Dear Parents and Carers,

ANZAC Day

This Friday is the ANZAC Day holiday. Whilst it is a holiday, students and parents are invited to gather with staff members at the RSL Clubrooms (corner of Percy and Gawler Streets) at 10.15am. From there we will march to the Memorial Triangle for the ANZAC Day service which will take about 40 minutes.

Students will need to wear their full school uniform and bring a coin in their pocket to donate to Legacy to help look after families of soldiers who fought in the wars. There will be a collection taken up during the service. Students are encouraged to wear the medals of deceased relatives on their right breast.

Parents and other family members may march with our school group.

Having a conversation with your child’s teacher about his/her learning…..

Parent/Teacher Conversations will be held on Wednesday 30th April—that’s next week.

Today your child will bring home details of your appointment times.

Remember Wednesday 30th April is a student-free day…….students in 5/6H should come to school for the appointment time as they will be part of a 3-way conversation.

Mothers’ Day raffle

There’s still time to help by meeting two commitments—

1. to contribute an item for the raffle prize; and
2. to sell the tickets you were given last term.

The money and tickets MUST be at the office by Monday 5th May so that the tickets can be prepared for Friday Assembly. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 9th May at Assembly.

Also, the family who has sold the most tickets will receive a $10 lunch order voucher for the Short Street Shop.

You can do it…….

Our new Foundation is RESILIENCE.

Resilience means……..

• not getting extremely angry, worried, or down
• calming down when I do get upset
• not fighting and staying away from people when I am very upset
• and bouncing back to work or play.

Our Star Student focus is on “using positive self-talk”.

As always, we will announce our Star Students at Friday’s Assembly (next week).

Friday Assemblies

Remember that we finish each week in the hall with Friday Assembly which is run by our student leaders.

We have a roster for students to present some work as follows:

Friday 2nd and 23rd May—5/6H, 9th and 30th May—2/3/4M, 16th May and 13th June —F/1G.

Come along to join us—it’s a lovely way to end the week together!

Have a great week everyone - a short week to get us into the swing of things for the term!

Marg Millard
Principal

THREE FOR ME – A HELPING HAND

Next week your child will bring home the Three for Me –Helping Hand invitation and pledge cards for parents/carers or older siblings…….

Please read the letter, then complete the Pledge Cards and return them to school ASAP.

Even those of you who have already started your volunteering are asked to fill in a Pledge Card.

Remember many hands make light work!
Parents’ Club News

This term’s commitments:

1. **Mother’s Day Raffle**
   - Please send along an item for the prize baskets ASAP.
   - Selling Mother’s Day Raffle tickets outside Tattslotto on Saturday 3rd May for an hour or so…we would like to have helpers there from 9am to 1.00pm. Please return reply slip attached if you can help.
   - Finalise sale of tickets and return to office by Monday 5th May.
   - Working bee to break up and fold raffle tickets Monday 5th May at 2.30pm in staffroom—kettle will be on!
   - Come to Friday Assembly on May 9th for the raffle draw!

2. **Next Meeting**
   Monday 12th May at 2.30pm in the staffroom. Please come along and get involved. Have a cuppa and lend a hand!

3. **School Cross Country**
   Buy and cut up oranges for the students as they finish their long and exhausting run! Please let Di know if you can help!

4. **Dominoes Pizza Lunch**
   Put up your hand if you can help with this special lunch on Wednesday 4th June.

5. **Undercover Garage Sale and Indoor Market**
   Our major fundraiser for Term 2 to be held on Saturday 14th June at school 9am to 2pm.
   Book a stall to sell your own treasures or donate items for the school stalls………old books and toys, household items, shed stuff!!!!!!
   Maybe you would like a stall to sell things you make or grow such as knitted toys or beanies, handmade cards, craft work, cakes, potted seedlings, bunches of flowers, art work, etc..
   Stalls cost only $10 and can be under the shed or in the hall.
   **We are fundraising to buy additional iPads for the students to use in class (at the moment there are only 10 iPads for 69 students).**

Kidz Zumba

**The crazy cool dance fitness workout for kids.**

**Starts Wednesday April 30**
4.30pm (class runs for 45 mins and fruit is provided after the class)
Ages 4-12 years
$5 per person.
Portland YMCA, 22 Bentinck St, Portland.
Ph: 03 5521 7174

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please see the school website for all the dates for Term 2: www.portlandsthsps.vic.edu.au—add the site to your favourites!

**Term 2**

**Tuesday 22nd April** - students return for Term 2

**Friday 25th April** - ANZAC Day holiday - no school. Join us for the ANZAC Day march and ceremony - meet 10.15am at RSL Clubrooms.

**Wednesday 30th April** - Parent/Teacher Conversations - no school for students

**MAY**

**Thursday 1st** —GRIP Leadership Day - school captains and vice captains going

**Monday 5th** - Golf tournament

**Friday 9th** - Mother’s Day stall

**Sunday 11th** - Mother’s Day

**Tues. 13th, Wed. 14th and Thurs. 15th** —NAPLAN testing Years 3 and 5

**Thursday 15th**—School Council

**Friday 16th** - School Cross Country run - all students

**Tuesday 20th** - cultural performance - ‘Wulamanayui’ for all students at Arts Centre

**Wednesday 21st** - District (Interschool) Cross Country

**Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th** —Year 5/6 camp to Corriemungle

**JUNE**

**Wednesday 4th** —Dominoes Pizza lunch

**Friday 6th** - Report Writing Day - no school for students

**Monday 9th** - Queen’s Birthday holiday - no school

**Saturday 14th**—Garage Sale/Indoor Market fundraiser

**Wednesday 18th**— Winter Sports day years 5 and 6

**Thursday 19th**—School Council meeting

**Friday 27th**— last day Term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

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Supervision of students in the playground takes place at the following times on all school days:
8.45am to 9am, 11am to 11.30am, 1.40pm to 2.20pm, and 3.20pm to 3.30pm
Congratulations to all those who received an award at our last assembly. We love to celebrate success at Portland South and love that there are many opportunities to do so.

HAPPY GRAMS


READING AWARDS

25 Nights
Frank Boyle, Jack Grace, Nicole Kilpatrick, Janaya Grace

50 Nights
Erin McPhee, Griffin Batchelor, Lizzie Woodhead, Bailey Place, Jayde Brydson, Madi Sprague, Gracie Walder, Britt Walder, Dean Penrose, Anikah Ward, Misha Fatima, James Williams, Deanna Williams, AAaron Paterson, Dallas Little, Luke & Ben Whitehead, Lauren Place, Emma Govers, Rachael Perry.

Getting Along Stars


STUDENT BANKING

This term, the CBA is giving students, schools and our School Banking Co-ordinators the opportunity to win a share of sunken treasure found in the Lost City of Savings.

Students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, regardless of the value, and they will automatically be entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes including:

Major student prize.
• Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
• VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast;
• Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
• A $3,000 travel gift card to get them there.

Runner up student prizes.
130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on their favourite toys.

School and School Banking Co-ordinator prizes.
There will also be a separate draw for schools—$1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory of Australia. Plus the School Banking Co-ordinators of each winning school will receive a $250 Commonwealth Bank Debit Card (maximum of three per school).

REPLY SLIP: RAFFLE TICKET SELLING—SATURDAY 3RD MAY (OUTSIDE TATTSLotto)

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Time Available: ____________________________________________________________________
Oliver Chow, Janaya Grace & James Williams

"who are well behaved in the playground"

And

Manoove Ali

"for being considerate and tolerant of others"