



Portland South Primary School

"Reaching for the Stars to Achieve SUCCESS"

Star News

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Welcome back everyone & welcome to 2017

A very warm welcome to all students, staff and parents as we get the new school year underway.

Teachers have spent many hours over the holidays, organising their classrooms and preparing for a busy year of learning, fun and friendship.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the many new families that will be joining our Portland South PS community in 2017. We are super excited to have you on board and really looking forward to the year ahead.

Our new foundation students are - Archer Cumming, Ollie Gadsden, Riley Hameka, Thomas Logan, Ethan Matley, Ace O'Brien, Kewarra Saunders-Joseph, Quinn Stewart & Ryder Trickey.

Other new students— *Elliana Clements (Gr 1), Dom Gadsden (Gr 2), Ruby Lavender (Gr 3), Harley Hamilton, (Gr 4) Emilia Clements & Shaila Lavender (Gr 5).*

A big welcome back to Mrs. Jeanette Morton who was on leave last year. Jeanette will be teaching Grade 4/5/6.

Have a wonderful week,

Vicki Fisher

STAFFING

- ◆ Vicki Fisher..... Principal , Art & Library
- ◆ Dianne Rogers Business Manager
- ◆ Steve Gunsser..... Chaplain/Student Wellbeing
- ◆ Gaye Ryan Art, Performing Arts, Library & Intervention
- ◆ Jeanette Morton..... Grade 4/5/6
- ◆ Michelle Hayden..... Grade 2/3 H
- ◆ Bernadette Gibbons.. Grade F/1 G
- ◆ Carly Saunders..... PE Teacher

WELCOME BBQ

All families of Portland South PS are cordially invited to attend our 'Welcome to 2017' BBQ on **Tuesday, 7th February at 5.30pm.** Classes will be open for an informal 'Meet & Greet' with teachers from 5.30– 6.00pm and then dinner will be served at 6pm.

STUDENT LEADER ASSEMBLY Friday 10th February

Please note that a special 'Student Leader Badge Presentation' will be held on February 10th at 2.45 pm. Parents are most welcome to attend.

FRIDAY WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This year we will continue to have Friday afternoon assembly in the Performing Arts room starting at 3.00pm. **(N.B. Note change of time for 10th February assembly!)** Parents are welcome to join us in the PA room from 2.45pm on Fridays when our school leaders will run the assembly to celebrate the week. Students are dismissed from the hall on Fridays.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

All students will commence specialist classes this week, as follows:

- **Visual Art**
Tuesdays—Mrs Ryan
- **Library**
Wednesdays - Mrs Ryan
- **Physical Education & Sport**
Thursdays—Gr 2/3M—with Mrs Saunders



Indonesian classes will be conducted by the class teachers this year.

Students **MUST** have a smock (or old shirt) to wear in the art room and will require a library bag to bring their library books home in.

BELL TIMES



- **8.40am** Students may arrive at school—yard supervision begins.
- **8.50am** Students may enter classrooms
- **9.00am** Begin learning time
- **11.00am** Morning play time
- **11.30am** Begin learning time
- **1.30pm** Eating lunch in classrooms
- **1.40pm** Lunch play time
- **2.20pm** Begin learning time
- **3.20pm** Home time!

Your child WILL need a healthy and substantial snack to eat at morning play time so that he/she stays switched on to learning until lunch time!

ALL students will be taken to the shed at 11am to eat their morning snack before they go to play with their friends.

ALL students will be supervised by their teacher during lunch eating time.

FRUITS SNACKS IN THE CLASSROOM ARE WELCOMED.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

A whole-school **Breakfast Program** will commence in Week 4 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays **from 8.20am to 8.40am**. This will be held in our hall.

Students will have be able to have Cereal, Toast, Milk and Tinned Fruit. Further options will be available once we get the program up and running!

Vicki Fisher & Steve Gunsser are the co-ordinators of the Breakfast Program and would love to hear from any parents, senior students or community members who may be able to lend a helping hand.



Parents are welcome to come along and have a cuppa while the kids are having brekkie!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please also see the school website for dates for Term 1:
www.portlandsthps.vic.edu.au

Term Dates 2017:

Term 1:

23th January (staff), 31st January (students) to 31st March

Term 2:

18th April to 30th June

Term 3:

17th July to 22nd September

Term 4:

9th October to 22nd December

Term 1 in detail:

FEBRUARY

- 1st , 8th, 15th, 22nd Rest days- Foundation students
- 10th School Leader Assembly– 2.45pm
- 17th Kate Howman’s Retirement Function
- 23rd School Council Meeting 7pm

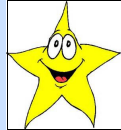
MARCH

- 13th Labour Day Holiday - no school
- 17th Combined Athletics Sports with Portland PS.
- 22nd District Athletics Carnival - Nelson Park
- 31st Last day of Term 1, students dismissed at 2.30pm

NEWSLETTER DAY

Please note that our weekly newsletter will be sent home on a Wednesday, commencing 10th February. If you would rather receive your newsletter via email, please let Di know.

Wellbeing Corner



STAR STUDENTS

**Our Star Student Awards will begin in
Week 3**

For the first two weeks of this year children will be involved in 'Learning To Learn' within their classroom.

'Learning To Learn' is a program that helps teachers and students focus on building strong relationships and assists to help everyone settle into their new learning environment.

An emphasis is placed on discovering the many ways individual learners learn, different ways of thinking and solving problems, agreements about working collaboratively and effective forms of communication. These learning skills fit well within our Wellbeing framework, promoting resilient and confident learners.

YARD SUPERVISION

Supervision of students in the playground takes place at the following times on all school days:

8.40am to 8.50am
11am to 11.30am (morning play)
1.40pm to 2.20pm (lunch play)

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

We will be closely monitoring student attendance data again in 2017.

It is important that children are at school on time every day unless they are ill.

Please schedule family outings, holidays and appointments for after school hours or school holiday periods whenever possible.

Parents are reminded to telephone the Office (55232911) if your child will be absent, or to send a note upon your child's return to school.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

**Students should arrive at school between
8.40 and 8.50am**

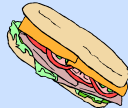
**Please wait until the 8.50am bell to enter
the school buildings.**

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

If your child arrives at school after 9.00am, please come via the Office to sign your child in—the teachers will be marking the roll first thing in the morning and your child's attendance will need to be updated from 'ABSENT' TO "PRESENT" at the Office.



LUNCH ORDERS



Please note that
Lunch orders are available on **FRIDAYS** only.

**A lunch order menu is attached to today's
newsletter.**

Lunch orders should be clearly written on a **brown
paper bag** with correct money provided if
possible. Orders **MUST BE** in the tub at the office
by 9.10am.



ICE CREAMS SALES



Ice Creams will be available to
purchase on Wednesdays
during Term 1—commencing
next **Wednesday, 8th February:**

Berri Quelch frozen fruit sticks - 50 cents

Bulla Frozen Yoghurt Icy Poles - \$1.50

Paddle Pops— \$1.50

Drumsticks - \$2.00

**Thank you to Debbie Knight who is going to co-
ordinate this for the school.**

Portland Soccer Club

Training has begun for the 2017 season - We welcome
new players in all age groups.

Training for Under 12 and Under 14—5:00—6:15pm
Tuesday and Thursday nights, U17 and Seniors—6:00—
7:30pm on Tuesday and Friday nights in February
and Women—6:00—7:30pm on Wednesday and Friday
nights in February. For more information please contact
David Stafford on 0409419813.

Miniroos is starting again soon at the Portland Soccer
Club! This Kickstart soccer program is for girls and boys
aged 4 - 9 years of age. Children learn some basic skills,
play small sided games and have lots of fun.

Go to www.miniroos.com.au to register for the 13 week
program starting Saturday 11th February and finishing on
3rd June. The sessions will start at 11am and finish at
12pm.

Contact Les on 0414559106 or Tracy on 0417374784 for
more information

Portland Netball Association—NET SET GO - players
needed, ages 8-10.

Monday 5 pm -6 pm

Contact Sue Muldoon—55235140

suetone23@gmail.com

Junior Basketball Summer Season 2017

Registrations are now open online for all junior basketball.
Comps available for 5 – 14 year old Children.
Registrations closed the 5th of February 2017.

Go to Portland Basketball Association Page &
click on Register here link on right side of page.

All Inquires call 55232884.

REPLY SLIP: **FAMILY BBQ— Tuesday 7th February**

In order to assist with catering, it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete
and return the reply slip below by this **FRIDAY** if you plan to attend for the BBQ:

Family Name: _____

No. Adults _____

No. Children _____

Dietary Needs: If you have any specific dietary needs, please advise:

Get involved in the School Banking program

Tuesday is our School Banking Day

Portland South Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- **Cyber Handball**
- **Colour Change Markers**
- **3D Chalk Set**
- **Tablet Case**
- **Smiley Emoji Keyring**
- **Volt Handball**
- **Pencil + Tech Case**
- **Epic Earphones**



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is <day>. Each week you need to <insert process for handing in book>.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



DO YOU HAVE A YOUNG CHILD under 7 years old?

Is your child:

- not talking like other kids?
- not playing like other kids?
- 'mucking up' but you don't know why?

Some kids learn differently, and we can help them learn better. Some kids that learn differently might have Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Early Days workshops help families learn about their child and these learning differences.

Workshops are free.



Date: Friday, 10th February 2017

Time: 10.30am -2.00pm

Venue: Windamara Meeting room
21 Scott St, Heywood

Bookings: www.amaze.org.au

Kelly Gannon 5527 0000 Catering Provided.

