



Star News

Portland South Primary School

"Reaching for the Stars to Achieve SUCCESS"

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★ Star Students ★

Ethan Matley

We have noticed that you are proud of yourself for being a role model. You should be very proud of the student you are, and the influence you have on your peers. Your positive behaviours and efforts to achieve in class, don't go unnoticed, as you keep making your way back to the role model achievement on your classes behaviour chart.



Anthony Grech

I am proud of myself because I have finished learning all of my times tables up to 12 x12. Well done Anthony!



Awards will be presented at Friday's assembly

Important Dates

Monday 17th September	School Council Meeting 7pm. Finance Meeting 6.45pm
Wednesday 19th September	PJ Day and Jelly Frog Cups— Gold Coin Donation & \$2 Jelly Frog Cups
Friday 21st September	Red Riding Hood Performance 12noon– Whole School Last Day of Term 3— 2.30pm Finish
Monday 8th October	Term 4 Starts
Friday 12th October	Swimming Starts—All Grades
Friday 19th October	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Performance 1pm—Whole School
Monday 5th November	Curriculum Day—No School
Tuesday 6th November	Melbourne Cup Holiday

Don't Forget Hats Must Be Worn Term 4

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

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

How lovely has some of our weather been? I am really enjoying the little taste of warm weather we are getting. Hope you are too.

Basketball Tournament – Boys Wednesday 12th September

Our boys' basketball team represented Portland South PS in the Interschool Basketball Tournament today at the Portland Basketball Stadium. From all accounts the boys had a lots of fun and tried their absolute best. Thank you Mrs Menzel and Mr Stannard for coaching our teams. Thanks to all involved!

Clubs Program- Resumes on Thursday 13th September

Please note that Clubs will resume tomorrow, Thursday 13th September. As next week is the last week of term, next week will be the last Clubs session for this term. What great experiences the children have had!

SunSmart Policy

Next term, beginning on day one, all students at Portland South Primary School will be required to wear a school hat for all outdoor activities and of course at recess and lunch. Please remember it is part of our school's Sunsmart Policy.

"Children will be required to wear Sunsmart broad brimmed or bucket hats during terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside (baseball style caps will not be allowed). We have a "**No hat, no play**" rule". Hats are available to purchase from our office.

School Uniform

Just a reminder to all families/carers that all children must be in the correct school uniform every day. If for some reason your child cannot wear the correct school uniform on any given day, a note explaining why is required. The wearing of a school uniform creates a sense of collective and individual pride in our school as well as giving our students a sense of belonging. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Naplan 2018

There are still a number of parents that have not collected their child's NAPLAN report from the school office. If your child is in grade 3 or grade 5 could you please collect these reports? These reports show your child's achievement compared to the national average in the NAPLAN assessments that were completed in May. Areas in the report include reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held next Monday 17th September, beginning at 7pm. The finance committee will meet at 6.45pm.

Have an awesome week.

Vicki

Swimming Term 4

Swimming will commence first week back in Term 4, on Friday 12th October and will run through till Friday 14th December 2018 (10 lessons). Please note there will be no swimming on **Friday 19th October and Friday the 23rd November due to cultural performances. Catch up sessions will be on Monday 15th October and Monday 19th November (Foundation, 1/2's and 3/4's). Catch up sessions for 5/6 students will be on Thursday 18th of October and Thursday 22nd of November.**

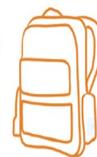
The cost for swimming this year is \$90. Forms went home last week and they need to be returned with payment by Friday 21st September.



New School App

Skoolbag

Complete communication solution



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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.**



Jelly Frog Cups

Gold Coin Donation

Wednesday

19th September

PJ Day



Name: _____

Class: _____

Jelly Frog Cup \$2.00 x _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Wear your PJ's to school! Please bring a gold coin donation to raise money for the Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation. Orders due back Monday 17th September.



Portland YMCA Holiday Adventure Program

School Holidays - week 1 8:30—1:30 or 1:30—5:30 Half Day

2018	Monday 24/9/18	Tuesday 25/9/18	Wednesday 26/9/18	Thursday 27/9/18	Friday 28/9/18
MORNINGS	Dress Up day 	Thermo Mix Make your own Lunch 	Binner's Bowling at the YMCA 	Face Painting 	Public Holiday
AFTERNOONS	Lunch Required Mini Olympics with Xyner Con 	Bike & scooter Must have own Helmet 	Lunch Required Make your own shell picture frame 	Lunch Required Tai Chi 	Public Holiday

School Holidays - Week 2 8:30—5:30 Full Day

2018	Monday 1/10/18	Tuesday 2/10/18	Wednesday 3/10/18	Thursday 4/10/18	Friday 5/10/18
MORNINGS	Lunch at the Beach 	Swimming Drop off at Pool 	Music Madness with Rosie Collins 	Get moving with Jacko 11.00 	Movies board games and PJ Day Popcorn
AFTERNOONS	Coffee filter flowers 	Lunch Required Swimming Pick up at pool 	Lunch Required Electronics Bring your own 	Lunch Required Shaving cream twister 	Lunch Required MOVIES

Please note: This program is flexible and will change due to weather and the children's interests/needs. Outside play includes but is not limited to: organized sports, sandpit play, sports equipment and playground equipment. Free play includes but is not limited to: equipment in the cupboards, outdoor play, board games, Lego, craft, painting etc. Inside groups include but is not limited to: poison ball, silent ball, Chinese whistler. *****Vacation Care is held at the All Saints Parish school Portland *****

Hurry Book In Now!

FOR NEW Enrolments book Online at www.grampians.ymca.org.au

For Further Enquiries contact the YMCA Children Services on 55217174 or 0419904056



Sun Smart Hats-T4

Being an accredited SunSmart School, there are a number of SunSmart practices that we must follow, including providing and applying sunscreen, even when the sun isn't shining and wearing sunsmart hats, no caps! As outlined in our SunSmart Policy, students are required to wear a sunsmart hat at school, from the beginning of Term Four. Hats must be worn in Term One and Term Four. Please locate your child's hat and check that it is clearly named. Children will be given a few days to locate and bring their sunsmart hat to school. All children will be required to be wearing their hat by Wednesday, 10th of October. Our policy is **NO HAT, NO PLAY** and we are very strict on this! If your child requires a new hat, please see Di or Karyn in the office.

Hats must be worn:

- *During recess and lunchtime
- *During any outside activity e.g. PE, sport etc.
- *When attending outdoor activities offsite, such as an excursion or sporting event.



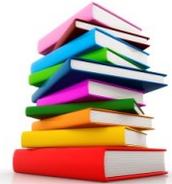
Happy Grams



Janaya Anton, Brody Trickey,
Mekenzie Barton, Riley Hameka,
Erin McPhee, Dean Penrose,
Claire Knight.



Reading Awards



100 Nights

Austin Anderson

125 Nights

Janaya Anton, Erin McPhee, Taylah Convy

150 Nights

Brody Trickey, Summer Campbell, Andre McTackett,
Ryder Trickey, Jack Matley, LJ Zehetner, Alex Smith

175 Nights

Riley Hameka

Student Absences

Thank you to everyone for being so prompt in contacting the school in regard to your child's absences. Phone calls on the day of absence is a requirement of the Department of Education, and is a legal requirement. Parents/guardians are required to provide an explanation for their child's absence from school, and schools must record in writing the reason (if any) given by the parent/guardian. Schools must advise parents/guardians of unexplained absences, on the same day, and as soon as practicable. If you have planned absences i.e. family holidays within the school term, please let the school know **prior** to your departure. The school phone number is 5523 2911.

MILO & Mini Marshmallows!

\$1



Fridays at Recess



Grade 3/4/5/6 Camp

The grade 3/4/5/6 camp deposit (\$50) and camp interest note was due last Friday. If you haven't already done so please hand in your notes and money as soon as possible. Please see the office if you require another note.

 **1800 55 1800**

Anytime. Any Reason.





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.



TWILIGHT COMPETITION 2018/19

Registration night:
17 September 2018

Registration Times:
6.00pm Net Set Go; 11&U
6.30pm 13&U; 15&U (Juniors)
7.00pm Seniors


KEEP CALM AND PLAY NETBALL

Grades available:

Open, Mixed, 15/under,
13/under, 11/under &
Net Set Go (grade 3 & up)

(If you are not in a team please come at 6.00pm on 17 September or send us an email with your details and we will hopefully find a team for you.)

For more information, please email portland-netball-association@hotmail.com or contact us on 5523 5140.

Competition commence: Monday 8 October 2018

Help Needed! Art Room

Next Tuesday, 18th September, students in Foundation and 1/2 will be using hammers. I would love to have some parents to come in and help during these sessions to help protect little fingers.

Class times are:
11.30-12.30: Foundation
12.30-1.30: 1/2H

Also, if you have a light-weight hammer we could borrow for the day it would be very much appreciated. Hammers can be brought to the art room before school on that day please. I will be there to meet parents and label the hammers so they don't get mixed up. Please, **DO NOT** leave hammers in students' school bags for the day.
Thanks Mrs Ryan.

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.

And So It Begins

Write a lead based on the first six pages of *Unspoken: A Story From the Underground Railroad*. Try to capture as much detail as possible to grab the reader's attention and build anticipation.



And so it begins, the war has begun and the soldiers are riding off to battle in it. They sit up straight, proud and tall with their uniforms, horses and guns. While the men are away, we young women have to work. We feed the animals and make the bread that they will need for eating. Soon we hope, soon the war will be over and all will be set right. Soon everyone will have rights and be free, soon our loved ones will return. I work and work and wonder when will the war be over.

An Excellent Ending

I think the book will show us what it was like to be in war times and what it was like to work on a farm everyday while people are dying and hiding for their lives.

By Claire Knight 5/6 M



This term in 1/2H, the students have been learning about push and pull forces. Through many investigations, the students have observed and gathered evidence about how these forces act in air and water, and on the ground. Students learnt the effect of the pull of gravity and learnt that both air and water can 'push'. This week the students finished their final push and pull experiment. They had to build a parachute, write a hypothesis using their learnt knowledge, and had to complete the experiment. The students did all of this, whilst presenting their experiment through the digital program iMovie.

- Well done 1/2H! You should be very proud of yourselves.