Thursday 27th April, 2023*



Welcome Back!

Principal's Message...

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone! We hope you all enjoyed your Easter break and managed to find some time to recuperate and replenish before another busy term.... which has already started with a flourish.

School Photo Day is Wednesday 10th May. All orders for School photos are on Compass this year. Everyone should have received a link. Please contact the office if you have not.

We begin the term by welcoming and congratulating our **newly formed School Council**; Lauren Yuill (School Council President), Crystal Hays (Vice president), Charlotte Elliot (Treasurer) and members Jodi Brewster, Peter Edkins, Jason Saunders, Chantel Pye, Kerry Sharrock (Secretary), Damien King, Hayley Jones and myself. We would also like to **acknowledge the support and contribution that retiring SC members, Liz Regent (President) and Melissa Imbi**, have made during their tenure and offer my appreciation on behalf of the school community for their commitment and work.

Thank you so much to the children and their families who joined us on Tuesday for the **ANZAC Day march**. As always, it is lovely forming part of the school's group for the march and a privilege to be a part of such an important community ceremony. Our student leaders Ruby and Amber represented our school so well by leading our march and laying a wreath on our behalf.

The Department of Education has updated the 2024 Prep enrolment process which includes new forms and a set enrolment date. We have updated our enrolment forms on our website and included it in our prep information packs.

It is now expected that prep enrolments for 2024 will be submitted to schools by Friday 28th July 2023. Parents should receive the prep enrolment packs from their kindergarten or childcare centre in the coming weeks. Alternatively, you can call in to school and pick one up from the office if you would like more information or details.



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Our Parents Club are inviting all our mothers and/or carers to join us for a **Mother's Day breakfast (coffee/tea and muffins) on Friday May 12th at 8am**. An invitation will be sent home this week with an RSVP, which needs to be returned next week. We look forward to celebrating Mother's Day with you and offering this small token of our appreciation for everything you do for your families and our school.

We are very excited to welcome **Hannah Finnegan and Emma Thompson** into our school this term as they replace Michelle Ford, who is on family leave. Hannah will take the Prep-Year 2 children for Music (with Shaun Spencer) and Art, while she will attend Kitchen with the Year 3 – 6 children. Emma will take the Year 3 – 6 for Music. The children had their first Music lesson on Monday, and we know they enjoyed it very much. Shaun and Emma will collaborate throughout the remainder of the year to prepare the children for the 150th Anniversary celebration in early Term 4, which will replace our end of year concert. Stay tuned for more exciting music news!

Our school's 150th Anniversary has been scheduled for October 20th and 21st, although details are yet to be planned. If you would like to join the planning committee, we are **meeting next week on Wednesday May 3rd at 6pm (at school)**. We would really appreciate your ideas, contribution, and enthusiasm so we can make this event a memorable one.

Thanks, as always to the many helpers who come in each week to support our **Kitchen Garden Program** – we really appreciate it and acknowledge that without helpers our program would not be successful. If you would like to join the team, please contact your child's classroom teacher – the more the merrier!

In 2023 the Department of Education agreed to a new industrial agreement with teachers, which includes the provision of time in lieu (TIL) for duties that teachers are required to perform which fall out of their usual duties, such as camps and evening events. This provision has created some significant challenges that schools are trying to navigate fairly and with minimal impact on families. One of the ways schools will acquit time in lieu provision is with 'recovery days' or 'specialist days' after camps and sleepovers. This will allow teachers to recoup their TIL without additional costs to schools or families. While children will not be required at school on these days, children and families who are unable to make alternative arrangements will be accommodated at school. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please make sure you come and see me, or seek clarification from one of our members of School Council.



... DATES ...

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

- **Mon 1 & Tues 2 May**
Author in residence
- **Wednesday 3 May**
Cross Country at school
- **Wednesday 10th May**
SCHOOL PHOTOS
- **Friday 12 May**
Mothers' Day Breakfast
- **Thursday 18 May**
Grade 1/2 PJ Party (PM)
- **Friday 26 May**
G6 HDSC Maths Day
- **Mon 29 – Fri 2 June**
RECONCILIATION WEEK
- **Tuesday 30 May**
Cultural Performance
- **Tues 30 – Wed 7 June**
Sommers Camp
- **Tues 6 – Thurs 8 June**
Grade 3/4 W'bool Camp
- **Monday 12th June**
Kings B'day **Public Holiday**
- **Tuesday 13 June**
Curriculum Day
no students at school
- **Friday 23 June**
Last Day Term2
- **NAIDOC 2-9 July**
...during the holidays

PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD

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| Grade | Name | Grade | Name |
|------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Prep Carly | Allistar Anderson & Carter Atwell | 3/4 Julia | Brock Hayden & Tyrae Durrant |
| 1/2 Damien | Charlie Albin & Eli Nunn | 3/4 Erin | Noah Imbi & Chiara Trickey |
| 1/2 Sam | Audrey Fisher & Rylee Lindsey Joyce | 5/6 Dylan | Carter Frost & Lily Johnstone |
| other | | 5/6 Hayley | Paige Spencer & Brok Martyn |



This week I offer my appreciation to
Miller, Juniper, Amber & Lucas
 ...thank you for representing our school and jointly making ANZAC Wreaths with other schools & the community at Civic Hall for our local Portland ANZAC Ceremony

Lest We Forget...



WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY

PNPS

CROSS
COUNTRY

at school, 2pm start

...see you there!

...students to wear their house colour
sports uniform to school...



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Support Services Roadshow

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*Helping you to connect to the services available in your region

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Thursday May 11, 2023

10am to 2pm

<https://carerconnect.com.au/carers-connect-support-services-roadshow>



Coming Soon!

ME TIME

Designed for you to get the most out of your session. Get in and get it done before you pick the kids up from school, before you go to your shift or after you finish. Something different every week.

Starts Tuesday 2nd May @ 2pm
Bookings essential



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What's the big deal about exercise?

You might wonder why it's good to be active. Exercise keeps your body healthy. It's good for your brain, improves energy, builds strong bones and muscles, improves sleep and overall wellbeing. Many activities can provide exercise and keep you active, including:

- Playing at the playground/ playing in the yard
- Helping around the house
- Skipping
- Dancing around your bedroom
- Walking the dog/ Horse Riding
- Gardening/Mowing Lawns
- Washing the Car
- Making Sandcastles/ Playing on the beach
- Limiting your use of electronics — TV, computer, etc — you'll just naturally be more active.

You don't **have** to play a sport, but you might find one you like. Team sports can be a great experience. You get to feel the team spirit as you work together toward a common goal. If you want to learn about a sport, you might try programs that introduce you to new sports...Two good examples of this are:

1. Aus kick introduces you to Aussie Rules Football! It's all about fun, getting your hands on the ball and constantly being involved in exciting activities.
2. Kanga cricket is a high-speed version of cricket aimed mainly at encouraging children to take part in the sport, with an emphasis on participation and enjoyment.

If you don't like being on a team that much, you might consider individual sports. You can do these sports competitively or just for the fun of doing them.

Some individual sports are:

- Swimming/ Running
- Gymnastics/Calisthenics
- Dance/ Group Fitness
- Tennis/ Racquet Ball
- Skateboarding/Skating
- Martial arts/Karate/Tai Quan Do
- Bowling/ BMX

The most important thing is to be active, there is a world of activities to choose from, there's one that's just right for you

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