



# Portland North Primary School

## Newsletter

Thursday 16th May, Term 2 | Week 5

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## PNPS Calendar

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

**9th – 16th May**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

- 8:20am to 8:40am
- 3:30pm to 4pm

**17th May**

**Grandparents & Special  
Persons Morning**

**23rd May**

**Biggest Morning Tea  
Casual Day Fundraiser  
Gold Coin Donation**

**29th May**

**Family Numeracy Evening**

**31st May**

**Winter Sports  
Senior School**

**5th June**

**School Photo Day**

**10th June**

**Kings Birthday Public  
Holiday  
NO STUDENTS OR STAFF AT  
SCHOOL**

**Happy Education Week** everyone and I can't believe we're almost half-way through another very busy term.

Today we **celebrate and appreciate our wonderful Education Support Staff** on National ES Day. On behalf of our entire school community, I thank them for all the work they do in support of all our students and staff, and particularly the great work they do with specific children in their care. They all make an amazing difference to our school, and we don't know what we'd do without them!



Brooke, Charlee, Maddy, Lauren, Bec, Chantel, Shaz, Mel, Vicki, Di & Luci...

We are celebrating Education Week with a focus on wonderful literature with our **annual Book Fair**. We offer a very **big appreciation to Hayley Jones and her trusty helper Cody Jackson-Keiller**, who have organised and managed another wonderful opportunity for families to purchase books for their home libraries.

A portion of the funds raised also helps us to add to our own school library, which we always appreciate enormously. The Book Fair closes on Friday afternoon – so you can still find some treasures to purchase!





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**DON'T FORGET!!!**

We are really looking forward to ending our celebration of Education Week with our **Grandparents/Special Person's Day tomorrow**. Our guests are invited to arrive at 9:30 to join the children in their classrooms for some great activities, and then to join us for morning tea at 10:30. Invitations were sent home a little while ago, **also asking for an RSVP. If you have lost your invitation, please just let your child's classroom teacher know who will be joining us. Our Parents Club are also having a meat raffle tomorrow so please let our guests know they have the chance to win a very tasty prize!!**

It has been a very busy term for Athletics, with our school **Cross Country** being run last Thursday and a group of students heading to Warrnambool tomorrow to represent us in the Zone Cross Country event. **Congratulations to Ella Nelson, Stevie Yuill, Arlo Ward, & Noah Imbi** who have made into the next round, and we wish them all the best for the competition tomorrow.

Thank you so much to the many mothers and special women who joined us for the **Mother's Day breakfast** last week; it was wonderful to have so many excited children with their mums/special people here to start the day. On behalf of the school community, I want to thank our Parents Club for organising and hosting a lovely breakfast, and for Luci Jensen, Brooke King, our Hands on Learning children, and the many helpers who prepared the lovely breakfast for you. I would also like to acknowledge that we had many more guests than we were expecting, given the RSVPs that were returned; so, given the obvious popularity of the event we will cater with a larger crowd in mind for future events!

We would also like to thank the very generous businesses that donated some lovely gifts for us to offer as lucky door prizes. **Funky Hearts, Bronzed Curves, Claire Maree Nail Art, Portland Community Pharmacy, Portland Amcal Pharmacy, Portland Post Office, and Portland Aquatic Centre all donated some wonderful gifts**, and we hope all the very lucky recipients enjoy them very much. Thank you again to Brooke, who also put together a lovely table of produce from the farm as a special gift to anyone who cared to help themselves!

**Our Year 3 and 4 children, and the adults who accompanied them, had a wonderful camp last week.**

I hope you enjoyed all the photos posted on Facebook and the stories that the children brought home with them. By all accounts, it was a great camp with good food (very important!), cosy cabins and exciting activities. Thank you again to the adults who went with them to keep them safe and ensure they had a great time – we appreciate it very much.



**Our Years 4 – 6 children will begin completing the Education Department's annual Attitudes to School Survey** in the coming weeks. Information to the families has been sent home this week, so please make yourselves familiar with the purpose of the survey and how it is used in schools to identify strengths and areas for further development. If you don't want your child to participate in the survey, please let me know.



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We continue our campaign to engage families in the children's education and our school with a **Family Maths Night on May 29<sup>th</sup>**. Invitations came home with your children on Tuesday, so please look out for it – it might still be in the bottom of their bag! You will spend a little time with me learning about how and why we teach maths in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, which has certainly changed since you went to school. You will then spend some time with your children in their classrooms, enjoying a more collaborative and supportive maths experience than you perhaps had yourselves. **We are very aware that many adults experience a level of maths anxiety, and we assure you we will cause you no maths stress or anxiety, or make you do any hard maths.**



We had a great day last week at our **Curriculum Day with Dan Petro**. We joined more than 200 school leaders, teachers and Education Support Staff from across Portland to learn more about how best to develop a whole school approach to student wellbeing and managing behaviours of concern. As a school we felt very affirmed, with many of the suggested strategies already in place in our school. However, we can always learn something new, so we have added a few strategies to our repertoire and hope we see the benefits for our students, their relationships, and their behaviour as we continue to build our knowledge, skills and practices.

You might have noticed or been concerned about the business operating beside and behind our school, and the impact their activity might have on our school environment. We are currently in **discussion with both the Victorian School Building Association (VSBA, a branch of the Education department) and the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) about how to monitor and respond to any impact this business might have on us.** They have been very proactive in monitoring the impact of noise and dust, with a report pending completion. The VSBA and will work with the EPA to develop an appropriate response in support of our school. I will advise you of the outcome of their investigation and the actions to be undertaken as soon as I know of the outcome. If you have any questions about the process, please feel very welcome to call me at any time.

One last thing...we often find ourselves providing breakfast, lunch or snacks to children who either haven't had any or forgotten to pack enough, and we are very happy to do that. However, **please remember that our food breaks include 1<sup>st</sup> lunch and 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch; we encourage you to pack 2 lunches, and to pack enough of both to get your child through their day.** Please also let me know if there's anything I can do support your child with school essentials such as food, uniforms etc – I am very pleased to help any family who needs it.

*Thank you, Cate*



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### Portland North Primary School

ANNUAL SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2024



## Age Champions

PREP GIRLS – **Georgie Nelson**

PREP BOYS – **Arlo O'Brien**

GRADE 1 GIRLS – **Novah Beard**

GRADE 1 BOYS – **Ernie Davies**

GRADE 2 GIRLS – **Porsha Nelson**

GRADE 2 BOYS – **Cruz Nelson**

9 YEAR GIRLS – **Ava Lindsey**

9 YEAR BOYS – **Isaac Andrews**

10 YEAR GIRLS – **Ella Nelson**

10 YEAR BOYS – **Arlo Ward**

11 YEAR GIRLS – **Miley Davies**

11 YEAR BOYS – **Kobe Saunders**

12+ YEAR GIRLS – **Neem Giampaolo**

12+ YEAR BOYS – **Hudson Adams**

**Congratulations!**  
to our winning house:  
**FITZROY**



**Fitzroy Captains:  
Sonny O'Connell & Kobe Saunders**





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## SCHOOL PHOTOS



School Photos are being taken on **June 5<sup>th</sup>**. Students have already been given their individual order forms. If you require a second order form or a family photo order form, please see Di or Bec at the office.



## FAMILY MATHS EVENING

You are invited to join us for a fun maths evening to learn about our highly effective, evidence-based approach to Numeracy teaching.

**WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY**

**6:00pm - 6:30pm:**

Parents will join Cate

- to learn about why and how we do what we do.
  - how you can help your child with Maths at home.
- (students to stay in classrooms with class teacher during this time)

**6:30pm - 7:30pm:**

Experience our approach in the classroom with your children.

Come to Our

# BOOK FAIR!

It's a Reading Celebration!

**1 DAY TO GO**

**Last Day for Book Fair tomorrow**

Come by between: **8.20am and 8.40am** or **3.30pm to 4pm**

## PNPS Student Appreciation Awards

*Trust*

*Forgiveness*

*Integrity*

*Hope*

*Compassion*

**PREP**

Nash Nelson & Kohen Newport

**1/2 B**

Amarli DeVries & Cruz Nelson

**1/2 W**

Scarlet Pye & Ronan Desmoulin

**3/4 A**

Indy Davies & Detroit Martyn

**4/5 K**

Tyson Rice & Ava Sims

**5/6 R**

Levi Milton & Neem Giampaolo

**Other**

N/A

**Cate**

This week I offer my appreciation to:

**Lachie Preston**

for being a wonderful student, working hard every day, while showing all of PNPS' values as well as being kind, caring and polite.



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# NOTICE BOARD

  
**Karreeta Peeneeyt Mara**  
**Portland Child & Family Complex**

Come and explore the learning environment and meet our highly qualified teachers and educators

**OPEN DAY**  
 Monday 27 May 11am-12pm

No appointment needed





  
**Jaycee Kindergarten**

BELOING, BEING & BECOMING  
 11 Maywood Avenue, Portland, WA 6283

Come and explore the learning environment and meet our highly qualified teachers and educators

**OPEN DAY**  
 Tuesday 28 May 4.30pm - 5.30pm

No appointment needed





  
**Kalbarri Kindergarten**

Come and explore the learning environment and meet our highly qualified teachers and educators

**OPEN DAY**  
 Wednesday 29 May 3pm-4pm

No appointment needed





  
**Heywood Kindergarten**

Phone: 03 927 1382

Come and explore the learning environment and meet our highly qualified teachers and educators

**OPEN DAY**  
 Wednesday 29 May 2.30pm - 3.30pm

No appointment needed





  
**Kathleen Millikan Centre**

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE CHILD AT A TIME

Come and explore the learning environment and meet our highly qualified teachers and educators

**OPEN DAY**  
 Tuesday 28 May 2pm-3pm

No appointment needed







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### MEGA TIN FOOD CHAIN

Let's come together to create a MEGA TIN FOOD CHAIN.  
Donate a tinned food item.

All donations will support local families

**Saturday 1 June 2024 9.00am - 12.00pm**

DROP OFF LOCATION	SUGGESTED ITEMS
WOOLWORTHS 95/97B Percy St PORTLAND	Canned soup Canned fish Canned vegetable Canned fruit Canned legume

### KOORIE YOUTH HUB

DINNER PROVIDED  
TRANSPORT AVAILABLE

**EVERY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 5.30-8.30**

24 HENTY ST PORTLAND  
WORN GUNDITJ OFFICE

PLEASE CONTACT  
AARON BAMBLETT  
FOR MORE INFO  
PH: 0431810335

Bayview College

GLENELG LIBRARIES

### PORTLAND COMMUNITY CHESS CLUB

**TUESDAYS**  
**3:45PM - 4:45PM**  
**PORTLAND LIBRARY**

**ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME**

*Free activity. No equipment required.*



### EXERCISE RIGHT WEEK 20TH - 26TH MAY

Exercise Right Week in Australia promotes safe and effective exercise, emphasising "The Right Advice" theme this year.

Regular physical activity prevents diseases, enhances mental wellbeing, and improves quality of life.

Seeking expert guidance and personalised programs are vital to maximise benefits and prevent injuries.

Let's prioritise health by making regular physical activity part of our routine.

Contact us for a complimentary Exercise Right Week session.

• Call: 0417 341 510 • Text: 0485 868 490 • Email: bffstudiosportland@gmail.com •



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### The Beauty Boutique

0408218855  
thebeautyboutiqueportland

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

## FINWASTE SOUTH WEST

Phillip and Lisa Newton

Commercial & domestic rubbish removal, green waste and party bin hire

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