**Portland South Primary School**

“Reaching for the Stars to Achieve SUCCESS”

**Star News**

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### Dates to Remember

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<td>Friday 9th Sept</td>
<td>Environmental Workshop—Gr 4/5/6 at St Johns PS.</td>
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<td>MONDAY 3rd Oct</td>
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<td>Wednesday 5th Oct</td>
<td>Snugglepot &amp; Cuddlepie Performance at the Civic Hall.</td>
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<td>Friday 7th Sept</td>
<td>Swimming Starts for all students from F - Gr6. Swimming will be on Fridays for this term.</td>
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<td>FRIDAY 14th Oct</td>
<td>COMBINED CURRICULUM DAY—NO STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED AT SCHOOL.</td>
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### STAR STUDENT FOCUS

**PERSISTENCE**

This week’s ‘Star Student’ “displays patience and dedication towards their learning”

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### STAR STUDENT

**Alistair Chow**

Alistair is a “Star Student” because he thinks of different ways to solve problems and tries different strategies that can help.

Well done Alistair!
Principal’s Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Thank you to everyone who supported our ‘Father’s Day’ raffle. Our Parents and Friends Committee worked hard to wrap and organise the prizes. We raised $416!

A BIG thank you also to the parents and wider community for donating the gifts for the raffle. Portland South wouldn’t be the best it can be without your kindness and generosity. It is very much appreciated!

NAPLAN 2016:
There are still quite a few NAPLAN tests still in my office waiting collection. If you have a child in either Grade 3 or Grade 5 their test results can be collected at anytime from the office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS— PLAYGROUND CONCERN:
Unfortunately due to safety issues, the playground (near the garden shed) will need to be dismantled. Recently School Council did call in the experts to get their opinion and this seems to be the best option. As the cost of brand new playgrounds start at around $30,000 we are currently exploring our options. If anyone knows of a landscape architect that may be able to give School Council advice or might have some cost effective ideas, we would love to hear from you.

Sci-Tech Mathsmania-Wow what a night!
What a way to celebrate our involvement the Sci-Tech Maths Enrichment Program was extremely engaging and lots of fun. Thanks to all of our students and families who went along to celebrate Mathsmania last night. The program has definitely highlighted how Maths can be so much fun. Thank you so much to the Portland Aluminium for their support of this program. We are very appreciative of your organisation and dedication to fund such an amazing program for the children of Portland. Shyam you have been brilliant too!

Positive Education PD today at Portland South:
Today all staff were involved in a Positive Education Professional Development day at our school. Positive Education is a philosophy that brings together the science of Positive Psychology with best practice teaching to encourage and support individuals, schools and communities to flourish. It was a very motivating and inspiring day for all involved.

KIDS TEACHING KIDS CONFERENCE - You Are What You Eat
All Grade 4/5/6 students will be involved in attending or presenting at the Sustainability Conference at St. John’s Lutheran Primary School on Friday.
They have been working on learning, sharing and acting on issues of food sustainability. Students as key presenters will use fun ways to promote eco-friendly actions to all at the conference! They will combine drama, music, planting, food tasting, a brochure and a mini game show during their presentation.
See elsewhere in this newsletter for the details of an amazing opportunity to participate in another Portland performance, called Grow Do It!

Vicki.
Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the Father’s Day Raffle.

We had four terrific prizes—the winners are as follows:

1st:  Jodie Cram
2nd:  Lainie Ryan
3rd:  Sue McPhee
4th:  Ash McGeary

MIXED UP MONDAYS—FINALE!!

Monday, 12th September - the last day this year for toasties/warms up. We need one volunteer please.

LOOSE ENDS
Jens Altheimer
A story about friendship, loyalty and inventiveness
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LIVE @ Portland Arts Centre
Tuesday 13 September 7.30pm
$25 Full price $20 Concession
$10 Child $55 Family
60 minutes. No interval
Highly recommended for ages 5 - 12 and their families.
or call 55222263

WHAT’S NEXT?
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The timeless classic of May Gibbs.
Live @ Portland Civic Hall
Wednesday 5 October 1.30pm & 6.30pm

Please note:
All of our students will be attending the 1.30pm session of SNUGGLEPOT & CUDDLEPIE as part of our Cultural Program.

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PORTLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION TWILIGHT COMPETITION
Grades—Open; 15/Under; 13/Under; 11/Under and Net Set Go (Grade 3 & Up). Registration night is 12th September
Team sheets available by ringing 5523 5140.
Net Set Go (Grade 3 upwards) and 11 & Under Registration will be held at 6.00pm
Junior teams (13 & 15 Under) - 6.30pm
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This is Jess Gordon's friends' music group. She highly recommends it for all kids.

This is what Jess says -

"My amazing friends are coming to town for a one night performance and I would love you to spread the word at Portland South. They spread the word of recycling and permaculture through amazing music. They are playing at the New Flow Studio in Tyers St on THURSDAY 15th SEPTEMBER. The gig is at 6pm and kids under 12 are free!

There is a clip on You-Tube that you could show your students to create a bit more interest.
# Portland YMCA Holiday Adventure Program

## School Holidays - week 1

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<td>Board Games</td>
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<td>Tape Ball</td>
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Please note: This program is flexible and will change due to weather and the children's interest, needs. Outside play includes but is not limited to organized sports, unstructured play, sports equipment and playground equipment. Free play includes but is not limited to equipment in the courtyard, outdoor play, board games, puzzles, craft, painting etc. Inside groups include but is not limited to indoor play, board games, puzzles, craft, painting etc. Inside groups include but is not limited to indoor play, board games, puzzles, craft, painting etc.

**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
Asthma and Hay fever are closely linked, so managing hay fever and allergy is an important part of asthma care. Better control and management of hay fever has been shown to improve asthma control in both adults and children. 4,5,6,7

Asthma affects 2.3 million Australians

People with asthma and hay fever experience:
- Increased number of asthma flare-ups.
- Increased number of visits to their GP and asthma-related hospitalisations.
- More time off work or school.
- Higher annual medical costs 2,3,4

80% of people with asthma also have hay fever.1

Hay fever can make asthma worse and more difficult to control.

Asthma Week 1-7 September

Contact your local Asthma Foundation 1800 ASTHMA Helpline (1800 278 462) or visit www.asthmaaustralia.org.au