



Portland North Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 21st March, Term 1 | Week 8

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PNPS Calendar

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

21st & 22nd March

CURRICULUM DAYS

No Students at School

Staff working with renowned Canadian Educator Lane Clark

Wednesday 27th March

Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 28th March

Athletic Sports Day

LAST DAY OF TERM 1



Monday 15th April
FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

Reminder:

**NO Hat
NO Play**

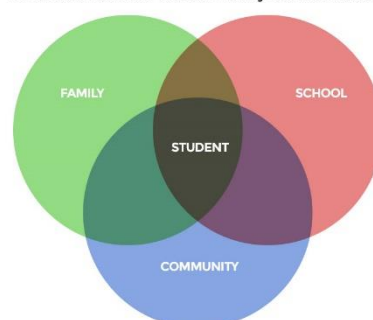
Hats can be purchased at the office for \$9

Well, here we are, almost to the end of another term. While it has seemed to be a very busy one, we also hope it has been a successful one for both your children and your families.

Our focus on Term 1 has been on **building greater connectedness between school and families**. We have tried to be more effective with our communications, with the intention on strengthening our relationships and family engagement with our school. Compass remains the main platform from which we share whole school information, updates and news. Teachers will continue to use Seesaw to communicate with you about your child's learning progress and activities, class events and classroom specific news. We will also communicate with you via email or phone when the need arises.

However, **effective communication and relationship-building relies on the participation of all parties to be successful**, and we encourage you to let us know if we need to know something, if you have any worries or concerns, if you're not sure about what's happening and or what your children need to do or bring. We genuinely want to partner with you; we are fully committed to the learning and wellbeing of your children and want to make sure we are doing everything we can to support them. **So please reach out to us – we will find it difficult to solve problems if we don't know about them.**

Benefits of Effective Teacher-Family Communication





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Our wonderful **Year 3 and Year 5 students** successfully navigated their week of NAPLAN assessments. We are very proud that they approached the assessments with confidence, resilience and optimism; while the results give us the opportunity to monitor and measure the impact of our work, we are also mindful that they are just 'one photo in the album' of a child's achievements and that we use many other methods to track and check on a child's learning progress.

We are in the **middle of our first day with Canadian educator Lane Clark** today. We are all learning more about the sciences of learning, how children learn best, how to develop deep thinking, curiosity and creativity, and strengthening their capacity to become inspired, effective learners. We look forward to implementing all of Lane's work further across all areas of the curriculum and sharing that work with you over the year.



PNPS Teachers engaged in Professional Learning today with our guest speaker, Canadian educator Lane Clark.

I would like to **welcome our 2024 School Council** to our school community. Lauren Yuill, Charlotte Elliott, Crystal Hays, Kimberley Bulka, Jodie Brewster, Peter Edkins, Jason Saunders, Damien King, Kerry Sharrock and Hayley Jones continue in their role as members of the School Council. We **welcome Paul Robins as our newest member**, who replaces Chantel Pye. On behalf of the school community and the School Council, **I thank Chantel for her work as a member of the team, and for her very positive contribution to our school community. Her trust and confidence in us as a school is very much appreciated.** We have our Annual General Meeting next Wednesday 27th at 6pm and you are very welcome to join us.

We are very pleased to **introduce Speech Pathologist Caroline Shepherd** to our school team. Caroline will join us twice a month to provide support to our teachers and our students in a range of ways; assessments, strategies and interventions. We will be in touch with families in the coming weeks in relation to Caroline's work in the school and any specific work with children.

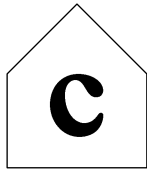


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We will finish up the term with a **Junior School Council fundraising casual-clothes day on Wednesday 27th**. (gold coin donations will be gratefully welcomed). The day will begin with our **annual Easter Bonnet Parade at 9:00am**, which will also be our final assembly for the term. We look forward to seeing you then.



Our children are all very excited about Athletics Sports next Thursday March 28th. More details regarding the Athletic Sports will be sent home shortly, but to support your planning, here is some important information:

9:15 - Years 3 - 6 children travel by bus to Nelson Park. Events will begin at 9:30am.

10:40 - Years Prep-2 children travel by bus to Nelson Park. Events will begin at 11:00am

Events will run simultaneously, and we expect events to conclude by 2:00pm, followed by presentations.

Children are to be picked up from the venue by 2:30PM.

School Holidays begin with the usual end-of-term early finish.



We wish all of you a very safe and happy Easter and school holiday break – as always, enjoy not having to make lunches and wash uniforms for a few weeks. We look forward to welcoming you all back on April 15th to begin another busy term.

*Thank you,
Cate*



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come join us for

Easter Bonnet Parade

Portland North Primary School
Hardcourt area under the shadesales.
Wednesday March 27th 9.00am

We'd love to see you all come along next week to our Easter Bonnet parade!



We wish you all a very safe and happy Easter break.

Enjoy your holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back rearing and ready to go for Term 2, on April 15th.

PNPS Student Appreciation Awards

Trust *Forgiveness* *Integrity* *Hope* *Compassion*



Nate Flower & Lexi Hann



Oscar Prentice & Zander Watson



Alexis Gabriel & Miah Watson



Ivy O'Brien & Ruben McCabe



Phoebe Goldsworthy & Violet McCabe



Jai Barker – HoL
5/6R – SAKGP
Sean Augunas – STEM



Ned Pfeiffer & Kobe Saunders



This week I offer my appreciation to:
Grade 3 & 5

for showing grit, determination, resilience and a positive attitude towards your NAPLAN testing, we are very proud of your efforts!!



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Portland Secondary College

Creating the opportunities

Thank you Portland North Primary School

Your hard work and dedication to your students is greatly appreciated.

The students that have come to us from your school have enjoyed their start to secondary schooling.

We look forward to sharing some of their experiences with you.



"I want to tell the Grade 6s not to be scared! You can do it!"

DAYNA BEYER

"I have enjoyed learning new things and making new friends"

CONNOR DESMOULIN

"Secondary school is really fun and I have lots of new friends"

KEIRA WOMBWELL

Artwork by Thomas Day



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(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 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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CONGRATULATIONS to our students who had winning entries in the Fruit Faces competition, at the Portland Dahlia Festival.





BASIC GNOCCHI

Fresh from the garden: eggs, potatoes

Rolling and cutting fresh, soft gnocchi dough is a wonderfully tactile experience. This simple recipe shows how easy it is.

Note: To save time in class, cook the potatoes in advance. Then have each group prepare potatoes for the next class.

metric measuring scales
and spoons

large heavy-based stockpot with lid
colander

large bowl

potato masher, ricer or Mouli

clean tea towel

chopping board

butter knife

fork

baking tray

slotted spoon

1 kg large desiree potatoes (about 5 or 6)

350 g plain flour, plus extra for kneading

1 egg

1 tbsp salt



What to do:

1. Place the potatoes in their skins in the stockpot, cover with water and boil until tender.
2. Drain the potatoes and allow them to cool slightly in the colander before peeling. (**Note:** If using a ricer you will not need to peel the potatoes.)
3. Put the potatoes into the large bowl and mash them with your masher until smooth, or pass them through a ricer or Mouli. Do not over-mash or the potato will become sticky and your gnocchi will be heavy.
4. Rinse and refill the stockpot with water and bring it to the boil.
5. Pour the flour onto a clean workbench, reserving 2 tablespoons to use later if required.
6. Put the mashed potatoes on top of the pile of flour. Add the egg.
7. Knead the mixture into a soft dough. If necessary, sprinkle a little extra flour to stop the dough sticking to the workbench.
8. Divide the dough into four, then roll each piece into a 2 cm-wide log.



BASIC GNOCCHI CONT...

1. Cut the logs with the butter knife at 0.5 cm intervals to create gnocchi, then lightly use the fork to create ridges on the gnocchi (don't squash them flat!).
2. Dust the gnocchi with a little more flour to stop them from sticking.
3. Dust a baking tray with flour and spread the gnocchi onto the tray.
4. To cook the gnocchi, add a tablespoon of salt to the boiling water, then carefully drop the gnocchi piece by piece into the pot, making sure they do not stick together. Boil them in two batches if necessary to avoid crowding the pot.
5. The gnocchi are cooked when they rise to the surface. Spoon them out with the slotted spoon and place directly into your sauce, or into a serving dish.





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NOTICE BOARD

**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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PFNCC Coordinator Michael Carr 0411 841 562

**Monday 25th 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 22nd 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
- Website: www.chesscoaching.com.au



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MARVELOUS IN MARCH

Bring a friend to a session in March
and they can attend for FREE!

If they fall in love with it and decide to join, they'll unlock an incredible 50% off their first month! And guess what? The deal just got sweeter! As a current member, you too will receive a fantastic 50% discount for that month! Don't miss out on this double delight!

Not a member? No problem!
Contact us now for a free session and if you like it, you can also get 50% off your 1st month!

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Balancing Act: Work, Life & Fitness

Keeping the balance between work and personal life is like spinning plates, we believe that your fitness journey should be an essential part of that equilibrium. Here's why maintaining this balance matters:

Efficiency & Focus: Achieving a balance allows you to excel professionally while remaining present in your personal life. By being efficient at work, you'll have more quality time for yourself, your family, and your fitness journey.

Boosted Wellbeing: A balanced life means less stress and more time for self-care, resulting in a healthier, happier you.

Enhanced Productivity: Regular exercise promotes a sharper mind and increased productivity, benefiting both you and your career.

Structured Schedules: Incorporate your fitness routine into your daily schedule. A structured approach to family, work, and fitness ensures you don't miss out.

Mental Clarity: Exercise provides an excellent opportunity to clear your mind, aiding problem-solving and creativity in your professional life.

Mindful Transitions: Use your workouts as a mindful transition between work and home. It helps you switch gears and be fully present in each moment.

We Support Your Balance: We're more than just a fitness studio; we're your wellness partners. We're dedicated to helping you find that perfect equilibrium that suits your unique life. Remember, a balanced life is a fulfilled life. Make time for work, life, and fitness, and watch as each area thrives.

- Brenda Oxford- Trainer



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NOTICEBOARD



ROOM HIRE WITH US.
If you are a community group, business or NGO you can hire a room, from a few hours, to a day. Call us. 03 55211856



COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HENTY GROUP
OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS
CONTACT SUE ON MOBILE
0409 021 562

Learn cooking skills, craft activities and contribute to the community.

1st Tuesday of the month. 7 - 9 pm
Portland Neighbourhood House. 40 Waratah Crescent.



PORTLAND DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Come and have a cup of tea and chat. Listen to expert speakers on the topic of diabetes.

1st Monday of the month. Bi Monthly. 6 pm.
Portland Neighbourhood House.
40 Waratah Crescent.
RSVP Stan 03 55 23 56 86



Portland Neighbourhood House Activities.
March/April 2024



3 DAY SOUND TECH WORKSHOP
AGE 12-25
27TH MARCH/SAT 6TH APRIL



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/3-day-sound-tech-and-mixing-workshop-tickets-853177034477>

Brought to you by Glenelg Shire Youth, Portland District Health, Freeza, Victorian State Government & Portland Neighbourhood House

COMING UP

- Mandala Workshops in May
- Seniors Bus Trips - June
- Tech Support for Seniors - TBC
- Tai Chi for Arthritis. 9.30 am Friday 3rd May at Narrawong Mechanics Town Hall.

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Email: PNH@kyeema.com.au



SENIORS MORNING TEA

Come and have a free cuppa and refreshments and share your story with the Portland Reengagement Centre Students.

40 Waratah Crescent, Portland.
10 - 11 AM.
Thursday 14th and 28th March 2024.



RSVP 0428 766 210

FREE GENTLE EXERCISE IN PORTLAND BOTANIC GARDENS
9.30 AM - 10.30 AM
THURSDAYS IN MARCH

Find your balance with Gentle Exercises and breathing for all abilities. 18 +.
Please bring a mat or chair.



3 DAY ASIAN FOOD WORKSHOP.
AGE 12-25
2 HOURS A DAY
3RD, 5TH & 6TH APRIL 24



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/asian-food-workshop-ages-12-25-tickets-852659035127?aff=oddtcreator>

15 Spaces Available Only

Brought to you by Glenelg Shire Youth, Portland District Health, Freeza, Victorian State Government, Portland Neighbourhood House

NEURO-DIVERGENCE: MANY GREAT BRAINS

- 9.30 am
- Tuesday 26th March 2024
- Glenelg Libraries - 32 Bentinck Street

Come along, listen and ask questions to an expert in Neurodiversity in babies and children.

Brought to you by Glenelg Libraries in Partnership with Portland Neighbourhood House and Glenelg Shires Access and Inclusion Unit.



OPEN MIC COMPETITION
AGE 12-25
SAT 6TH APRIL



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/open-mic-competition-ages-12-25-tickets-853248367837?aff=oddtcreator>

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The Beauty Boutique

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Tattoo Removal
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Carbon Facials
Spray Tanning
Infared Sauna

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.

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