Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome Back. Can you believe it is Term 3 already? I hope and trust you all had a nice, relaxing holiday. This term is a 10 week term. As always there are many exciting and fun learning experiences planned.

**PARENT OPINION SURVEY**— in the coming weeks you may be randomly selected to receive a ‘Parent Opinion Survey’. The Parent Opinion Survey is an important survey that helps our school measure parental engagement and assists us with future planning and improvement. It plays a very important role of making our school the best it can be. Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. Can I please ask that you take the time to complete this survey as your opinions are very important to us? If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask.

**CLUBS**— Starting this Thursday is the first week of our Clubs Program. This year activities will include bushwalking, racquetball and a music program. Parents are more than welcome to join in where possible. Please just ask Mrs. Fisher or your child’s teacher to see what activities your child/children will be participating in, on any given week.

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**STAR STUDENT FOCUS**

**CONFIDENCE**

This week’s Star Student will be someone who isn’t scared to have a go at solving a problem or answering a question when not sure of the answer. They take risks in their learning and aren’t scared to make mistakes.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**— We are looking to increase our Breakfast Program to 2 days a week. Steve will run the second day on a Tuesday morning. We will begin the Tuesday Breakfast Program next week. If you can help out with the Breakfast Club on a Tuesday or a Wednesday please let us know. We would really appreciate some extra hands to serve and to clean up. It is a great little morning get together opportunity!

**WELCOME MRS. ELLIOTT**— We welcome Mrs. Charlotte Elliott to Portland South for the first time this week. Mrs Elliott is replacing Ms Hayden in Grade 4/5/6 for this week.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**— Good Luck to Mrs Howman and her husband Pat who are travelling around the countryside in their caravan. Mrs Howman will be away for the first 4 weeks of this term. We wish you all the best on your holiday and hope you are having a great time.

Have a great week everyone and keep warm!

Vicki