**A Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for Term 3 everyone…...I hope you were able to enjoy a change of pace while your children had the two week break!

Term 3 brings many events:
1. The CLUBS PROGRAM is back…….this year we will be working in four groups with four fantastic activities to give the students opportunities to connect with the community and learn new skills and pastimes! Parents are welcome to join in the activities - what a great way to get involved in your child’s education....... Clubs will be held on Thursdays from 12.30 to 1.30pm and the four activities will be: Zumba, Scouting Around, Loving Our Libraries and Eco Dying. A full timetable, description of activities and groups will be put on display around the school as well as uploaded to our website.

2. We are currently working through our School Review and next week on Wednesday we will have our School Review Day—this will be a big day for us at PSPS. Our Reviewer, Howard Looney, will be working with us to do a full review of our work over the life of our last Strategic Plan 2010–2013. New directions will be developed in preparation for writing our next Strategic Plan.

3. Our Choir has begun practising for the Schools Music Festival. Tickets will go on sale soon!

4. A number of sports events will keep the students fit and active—see Mrs Rudge's article in this newsletter for details.

5. It’s also time to start accepting enrolments for Foundation (Prep) 2015. We need your help to promote our school to friends and family members. If you know someone who has a child in kindergarten who will turn 5 before April 30 2015, ask them to come in to see us for a school tour and enrolment forms. I will be running a series of school tours throughout the term and will prepare a flyer to distribute around our school community. I will need helpers to do a letterbox drop when the flyers are ready.

6. Children’s Book Week is always fun with our Activity Day—this year’s theme is “Connect To Reading”. We will have a dress up day with activities based on some of the nominated books. Stay tuned for more information soon.

7. Two other favourites—Fathers Day and Footy Colours Day! Details soon!

I hope that you are able to get involved in some of these events....... Have a great week everyone!  

*Marg Millard—Principal*

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Friday 18th July**
  - Winter Series sports for year 5 and 6 students—Netball at Flinders Park
  - Students in years F to 4 going to the Arts Centre to see The Gruffalo—bus departing 1.15pm. Parents may attend but must book in at the office and pay $5—there are limited seats available on the bus.

- **Wednesday 23rd July**
  - School Review Day

- **Monday 4th August**
  - Year 6 Girls and Boys Days—an opportunity to meet and mingle with other year 6 students from all Portland/Heywood District Primary Schools to learn more about the transition from Primary to Secondary school.

- **Monday 11th August**
  - Year 6 Maths Day at Heywood

- **Thursday 14th August**
  - School Council Meeting

- **Tuesday 19th August**
  - Children’s Book Week Book Activity Day—more details soon!

- **Thursday 21st August**
  - Schools Music Festival—choir performing…..tickets on sale soon!

*Please see our website for the full list of important dates for Term 3.*

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**YOU CAN DO IT!!**

This week’s Star Student focus is showing PERSISTENCE and “trying my hardest in all that I do”.
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**
Jayde Brydson, Bailey Place, James Williams, Aaron Paterson, Lachie Warburton, Mall, Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. Morton, Tanya Whitehead, Cindy Perry, Crystin Lewis, Tracy Patterson, Angela McFeeters, Judy McPherson, Danelle McCoy.

**READING AWARDS**

100 Nights
Chloe Govers, Taylah Convy, LJ Zehetner, Dallas Little.

125 Nights
Lauren Place.

**MATHLETICS**
Rachael Perry (Bronze)

The winner of the Firewood/Cash Raffle drawn at the Term 2 final assembly:

**Sarah Lovell**

Thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets.

**GETTING ALONG**

**RESILIENCE**

**STAR STUDENTS**

Emma Govers and Anikah Ward
"for willingly doing work that might be mundane"
Welcome back. Wow – third term already. The grade 5/6s have a busy term ahead with Winter Series sport on Friday, Bike Education and District Basketball. While the junior grades will be focussing on fitness, being part of a team and hand-eye coordination skills.

**Winter series**

This Friday, July 18, our grade 5/6s will head down to Flinders Park to play netball against other local primary schools (a separate note is being sent home today). We have good height and speed in the teams so we are hoping for some good results. All grade 5/6 students are participating in the Winter Series and parents of these students are encouraged to come along to cheer the South team on – Go South!

**Bike Education**

The grade 5/6s will start Bike Education this term. Please bring in your bikes (if you have one) on Friday July 25. Please get your bike serviced and checked before this, if necessary. Bikes can be left and will be locked up at school, if required, for the duration of the term.

**Basketball**

Straight after training for netball, the grade 5/6s will be training for District Basketball on September 18. We have been lucky to have Cathryn Walder and Sandra Shepard training our netballers so if any star basketball players want to help train our South teams please let me know.

I am looking forward to a fun and physically active term.

Emma Rudge
PE Teacher

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Hi All,

Thank you all for participating in the Kids Can Help Kids Challenge, we collected 1,733 CANS!! Which is a value of $2,500 that Loaves & Fishes can deduct from their budget. An Amazing effort by all the students, teachers and parents involved.

I was overwhelmed by the support this generated, so many people will benefit from your kind donations.

Well done to Portland Secondary for 649 CANS
Bundarra Primary 614
Portland South Primary 126

Thanks once again
Kind Regards,

Edith Fox
COMMUNITY NOTICES

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Junior Basketball Registrations are to be held upstairs at the Portland Basketball Stadium on Wednesday 16th July 4.00-6.00pm and Friday 18th July from 5.00-7.00pm.

Registration - $31.00
Family Registration - $70 (if 3 or more family members)
Insurance - $34.00 (if due)
Cash or Direct Deposit Only.

Tops from previous season must be returned or a $50 replacement fee will be charged.

Contact: Jodi Stevenson
PBA Administrator
Portland Basketball Association Inc.
P O Box 730
Portland, VIC 3305
T: 03 5523 2884
F: 03 5523 5820
M: 0439 691 551

THREE FOR ME HELPING HAND

JOB LIST:

Please help if you can…….

1. There are some garage sale and market leftovers that need to be taken to the Recycle Shed at the Tip. A trailer or ute is needed for this job!
2. There are a lot of branches lying around the grounds. These need to be collected in a ute or trailer and taken away!
3. The vegetable garden needs digging over and replanting!
4. The roses need pruning!

Arrival at school in the mornings:

Starting from TOMORROW ALL parents and students may come into the Library to wait until the 8.50am bell to go into classrooms.

It is too cold, and sometimes wet, to wait outside before school at this time of year so come on in…..bring your library books and school bags in and catch up with friends while you wait for the day to begin.

On Wednesdays when Di is not here the Office building will be locked so please bring notes, etc to the Library instead!

Please note, there will not be a staff member on duty in the playground before school so ALL parents and students should come to the Library instead rain, hail or shine this term.

Perfect Attendance Term 2

Foundation/1 Gibbons
Dominic Barry, Jayde Brydson, Claire Knight, Erin McPhee, Madison Sprague, Tighe Warburton.

Grade 2/3/4 Morton

Grade 5/6 Hayden
Chloe Govers, Aaron Paterson, Jack Pretlove-Grace, Lachie Warburton.

Students from 5/6H present

The Three Billy Goats Gruff
and
The Three Little Pigs
in the
Performing Arts Room
at 12 noon
tomorrow 15th July

Everyone is welcome!
(Goldilocks and the Three Bears next week)

Stories with Hillary on 3RPC

Students in F/1G and 2/3/4M who bring the newsletter home will have a postcard attached telling parents about a great program for parents/carers and their pre-schoolers on Friday mornings. This program gives great tips about reading to and with your child and there’s a story to listen to as well.