

## 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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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 29th. 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 21st 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 1st lunch and 2nd 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





### **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**

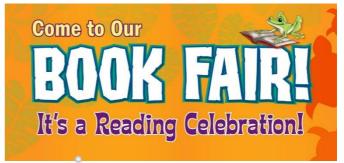
#### 6:00pm - 6:30pm:

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.





### **Last Day for Book Fair** tomorrow

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

### PNPS Student Appreciation Awards

Forgiveness Integrity Hope

Compassion



Nash Nelson & Kohen Newport

**Amarli DeVries** & Cruz Nelson

**Scarlet Pye** & Ronan Desmoulin



**Indy Davies** & Detroit Martyn



Tyson Rice & Ava Sims 5/6R

Levi Milton & Neem Giampaolo



N/A



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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# NOTICEBOARD





#### Jaycee Kindergarten

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

KINDEDGADTEN







#### 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

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

KINDERGARTEN







#### Kathleen Millikan Centre

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

#### OPEN DAY

Tuesday 28 May 2pm-3pm

No appointment needed









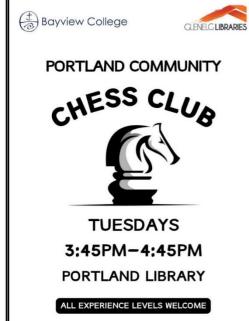
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Free activity. No equipment required.



#### **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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Please ring the office if you would like to advertise a business, we have 1 spot available...

A sincere thank you to our local sponsors for their ongoing support. contributions enhance our school community.

We encourage families to explore the highquality 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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