



# Portland North Primary School

## Newsletter

Thursday 7th March, Term 1 | Week 6

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## PNPS Calendar

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

**Monday 11th March**  
**LABOUR DAY**  
**School Closed**

**13th - 15th March**  
**Naplan Testing**  
Years 3 and 5

**20th March**  
**Year 6 PSC Transition Day**

**21st & 22nd March**  
**CURRICULUM DAYS**  
**No Students at School**  
Staff working with  
renowned Canadian  
Educator Lane Clark

**Thursday 28th March**  
**Athletic Sports Day**  
**LAST DAY OF TERM**

*Reminder:*

**NO Hat**  
**NO Play**

Hats can be purchased at  
the office for \$9

## Welcome Everyone

Congratulations to the three brave swimmers who represented our school at the interschool swimming sports recently. **Shane, Euan and Ruby** all competed very well, with Ruby coming 3rd in her age group for freestyle. I was very proud of their effort and enthusiasm, on what was a very cool day to be in the pool!



L-R: Euan, Ruby and Tyson

Last week I was very privileged to receive an invitation to attend the **State Education Forum** in Melbourne. I joined a group of key stakeholders and leaders across our system to provide the Education Minister Ben Carroll and the Education Department's Deputy Secretary David Howes with insights, feedback and contribution towards the continued development of our education system. We explored three main themes:

- The strengths of state education and how it can be effectively communicated to the community.
- How to strengthen community and family engagement in our schools and system
- How to recruit and keep high quality teaching and school staff.



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It was great to be part of such a high-level event and to hear from, and network with, other leaders within the system who are working so hard to make sure that every child in every school, has an outstanding educational experience.



We are very pleased that 10% of our families have already made their financial contribution to our school and the children's education. As always, your contribution makes a huge difference to what our school can provide for our students, which includes all their stationery for the year, access to devices and internet applications, additional classroom and library resources such as beautiful books and equipment, PE equipment, musical instruments, art materials, Kitchen Garden etc.

I was a little shocked after discussions at the recent State Forum at the apparent inequity in our system, when some schools shared how much additional funding they receive through very high levels of parent contribution, fundraising, income from international fee-paying students and hire of facilities. Their capacity to provide additional support, resources and access to programs was beyond anything we have the finances to provide, **making your contribution even more essential for our success. We appreciate your support more than we can say.**

While it feels to us as though it hasn't been an especially warm summer, it has also been very dry. Our school has a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, which includes details about our management and response to a fire emergency. However, we have also received advice about **Portland's Bushfire Place of Last Resort – Neighbourhood Safer Place**. Please see the link below to find more details and advise about Portland's fire emergency plans.

[Bushfire Place of Last Resort - Neighbourhood Safer Place | Glenelg Shire Council](#)

We are very pleased to be involved in the Education Department's Music in School's Program this year. The program gives us additional funding to purchase musical instruments and access to high-level professional learning, coaching and mentoring. Our Music teacher Emma Thompson is looking forward to beginning her participation with a professional learning day in Warrnambool later in March.





### NAPLAN

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

**Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in Naplan next week.** All the children will complete the Writing assessment on Wednesday morning, Conventions of Language (Spelling, Grammar) on Thursday morning, and Maths on Friday morning. We will then provide any students who missed the assessments with a catch-up session prior to the end of the Naplan window on March 20th. We have supported the children's preparation by ensuring they feel comfortable and confident with the Naplan platform and given them the opportunity to practice the types of tasks they will be required to complete. We wish them the very best and will always be proud of their effort.



Please be reminded that we have our double Curriculum days coming up on **March 21st and 22nd**. School Council has also approved the other Curriculum days for the year: **May 8th and August 12th** will be days spent with Behavioural Scientist Dan Petro, who will be working with teachers from across all our network schools. **November 4th** is our collective Professional Practice Day and our focus is yet to be confirmed.

**Our 2023 – 2027 School Strategic Plan** has been finalised and approved by our School Council. We have two major goals to focus on:

1. Maximise the learning and achievement of all students
2. Maximise all students' wellbeing and engagement in learning.

Each of those goals has been elaborated on with some key strategies and actions. If you would like a copy of the Strategic Plan you are very welcome to collect one from the office.

*Thank you,  
Cate*



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## Book Club

orders are due:

**13<sup>th</sup> March**



### (CSEF) Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

The CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.

To be eligible, cards need to be current on 19/01/2024. The annual CSEF amount for primary school student is \$150.

#### How to Apply (by 28/6/2024)

Contact the school office ASAP to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef) If you applied for the CSEF at this school in 2023 you do not need to complete an application form in 2024 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

**You only need to complete an application form** if any of the following changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments – if your child has started or changed schools in 2023 or you did not apply in 2023.
- Changed family circumstances – such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2024.

**Please see or call Kerry or Di in the office for all enquiries**



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### Crafty Gardeners...

Check out our students' creations at the Dahlia Festival this weekend! Good Luck Everyone!



## PNPS Student Appreciation Awards

*Trust      Forgiveness      Integrity      Hope      Compassion*

**PREP** Jax Chequer & Evie DeVries

**1/2 B** Jensen Whyte

**Cate** This week I offer my appreciation to:  
**Interschool Swimmers**

**1/2 W** Phoebe Foley & Lara Smith

**3/4 A** Ella Nelson & Isaac Andrews

**4/5 K** Eva Robinson & Zadie Cracknell

**5/6 R** Flynn Brewster & Carter Frost

**Other** Henry Taylor & Rexy Presley

\*Apologies to Henry & Rexy for not having their awards ready at our last assembly, we have them ready for you for our next assembly. Keep up your great work boys!

for representing Portland North at the Interschool Swimming Sports. We are very proud of your effort and achievements. Well Done!



STEPHANIE  
**KITCHEN**



ALEXANDER  
**GARDEN**

### PROGRAM

Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing



Our students in Kitchen will be sharing with us each fortnight 1-2 recipes they've made in the Kitchen with Brooke.

**This week's delicious smoothie recipe,  
beautifully presented by Stevie Yuill,  
Grade 4**

 banana and Strawberry Smoothie 

#### Ingredients

1 Cup of milk  
1 Cup of natural yoghurt  
2 bananas, peeled and sliced  
10 strawberries, dehulled and halved  
1tbsp honey  
A pinch of cinnamon  
handful of mint leaves

#### Instructions

Put all the ingredients, except the mint, into a blender and whirr until smooth.  
Pour into cups, decorate with mint leaves, and enjoy!



A great opportunity to get the students to show off their newly learned culinary skills at home.



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## Experience Day - Wednesday 20th March

2024 Grade 6 students are invited to come and spend the day with us at PSC.

Experience a day as a Secondary school student and learn what our school has to offer.

*Important information about this day has been delivered to your primary School.*

Scholarship Application Packages will be shared on this day.

**Please RSVP by Wednesday 13th March via QR code or the General Office.**

Can't be there on the day and would like to book a tour or need more information contact the General Office on 5523 1344.

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**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 9:30am-2pm at  
Bayview College Portland**

**119 Bentinck Street, Portland, Vic 3305**

*Primary & Secondary Chess Victoria Zonal Tournament*



A tournament open for primary and secondary school students from prep to year 12 under the direction of Leonid Sandler, International Chess Master, International Chess Federation (FIDE) Trainer and Captain of the Australian Women's Olympiad Team 2004, 2006, 2010 and 2022 and Welsh Women's Team Captain 2018.

Each player will play 7 games with a time control of 15 minutes for each player.

- Entry fee of \$25 per player
- Each school competing must send an adult supervisor with their team
- Students BYO snack and lunch
- Morning tea and coffee will be supplied for supervising adults
- Places are strictly limited and will be allocated in order of receipt of booking form and payment
- Closing date for enrolment is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- All entries should be sent to PO Box 9054, South Yarra 3141
- All enquiries should be addressed to Leonid Sandler on 0412-201891
- E-mail: [leonidsandlerchess@gmail.com](mailto:leonidsandlerchess@gmail.com)
- Website: [www.chesscoaching.com.au](http://www.chesscoaching.com.au)



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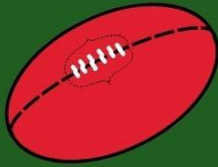
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## TYRENDARRA JUNIOR AFL FOOTY COME & TRY



Tuesday nights  
U11 & U14: 4:45pm  
U17: 5pm  
Henty Park, Portland

## PORTLAND TIGERS AFL KICKSTART PROGRAM

**REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2024!**

Every Wednesday 5 - 6pm 17 April -26 June  
Halon Park Portland  
Mixed genders  
Ages 5-10 years

# \$40

INCLUDES TRAINING SINGLET, FOOTBALL  
8-10 TRAINING SESSIONS  
AND  
HALF TIMES GAMES AT HALON PARK ALONG  
SIDE THE PORTLAND TIGERS SENIOR TEAM!



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FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[WWW.PORTLANDBMXCLUB.COM.AU](http://WWW.PORTLANDBMXCLUB.COM.AU)

Come along to Libraries After Dark at the  
Portland Library on Thursday 14 March at 6pm  
to learn about:

- Parts of a bike
- the ABC's of basic bike maintenance - Air/Brakes/Chain
- Types of bikes and suitability
- Sizing a bike for you

Perfect timing to help you get your bike ready for  
Beats Cycle for Hope on Sunday 17 March at 9am

Rotary





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### The Beauty Boutique

Spa Facials  
IPL Hair Removal  
Enzyme Therapy  
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Tattoo Removal  
Radio Frequency  
Skin Needling  
Photorejuvenation  
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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

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