



Portland North Primary School

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NEWSLETTER ... Thursday 10 August, 2023

...DATES...

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

SWIMMING ALL TERM

Monday

Saunders, Adams, Roll & Jones

Tuesday

Westlake, Brown & Jennings

- **Monday 14 August**
P-2 footy Clinic @ school
- **Tuesday 15 August**
CURRICULUM DAY
No Students required at school
- **Friday 18 August**
HDSC Science Day
- **Wednesday 23 August**
3/4 Music Festival
- **Friday 25th August**
BOOK DAY!!
- **Thursday 31 August**
Girls Basketball
- **Friday 1 Sept**
Fathers Day Breakfast
- **Wednesday 6 Sept**
5/6 netball clinic
- **Thursday 7 Sept**
Boys Basketball
- **Friday 15th Sept**
Last day Term 3

Principal's Message...

On Monday I sent all families a Compass invitation to complete the **2023 Parent Opinion Survey**. Each year the school conducts an opinion survey with the school community and all families are invited to participate. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

I ask you to please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. The department will use the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students.

- The survey will be conducted online and only takes 20 minutes to complete.
 - The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.
- The survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously, and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. The Compass post included a link to the survey site and our school PIN, which must be kept confidential. If you have any questions about the survey or its purpose, please be welcome to contact me at school.

We continue to celebrate our 2023 NAPLAN data and this week we include our Reading achievements. As you can see by our results, both our Year 3 and Year 5 achievement in Reading is well above our similar school and network school groups. We have put a great deal of work into improving our teaching practices in Reading and we are very pleased to now see the benefits of all that effort and work for the children.

Exceeding or Strong students in 2023 (%)
For students in Year 3, Reading



Students by proficiency level (%)
For students in Year 3, Reading



Exceeding or Strong students in 2023 (%)
For students in Year 5, Reading



Students by proficiency level (%)
For students in Year 5, Reading



Our Year 3 and 4 students are very fortunate to be representing our school at the annual Portland Schools Music Festival on Wednesday August 23rd. They have all been working hard in rehearsals and we are really looking forward to their performance. All the details about costumes, tickets, dates and times have been sent to families but if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the office.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

- **Wuwuk**
– goodbye
- **Ngatanwah**
– welcome
- **Ngata**
– hello
- **Warta-Ki**
– come here

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Our Parents Club are planning a lovely **Father's Day breakfast** for all the special men in our students' lives. An invitation with all the details will be sent home to families in the next week or so, but please save **Friday September 1st** into your calendars.

We continue to plan for our school's **150th Birthday celebrations on October 20th and 21st**. We hope you have saved the dates into your family's calendar so you can all join in to make this event a memorable one. The details are still being refined, but the broad outline of the celebration includes:

Friday 20 th 9:00 – 12:30	Open classrooms and morning tea for visitors
Friday 20 th 6:00 – 9:00ish	Social reunion for past staff and families
Saturday 21 st 11:00 – 3:30ish	150 th Celebration – opening ceremony, fete, inquiry and art exhibitions, fun activities, stalls, food and drinks, student performances etc

Our fete remains the main fundraising support for our Year 5/6 camp, and we expect all students to participate and support the event. The student performance will be our school concert for the year, and we again expect all students to participate and contribute to this celebration of our school's long, successful history.

Our Parents Club will make a significant contribution to our 150th celebration, particularly through various fundraising activities. This will be our main school fundraiser for the year, and we'd really appreciate your support in making it special. **Therefore, we are calling for raffle donations – if you're able to help please drop your donations into the school office.**

Cate



read.. grow.. inspire..

BOOK WEEK

Book Week is the 19th to 25th of August.

We will celebrate all things books on Friday the 25th with a dress up day, a parade at 9.05am and book activities throughout the day.

Dress up as your favourite book character or follow the theme 'Read, Grow, Inspire.'



We are celebrating our 150th on
Friday 20th & Saturday 21st 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			
TRUST FORGIVENESS INTEGRITY HOPE COMPASSION			
Grade	Name	Grade	Name
Prep Carly	Noah Allen & Saana Penny Tierney	3/4 Julia	Sharlee Spiteri & Alexis Gabriel
1/2 Westlake	Sami Kerr & Phoebe Foley	3/4 Erin	Ella Nelson & Mitchell Beswick
1/2 Sam	Rexy Presley & Tabor Jones	5/6 Dylan	Miller Barker & Carter Frost
Literacy	Rylee Lindsey-Joyce	5/6 Hayley	Amelia Collins & Liam Godfrey



This week I offer my appreciation to

Bianka Coss-Mills

...thank you for always being a kind and lovely friend to everyone at playtimes and including others who need a friend. Such an amazing bucket filler!!!





HAPPY 100TH Day of School



Look at these amazing cupcakes!

Thank you so much Carter Atwell and family, such a kind and lovely gesture to help us celebrate 100 days...xox



NOTICEBOARD

DONATIONS PLEASE



cutlery including

- Forks
- Knives
- Spoons - soup, dessert, tea

WANTED



Guinea Pig Cage

IF YOU HAVE A CAGE THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO DONATE PLEASE CONTACT [BROOKE.KING2@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:brooke.king2@education.vic.gov.au)



JUNIOR CRICKET AGES 11-16

JOIN THE G.P ARMY

GORAE PORTLAND CRICKET CLUB IS LOOKING FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS

2023/24 SEASON RUNS OCT - MARCH

TUESDAY NIGHT GAMES & THURSDAY NIGHT TRAINING

NO GEAR, NO PROBLEM

Ⓢ \$16 REGISTRATION FEE, THAT'S IT!
We believe in keeping kids sport affordable

📍 ALEXANDRA PARK
Park St, Portland VIC 3305

📧 @GOPORTS



TO REGISTER INTEREST OR CONTACT US
SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT
<https://tinyurl.com/goportscricket>

150 RECIPES FOR 150 YEARS

Do you have a special family recipe? We would love to feature it in our special anniversary cookbook!

Cookbooks will be available for purchase at the 150th celebrations on 20 - 21 October 2023

WHAT DO WE NEED?

Recipe Name

Ingredients

Method

Photo (attach to email)

History a brief statement of your connection to Portland North Primary School (example below)

Damien King - Teacher 17 years (2005 - 2023)

Eden King - Student (2014 - 2021)

Darcy King - Student (2016 - 2023)

Brooke King - SAKG Coordinator (2017 - 2023)

*Due to copyright laws, please ensure all recipes are personal family recipes and not copied from published works.

Please email all recipes in a word document to brooke.king2@education.vic.gov.au.

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