

# Portland North Primary School ... is a child safe school

NEWSLETTER ... Thursday 19th October, 2023

# See you tomorrow & Saturday

# ...DATES..

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

- Friday 20th October
  150th
  Celebration
  Open Day
  9-12.30pm
- Saturday 21st October
   Ceremony, Fete,
   Exhibitions and
   Celebrations
   10.30 2.30pm
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October STUDENT FREE DAY – No School
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October Cultural Performance, Science Circus
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct Campfire Conversation, 6pm
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct
   World Teachers Day



- 6<sup>th</sup> November
   Curriculum Day No

   Students at School
- 7<sup>th</sup> November
   Melbourne Cup Public
   Holiday No Students
   at School
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Gade 6 Big Day Out
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Grade 6 Graduation

#### Principal's Message...

We are in the final stages of our **150**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary** and I want to thank everyone for all the hard work that has gone into the planning and preparation of what we hope is a wonderful day of celebrating the history, culture and successes of our school. The children have all worked so hard, with lots of support from their teachers, to complete their inquiries into our local, state and national history. They are very proud of their work and are very excited to share it with you at their History Exhibition on Saturday. They have also created some wonderful artwork and been rehearsing for their performance, and again, they are very excited to show off their talents on Saturday.

I would like to especially thank our teachers for their support of the children and their creativity in exhibiting their work; our Education Support Staff for their support of the children and the wonderful PNPS History our School Exhibition; Rania, for her amazing artwork around the school and the beautiful mosaic planter boxes she created with children throughout the term; our wonderful Parents Club for the enormous amount of work they have put into many aspects of our event – the morning teas, raffles, prize gathering, procuring vendors (the list goes on); Rebecca Howard for her work in creating our 150th Memento Book (it looks amazing); School Council for organising the reunion on Friday night; Crystal Hayes, Brooke King and their helpers for the fantastic SAKGP Cook Book; Mark for making sure our grounds look so beautiful; Dave Johnstone for bringing the crane in for our Golf Ball Drop; and everyone else who has helped in some way, and all of you for donating prizes, supporting your Year 5 & 6 children in preparing for their fete stalls, and for joining us and supporting this special event as a member of our wonderful Portland North community. We hope you enjoy the event as much as we have enjoyed preparing it for you!

#### A final reminder:

- October 20th 9:00 11:30 Open Morning all welcome
- October 20th 6:00pm Reunion @ Yacht Club
- October 21st 150th Anniversary Celebrations, Fete, Exhibitions, Concert
  - 10:30 arrival for an 11am Opening Ceremony
  - 1:00 Gold ball Drop great prizes to be won
  - 1:15 Auction amazing prizes to be bid on
  - 1:30 Student Concert
  - 2:30 finish

Monday, October 23rd - Student Free Day - no children at school

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When all of this is over, we'll get everything back to some sort of normal and start getting ready for the rest of the year. We'll also start planning for 2024, so I invite any parents or carers who would like to chat to me about 2024 to be in touch. It is very important to me that families can share their insights and thoughts prior to our making decisions that have an impact on their children. Please make a time to come in and see me, or give me a call before November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Next Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> we celebrate World Teachers Day. On behalf of our school community, I take this opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding work of teachers everywhere, but particularly those in our school.

Teachers make a very significant difference to the children they work with every day — not only are they required to make sure children learn all the things they are expected to learn, they have to make sure that every child at every level is catered for, that the learning is engaging, interesting, motivating and worthwhile; they are relationship and wellbeing counsellors, behaviour managers, negotiators, problem solvers, planners, organisers...and learners who work very hard to make sure our students are given learning experiences that meet their needs, ensure achievement and prepare them for success.



FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023

Cate

Term 4 has begun and that means HATS are back on. If you need to purchase a hat, please see Kerry or Di at the office, thank you.



HOL, Rania and Brooke refreshing our bollards.

Looking great







## PNPS STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD







This week I offer my appreciation to

# 5/6 students and parents

...thank you for all of your support, time, generosity and care in helping organise our Fete. We are so thankful for all that you did ...x good job!



### FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

#### OPEN MORNING 9:00AM-12:30PM

Open classrooms from 9:00 am.

Morning tea hosted by Parents Club from 11:00 am.

#### SOCIAL REUNION 6:00PM - PORTLAND YACHT CLUB

Tickets: \$10 (purchased by: Oct 13th)
Available from school office - 5523 1482
Includes: Finger food
Drinks available at bar prices.
Hosted by PNPS School Council

## SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER

#### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

STARTING FROM 10:30 AM, FINISHING 2:30PM

Opening Ceremony 11:00 am Student Performance 1:30 pm

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden experience:

Session 1: 9:00-11:00am Session 2: 11:30-1:30pm

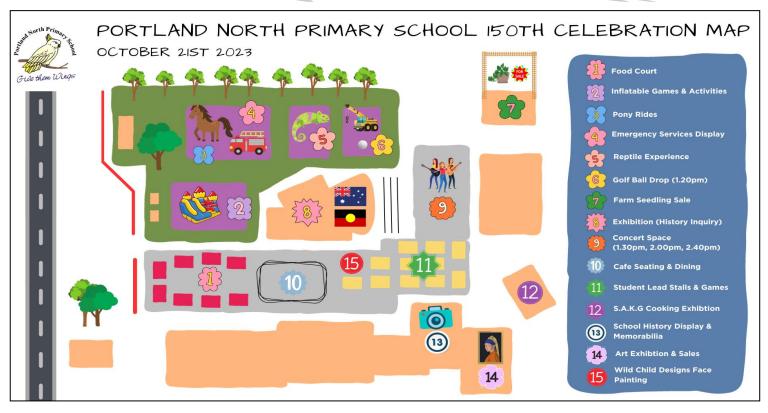
Book to cook by contacting school office - 5523 1482 Limited spots available Enjoy the Activities and experiences including: Inquiry, Art & Historical Exhibitions

Food Court

Fete stalls, games & activities Buskers and performances Raffles

> Photo Booth Memorabilia stall

# we are so looking forward to seeing you all



# **Upwelling Festival**

Saturday 4th November

# 3-Bays

Sat 4th & Sun 5th November

Portland North are participating in both Community Events, details home soon.













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