



# Portland North Primary School

## ... is a child safe school

NEWSLETTER ... *Thursday 27 July, 2023*

### ...DATES...

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

- **SWIMMING ALL TERM**  
**Monday** – Saunders, Adams, Roll & Jones  
**Tuesday** – Westlake, Brown & Jennings
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug**
  - BMX performance
  - 100 school days Prep celebration
- **Tuesday 15 August**  
**Curriculum Day,**  
no students required at school



Lasagna – yum! Thanks **xox**

### BOOK CLUB

due  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

### WORDS OF THE WEEK

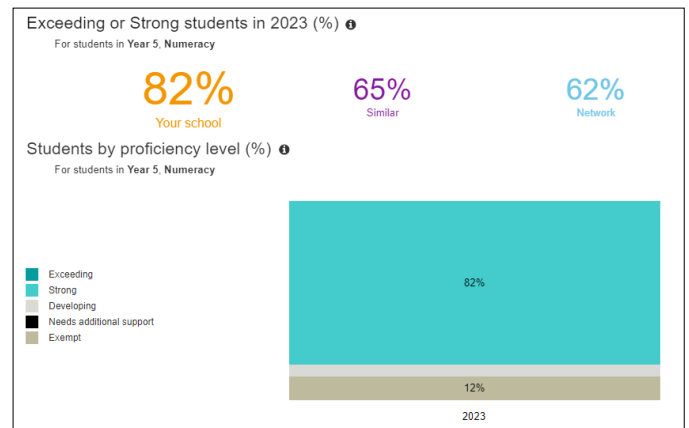
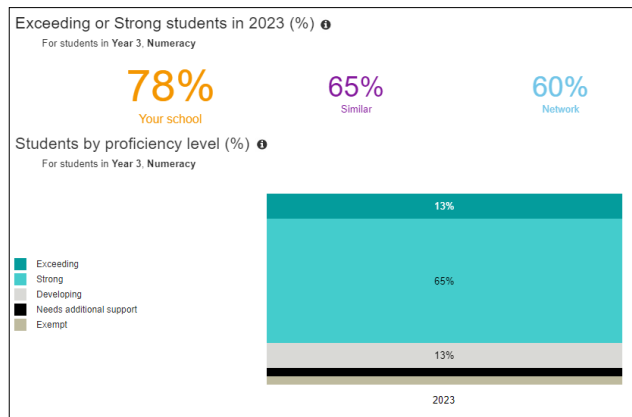
- **Wuwuk**  
– *goodbye*
- **Ngatanwah**  
– *welcome*
- **Ngata**  
– *hello*

### Principal's Message...

We have had such a positive start to the term, and we thank you for your continued support for your children and our school.

I would like to thank all the staff, particularly Hayley Jones, who have 'held the fort' for me while I took leave to mourn the loss of my mother-in-law and celebrate her life with my family during this sad time. I am very grateful that I can leave the school and your children in such safe hands, knowing that they will be well looked after, and the calm culture of our school will be maintained.

We have just had the pleasure of a **visit this morning from Chris Thompson, our Regional Director and Emma Miller, the Acting Area Director.** They were visiting us because of our participation in the DET Project 2023 Numeracy Project over the last two years, and to hear about and view our outstanding work in progress. They visited the classes to see a maths lesson in action and spoke to me at length about our successes. We also had **visits from the teachers at Heywood Consolidated School** on Monday, who also wanted to hear about and see our maths classes in action. I am very proud of our progress and achievements across all areas of the curriculum, particularly numeracy. **Our teachers are doing an amazing job and we are now seeing the results of our hard work in all our Naplan results, particularly Numeracy.** The graph below shows our outstanding results in Numeracy this year and I'll continue to share our data with you over the next few newsletters.



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Our Year 3 and 4 students are very busy rehearsing for the Music Festival on Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Emma Thompson and their classroom teachers will be in communication with you about the details and the tickets for families to attend will arrive at school shortly. We will let you know as soon as they arrive.

We will be wishing Carly Saunders and her family a very **happy long service leave** break from August 4<sup>th</sup> until the end of Term 3. However, we are also very pleased to **welcome James Campbell** into our school, who will replace Carly in her absence. James is a very experienced teacher who will do his best to ensure a smooth transition and maintain the learning progress for our Prep children. He will spend next Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> with Carly and the children to get to know them and their routines.

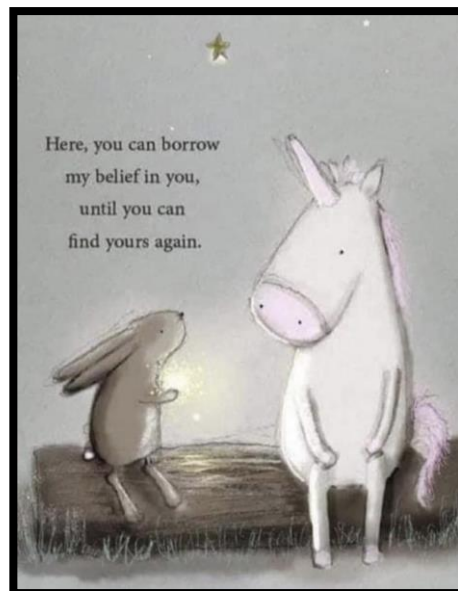
## Child safety and wellbeing at Portland North: information for families and the school community.

The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations; including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Portland North has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on your school's website (under the Philosophies tab) or at the school's front office. <https://www.portlandnorthprimary.com.au/>

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact me at school.

As part of our **School Review**, we would like to invite members of our school community to participate in some forums and conversations that will inform our review and support us in determining our goals for improvement. **Please look out for invitations on Compass over the coming week** and we'll look forward to hearing your perceptions and views as we complete our self-evaluation.



**AT PORTLAND NORTH WE AGREE TO**

- Be kind with your words and actions to everyone (The Golden Rule)
- Do as you are asked when you are asked
- Make good choices about your learning and your relationships
- Be respectful to each other, to our belongings and our environment

**WE AGREE NOT TO**

- Be unkind or violent
- Ignore adults and backchat
- Interfere with others learning
- Be disrespectful

**We are celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2023**  

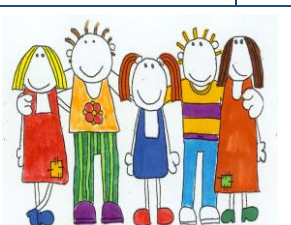
 ...Saturday will be our Fete Day with music, food, stalls etc  
*So mark these exciting dates in your diary - and we will see you there!*

## PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD

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Grade	Name	Grade	Name
Prep Carly	Jensen Whyte & Levi Watt	3/4 Julia	Mikaylah Hilton & Charlotte Foley
1/2 Westlake	Tilly Baker & Kash Beard	3/4 Erin	Isla Edkins & Teigh Flannery
1/2 Sam	Khyra Stretton & Porsha Nelson	5/6 Dylan	Miller Barker & Stella Trickey
other	Art-Lucas Jones	5/6 Hayley	Zayne Medina & Dayna Beyer



This week I offer my appreciation to  
**Noah Imbi, Tyler Hudson, Taylah Doueal & Lucy Scott**  
 Boys...thank you for always helping clean up and organise the bike shed, it is very much appreciated.  
 Girls...thank you for being so kind and thoughtful for making our new students feel welcome.

**Awards handed out at Mondays assembly, 9.05am**

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