



Star News

Portland South Primary School

"Reaching for the Stars to Achieve SUCCESS"

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★ Star Students ★

Shae Grech

You should be proud of yourself for sticking at a difficult maths task. You worked out the pattern and completed the problem with a smile on your face. Well done!



Kumail Rana

You should be proud of the way you are writing great stories and using interesting words to make them fun for your readers.



Awards will be presented at Friday's assembly

Important Dates

Wednesday 22nd August	Book Reading 9am Foundation & 1/2 Grades "Otto the Book Bear"
Thursday 23rd August	School Library Open 6-7pm—For families and Children (to come in PJ's) to share a book and a Milo
Tuesday 28th August	Music Festival
Friday 31st August	Father's Day Breakfast—Admella Hall
Wednesday 5th December	Pie Day!
Thursday 6th September	Interschool Basketball Girls
Wednesday 12th September	Interschool Basketball Boys
Friday 21st September	Red Riding Hood (F-6) 12noon Last Day of Term 3—2.30pm Finish

***We Respect, We Challenge,
We Achieve, We Believe***

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Disco -Thank you

I just wanted to say a BIG thank you too everyone involved in making the School Disco on Friday night so successful. It was a wonderful, fun night which the children enjoyed immensely. I was really impressed with the behaviour of all of the children. On the night \$159 mwas raised. The money raised will go towards the cost of the Grade 3/4 & 5/6 camp.

Education Support Week 2018

Last week we celebrated Education Support (ES) Week and acknowledged our fantastic, hardworking and committed Education Support Staff, as part of National Education Support Staff Week. At Portland South Primary we are extremely proud of our ES staff and the dedication and care they show towards our students. Over the last week all students and staff were involved in a few spontaneous and heart-warming 'flash mob' performances. Our ES staff were very surprised and really touched by the experience. We have a wonderful ES team and are very proud of them all. (Di, Karyn, Mall, Dawn, Steve, Jay and Anitra). N.B. Anitra Hollander has replaced Jay Moody for the remainder of this term.

Parent Opinion Survey Reminder

A reminder to the randomly selected families who received the 2018 Parent Opinion survey, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please complete the survey online by the 26th August using the emailed link. If families do not have access to a suitable device to complete the survey, please contact the school office to discuss alternative options. Thank you to the families who have already completed the survey. We appreciate you taking the time to do this. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Music Festival – August 28th

The Portland South PS choir are busily practising for the Music Festival on August 28th. Thank you to all children involved and to Mrs Ryan for all of the extra time she and the children are putting in to preparing for the night. Please let Mrs Ryan know how many tickets you may need, if you haven't already done so.

New Portland South School Website Soon

Over the past few months, we have been working behind the scenes, with the assistance of Jay Pandat (our IT Technician) to improve our school website. We are nearing the end of this work, however we still have a few loose ends to tie up. We are very excited about our new website. Hopefully everyone finds it easier to navigate. I'll let you all know when it is finished.

Congratulations Mr Stannard

Congratulations to Mr Stannard and his partner Mel, on the safe arrival of their little boy, Nate William. Nate is a little brother to Jack. We know that Mr Stannard is super excited to have another little Magpie supporter join his household. Not sure if Mel will get too much of a say on the 'Magpie' thing. Congratulations to you both! He is a very lucky little boy to have you both as his parents.

Hot milo and story time evening to celebrate Book Week - School Library- August 23rd from 6-7pm

We will be holding a hot milo and storytime evening on Thursday night, August 23rd, in our school library. The session will be from 6pm till 7pm. Come along and read your bedtime story at school. Mrs Gibbons and Mrs Fisher will be in attendance.

Father's Day Breakfast – Friday, August 31st

Mark this date in your diary! On Friday, August 31st we will be holding a Father's Day Breakfast for dads, grandads, uncles and special people etc. The Breakfast will be held in the Admella Hall. A note went home Monday with your child. If you are available to help out on that morning, please let Karyn in our office know. Thank you!

Have a wonderful week,

Vicki



Our School now has the Skoolbag App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for Skoolbag in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, install the Skoolbag app, then tap the select your school search and type in Portland South PS. If you would like help with installing the app come and see Mrs Barbary in the office. **Please note that the Newsletter can be accessed through this app.**

Book Club

Book Club went home with students today. Book Club will be due back **Monday the 3rd September at 9am!**



Welcome Baby Stannard!



Congratulations Mr Stannard and his partner Mel, on the birth of little baby "Nate William Stannard." Let's hope he isn't a Magpie supporter!

Music Festival



The 2018 Music Festival this year will be at the Civic Hall on Tuesday 28th August. The theme for our performance this year is Colonial Australia. Examples could be a bush ranger or Waltzing Matilda.

All schools have a child protection policy in place in order to protect the disclosure of confidential information and respect the rights of those not wanting to be included in social media events. In order to protect the rights of individuals who are performing at the Music Festival, we request that no footage, either photos or videos, be taken, posted or streamed to social media from the performance without the consent of the people involved. We appreciate your understanding on this matter.

MILO & Mini Marshmallows!
\$1
Fridays at Recess



Father's Day/ Special Person Breakfast! Friday 31st August

To celebrate Father's Day we will be having a special breakfast on Friday the 31st of August in our school hall. Order forms went home with students on Monday. There are two timeslots to choose from 7.30am-8am or 8am-8.30am. Orders need to be in by Monday 27th August.

Thanks to Angela and William for organising this breakfast.

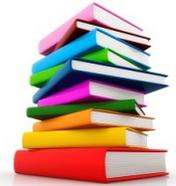


Happy Grams



Browdy Smith, Andre McTackett,
Tighe Warburton, Tanisha Zehetner,
Coen Groves, Judd Egan.

Reading Awards



100 Nights

Britt Walder

125 Nights

Andre McTackett

175 Nights

Joey Kilpatrick

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Students should arrive at school between 8.40am and 8.50am

Please wait until the 8.50am bell to enter the school buildings.

Before-School Reading 8.50am—9.00am

Parents, Families & Carers Welcome.

Parent Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All of our parents at Portland South Primary School will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August.**

The survey will be conducted **online and sent out via email**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.



Operation Christmas Child



Since 1993, more than 147 million boys and girls in over 150 nations have experienced God's unconditional love as they receive Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts donated through individuals, families, schools, businesses and other groups. Shoebox gifts are for children in need, regardless of their background or religious belief. Each shoebox is a gift of love that tells a child they are not forgotten. We invite your family, business or community group to participate in Operation Christmas Child this year and bring Good News and Great Joy to children in developing countries.

Something to wear
Something to play with
Something for school
Something for personal hygiene
Something special
Something to love

We are asking if students would like to donate something small for a boy or girl out of the 6 categories listed. We have 6 boxes to fill and they will be collected and posted to children in need.

GO Tennis Academy

School Holiday Tennis Program

Portland Lawn Tennis Club

Thursday 27th of September



Coaching Programs

9.00 to 9.45am

Hotshots Red Ball

5 to 6 year olds

Cost - \$10.00

6 spots available

9.45 to 10.30am

Hotshots Orange Ball

7 to 8 year olds

Cost - \$10.00

6 Spots available

10.30 to 11.30am

Hotshots Green Ball

9 to 12 year olds

Cost - \$15.00

6 spots available

11.30 to 12.30pm

Competition Juniors

C Grade Junior Players

Cost - \$15.00

6 Spots available

Private Sessions

1.00 to 1.30pm

Cost - \$35.00

1.30 to 2.00pm

Cost - \$35.00

2.00 to 2.30pm

Cost - \$35.00

2.30 to 3.00pm

Cost - \$35.00

3.00 to 3.30pm

Cost - \$35.00

For Bookings or Enquiries please contact Grant on 0417528502

About the Coach

Hello everyone,

My name is Grant O'Callaghan and I am a Tennis Australia Club Coach Professional. I am from Mount Martha on the Mornington Peninsula. I am the Head Coach at Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club. I have been a Qualified coach for 25 years.

My playing background as a Junior. I was Ranked No.1 in Victoria for 18 & Under and I represented my state in Linton Cup as well as Pizzey Cup 3 Times.

I made the Pizzey Cup All Australian team in 1988.

I played Tennis Victoria State Grade from 1988 to 2001 where I reached the highest position of No.1 player for Scoresby.

I am looking forward to bringing my coaching and playing standard to your Club.

Thanking you

Grant O'Callaghan



YOUTH ALCOHOL PORTLAND COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

EXPLORE INFLUENCES AND LOCAL ACTIONS TO PREVENT UNDERAGE DRINKING

MONDAY
AUGUST 27

9.30am -
1.30pm

OR

5.30pm -
7.30pm

PORTLAND GOLF CLUB

CATERING PROVIDED

RSVP BY AUG 22

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE
TO RAISE A CHILD

We all have a role to play in helping our teens make healthy decisions. Working together, the Portland community can make a real difference to the environment and culture to protect our youth from the risks of alcohol.

FACILITATED BY ANDREW BROWN
GLOBE @ DEAKIN UNI

Organised by Southern Grampians Glenelg Primary Care Partnership in conjunction with Victoria Police, Glenelg Shire Council, Portland District Health, Deakin University and Communities That Care Ltd with funding from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation.



PIE DAY Order Form

Wednesday 5th
September

Name: _____

Class: _____

Beef Pie

\$3.00

Chicken & Veg Pie

\$3.00

Beef Party Pie

\$1.00

Fruit Box

\$1.00



Total Enclosed: _____

Orders due back by Tuesday 4th September.