Dear Parents and Carers,

How can you help to promote what we are doing well at PSPS?

♦ Write a letter to the Editor of the Portland Observer
♦ Put interesting items up on Facebook.
♦ Speak positively about what we do here at every opportunity, etc.

Please encourage people you know to come to our school to take a look around. The idea is to stop people from driving across town past our school and to choose their nearest neighbourhood school. Enrolment for Foundation 2015 is due by August 29.

Assemblies in Performing Arts room

We will have BOTH assemblies (Monday mornings & Friday afternoons) in the Performing Arts (Music/Drama) Room instead of the hall for the rest of Term 3. It is far more comfortable for everyone! Come along this Friday to hear the students of 2/3/4M share some of their work.

Life Education

Well done to the parents who came along to the Parent Session in the van last Thursday morning—you were the lucky ones to get the inside ‘story’ (literally)! Check out the website for loads of great ideas, news, information, activities ………download the free app.

Go to www.lifeduca/g!R4on.org.au and look into the Parents section on the right hand side of the home page.

Check out the information about the modules your child(ren) participated in when the students went into the van:

5/6H It’s Your Call
2/3/4M All Systems Go
F/1 Harold’s Surprise

Website

I spent some time updating our website last week. Have you been online to check it out? It’s a great place to find each week’s newsletter and past newsletters as well! I have also put the timetable for Clubs there under the Classrooms link. There’s a calendar and lots of great photos!

Go to www.portlandsths.vic.edu.au to take a look!

This week is SCHOOL COUNCIL week! I am looking forward to seeing the councillors on Thursday evening!

And………have you managed to participate in CLUBS yet? YOU are welcome to join in with us ….it’s lots of fun!

Have a great week everyone!

Marg Millard—Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Tomorrow—Tuesday 12th August
Toastie Tuesday—orders have closed.

Wednesday, 13th August
Closing Date for Music Festival Tickets.

Thursday 14th August
School Council Meeting.

Thursday 21st August
Schools Performing Arts Festival—choir performing…..tickets on sale now!!

Friday 22nd August

Tuesday 26th August
Children’s Book Week Book Activity Day—dress up as your favourite book (not movie) character, activities based on this year’s award nominated books. Parents welcome!

Thursday 28th August
Family Night—keep the date free!

Please see our website for the full list of important dates for Term 3 and the Clubs Program timetable and groups.

YOU CAN DO IT!!

This week’s Star Student focus is showing PERSISTENCE by “consistently using great manners”.

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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
Aaliyah McGeary, LJ Zehetner, Sikowa Goodes, Madeline Smith

READING AWARDS

175 Nights
Aaliyah McGeary

150 Nights
Jayde Brydson, Madi Sprague
125 Nights

100 Nights
Isaiah Patterson

STAR STUDENTS

Sarah Lovell & Shinae Briggs

for showing PERSISTENCE by “staying on task”
TERM 3 FAMILY NIGHT

**Thursday 28th August - Literacy and Numeracy Week**

Have you ever wondered how we teach children to read, write, spell, count?

Do you want to know how we manage to teach EVERY child in a multi-age classroom?

Parents go 'back to school' to find out how we teach your children in English and Mathematics lessons.....

- 6pm family tea in the hall
- 6.30 to 7.30pm parents to your child's classroom, school age children to hall for disco fun, pre-schoolers to library creche!

See the National Literacy and Numeracy Week website for more ideas: www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au

FINAL REMINDER

FOR

TICKETS
Performing Arts Festival  
(Music Festival)
$7.50 EACH

Our night for the Performing Arts Festival has been confirmed as **Thursday, 21st of August**

At the moment, each child performing in the Music Festival has one parent ticket available for purchase.

If parents have not purchased this ticket by Wednesday (13/8/14), this ticket will be sold to those parents who have already requested additional tickets.

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. The vegetable garden needs digging over and re-planting!
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

National Shoe Box Collection

This program is a project of Samaritan’s Purse.

Samaritan’s Purse is a non-profit Christian organisation providing emergency relief and development assistance to suffering people around the world. Samaritan’s Purse is meeting the physical needs of war, famine, natural disaster and disease.

Shoe Boxes are distributed to needy children at Christmas time ... it may well be the only gift they receive!!

Opening up a whole new life for a young child is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Printed boxes available at the General Office.
2. Boy or Girl?
3. Fill with gifts.

6 things to light up the world of a child in need:

- **SOMETHING TO LOVE**—Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL**—Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
- **SOMETHING TO WEAR**—shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, thongs, etc.
- **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH**—Tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind up torch, etc. (No battery operated items)*
- **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE**—Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc. (No toothpaste)*
- **SOMETHING SPECIAL**—Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself.

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FOOTY DAY / HOT DOG DAY

FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST

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Order forms at end of newsletter.

Orders close on Tuesday, 19th August (NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED)
HOT DOG DAY—ORDER FORM

Name: ________________________________________  Grade ______________

☐ Hot Dogs @ $2.50
☐ Apple Juice @ $1.50
☐ Orange Juice @ $1.50

Amount Enclosed: ________________________