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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

More of the same news this week as we start to gear up for a busy end to Term 4………please note the change of date for our “Starry, Starry Night”—now to be held in our hall on **TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER**—all students and families are welcome—this evening involves ALL students!

Parental Engagement Initiative …

Please complete the survey that was sent home last week and return it to the box in the office foyer ASAP. The statements relate to the work that we have been doing around engaging parents. We value your feedback and suggestions so that we can continue to improve how we do things at PSPS.

Christmas Carols and Songs …

Last week the students began to practise 2 songs which we will be performing at the Portland Community Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 14th December. The event begins at 6pm and is to be held on the Bentinck Street lawns. ALL students F to 6 and families are invited to come along to join in. Students should wear their school shorts/dress/trousers with their tie dye T-shirt. They might like to wear a Christmas themed hat or hair ties…..Bring a picnic tea and let’s make it a great family night!

Special Friend Afternoon …

We are looking forward to a great afternoon this Friday when the students might be visited by a special friend. We will finish the week with assembly in the hall. Please note that we will begin assembly at 2.45pm. Subway lunch orders have now closed!

Start and End Your Day with DAIRY …

This competition has been extended until Friday 5th December so please keep collecting wrappers, lids, labels from dairy products.

Make sure they are clean and dry and help your child to drop them into the voting box outside the office!

Christmas Raffle …

Please help to raise funds to go towards this year’s Picnic Day for the children (held in the last week of term) and to buy additional items for use with our new iPads (leads, adaptors, apps, boom boxes, etc).

Please help by:

1. Selling/buying all the tickets that were sent home - more are available if you can sell them!
2. Donating a Christmas themed item to the hamper prize baskets.

If every family helps out the fundraiser will be a great success.

Have a great week!

Marg Millard—Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Please see our website for the full list of important dates for Term 4.

This Week:

**Tuesday 2nd December**
Performing Art performances: 11.30am Marvellous Puppet Plays by 5/6H and 3pm Astounding Performances by 2/3/4M

**Wednesday 3rd December**
2.30pm special Orientation hour for our 2015 Foundation students.

**Friday 5th December**
Special Friend Afternoon and Subway lunch!

Next week:

**Tuesday 9th December**
Orientation Day.

**Thursday 11th December**
Swim skills session for some students.

YOU CAN DO IT!!

For the remainder of the term we will be focusing on all five Foundations……

We will be looking out for students who are making an effort to earn stars for any of the Foundations they haven’t yet achieved!
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**
Marissa Lovell, AAron Paterson, Lizzie Woodhead, Isaiah Patterson, Oliver Chow, Gracie Walder.

**“YOU-CAN-DO-IT AWARDS”**

**RESILIENCE STARS**
Lauren Place, Benjamin Lewis

**GETTING ALONG**
Madeline Smith, Luke Whitehead, Emma Govers

**CONFIDENCE**
Coby Barry, Jesse Kilpatrick, Luke Whitehead

**PERSISTENCE**
Emma Govers, Joey Kilpatrick

**READING AWARDS**

- **300 Nights**
  Shinae Briggs,

- **275 Nights**
  Emily Smith

- **225 Nights**
  Griffin Batchelor

- **250 Nights**
  Luke Whitehead, Ben Whitehead, Rachael Perry

- **200 Nights**
  Britt Walder, Taylah Convy, Bailey Place, Gracie Walder, Dallas Little, Tanisha Zehetner

- **175 Nights**
  AArton Paterson

- **150 Nights**
  Shariah Adams, Kaitlyn Malseed

**MATHLETICS**

- **Bronze**
  Bailey Place, Taylah Convy, Sarah Lovell, Oliver Chow, Griffin Batchelor, Phoenix Stewart, Dylan Ward, Kira-Lee Goodes, Emma Govers, Layla Sprague, Lauren Place

- **Silver**
  Luke Whitehead, Ben Whitehead, Shinae Briggs

**STAR STUDENTS**

TARKYN BUDDE & LJ ZEHETNER

“having CONFIDENCE to share ideas with the class”
ICE CREAM SALES

Ice creams will be sold Friday lunch times for term 4:

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Do you need a kris kringle gift for someone?

- Great Christmas gift idea....... 
- A Portland South PS glass!
- Fill it with lollies or nuts!!!!

Glasses are available from the school office for $10 each.

They are great to enjoy any sort of drink—soft drink, juice, beer, bubbly, milk, - great for anyone!

What about for your child’s teacher? Or for grandparents... past PSPS students......anyone!

The Christmas Raffle prize pool is looking great with more to come. So far we have the following items to include in the prize baskets, which have been donated by local businesses:

- Kids’ Gazebo (donated by Erreys)
- Gift Voucher—$40 (donated by Lido Larder)
- Garden Pack (donated by Kalina)
- 1 kg Abalone (donated by Coastal Seafarms Abalone)
- Gift Voucher—$30 (donated by Oven Peel Bakery)
- Native Mulch 4M (donated by Lovells)
- Gift Vouchers 3 x $15.00 (donated by Bakers Delight)
- Make-Up Pack $120 (donated by Skin Fitness on Henty)

THREE FOR ME

HELPING HAND / JOB LIST:

Please help if you can.....

All families are asked to sell the raffle tickets that have been sent home.

All families are also asked to donate a "Christmas-themed" item for our final raffle fundraiser for the year. The money raised will go towards the end of year Picnic Day and extra hardware equipment to use with our iPads.

REMINDER

PSPS PARENT SURVEY—
FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Please return your survey as soon as possible. Copies available from the Office.

OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

Payment would be appreciated ASAP.

WANTED ..........

CHILD’S BLACKBOARD / EASEL

If you have one of these at home that you no longer require, please bring it to the Office.
Was your child born at the Geelong Hospital in 2002 or 2003?

We are seeking mums and children involved in a Vitamin D in Pregnancy study that started 11-12 years ago. If you think you may have been involved please contact us;

Ph: 4215 3306
Email: NHYDE@BarwonHealth.org.au

Please visit our facebook page for more info https://www.facebook.com/pages/Vitamin-D-in-Pregnancy-Study-Geelong-Aust/301703410035025

Grade 6 Students 2014—Orientation Day at PSC, Tuesday 9th December

Please remember that all students attending Portland Secondary College in 2015 need to attend the orientation day on Tuesday the 9th of December.

All students must make their own way to and from school, as they would on a normal school day. The day starts at 8.45 and concludes at 3.30pm.

Students are to meet in the Marriot Theatre (in front of the canteen) just as we did on our Open Day.

Students are to wear their Primary School uniform and can bring recess and lunch from home or purchase food from our canteen or special BBQ. Students will also need their pencil case and sports shoes.

Students will need to bring $15 to purchase their school planner for 2015. This will be used on orientation day and for the whole of 2015. The student planner is a vital tool in organisation and communication to parents.

We cannot wait to see you again on Tuesday the 9th of December.

Kirsten Mitchell
Transition Manager
Portland Secondary College.