

**PORTLAND
SECONDARY
COLLEGE**

Parent Newsletter

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Creating the Opportunities



Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews — Thursday 28 March

Principal's Report

Another busy fortnight has flown past and all of a sudden there is only three weeks left in term 1. In the past fourteen days, there have been a huge amount of students involved in a wide variety of activities including sport, excursions, and leadership ceremonies, not to mention interesting teaching and learning in the classroom. Many of our senior students have now completed the first round of assessment and parents are invited to log onto Compass to check results.

Our Student Leader Induction ceremony was held in front of a large gathering of parents and the whole student body and over 200 students collected badges for leadership positions in a wide range of areas. Staff look forward to working with these students over the coming months. Some of these students have already been busy with our Sport's Captains presenting the Swimming Champions with their medals and announcing both the overall swimming and athletic results at a recent whole school assembly.

At the same assembly the whole student body heard two Year 10 girls stand up and explain why they felt they should be voted onto College Council. Introduced by current student Council member, Tyler Osborne -Cox, both girls spoke wonderfully well, outlining the qualities they would bring to the role.

Congratulations to Lainie Middleton who has now been voted onto Council by her peers.



Tyler Osborne-Cox & Lainie Middleton

The College Athletics were held last week and students enjoyed a great day with many records being broken. The Student Representative Council ran the canteen on the day and raised over \$500 dollars to put towards school projects. A team of talented athletes then travelled to the next round of athletics winning a number of events - a report about these events will follow in the next newsletter.

The new J Wing had an unofficial opening where parents, families and community members were invited to wander through the new renovations and visit the new teaching spaces. A number of people took up the opportunity to have a look and were very impressed by the new facilities.

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Coming Events

Regularly check Newsletters and PSC website for updates at www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au Facebook/ portlandsecondarycollege

Friday 22 March
GWR Swimming—
Ballarat

Thursday 28 March
Parent/Teacher/Student
Interviews 10am—6pm

Friday 29 March
Staff Professional
Development Day. No
students required at
school

Friday 5 April
Last day of Term 1,
2.30 finish.

Term 2 2019

Tuesday 23 April
First day back for Term 2

Tues 23 & Wed 24 April
Tops Arts Tour

Thursday 25 April
ANZAC Day holiday

Friday 10 May
PSC Cross Country

Tues 14 to Thurs 16 May
NAPLAN

Monday 20 May
GD Cross Country

Tuesday 4 –7 June
Year 10/11 Exams

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Parent Teacher interviews are coming up quickly and will be held on Thursday 28th of March. Parents are encouraged to log onto Compass and make appointments to see teachers to discuss their child's progress. This day will be followed by a Professional Development Day for staff and students will not be required at school on this day. Staff will continue the important work on Curriculum development they have been collaborating on to improve learning outcomes for students.

Instructions on how to book your parent/teacher/student interview on Compass is published on page 12 of this newsletter.

Jo Kindred — Assistant Principal.



ANZAC Day – Thursday 25th April, 2019

Portland Secondary College will again be involved in the annual ANZAC Day march and ceremony held in Portland on Thursday 25th April. The Senior Student Leadership team would like to extend an invitation to PSC students and staff to walk with us in the march and be present for the ceremony where our school captains, Maddy Barras and Taylah Nelson, will lay a wreath on our behalf.

We will meet at the RSL corner (corner Percy and Gawler Streets) and ask those students who wish to attend to be in full PSC uniform.

Further details will be made available closer to 25th April.

Belinda Bothe
Assistant Principal, Senior School
Portland Secondary College



Year 9 and 10 Behaviour Policy

Students of Year 9 and 10 will be following the same behaviour policy which is as follows:

- If the student receives 2 yellow notes on compass they are given a lunchtime detention on Tuesdays.
- If they fail to attend this 'lunchtime' they are given an afterschool detention the following day (Wednesday).
- The student is only provided two opportunities to complete this 'afterschool' otherwise they will receive a suspension.

Lainey Beavis | Year 9 Level Coordinator | Portland Secondary College



New Facebook Page

The **Portland Secondary College Facebook** page is a popular way for parents and students to keep up to date with what's happening at PSC — upcoming events, news items and daily activities.

We have now created a new Facebook page called **PSC 2nd Hand School Items For Sale** where parents and students can buy and sell secondhand uniform items. You must request to join the page as a member pending approval.



CELEBRATING ASHANTI

Ashanti Duckworth's life was celebrated on February 12th, 2019 after she was tragically taken from a car accident.

Ashanti began at the Portland Re-Engagement Program mid 2018. She made an immediate impact on her classes as a friendly, mature and responsible young adult.

Ashanti had many friends, not only at the Portland Re-Engagement Program but also in her extended network with Portland Secondary College and beyond. Ashanti was known to be a great listener for her friends and was someone who was trustworthy, positive and funny.

Throughout her short time at the Portland Re-Engagement Program, Ashanti demonstrated her commitment to her studies and community. She volunteered at the International Day of People with a Disability event, had strong commitments to the art mural project, attended workplace visits and was lucky enough to complete a Structured Work Placement at Portland Bay School.

Ashanti always had a smile and would seek out Katie first thing in the morning to say "G'day" and often made her a coffee throughout the day. Ashanti had a positive work ethic and this was displayed throughout our renovations and art mural projects. She would put on the overalls and be more than willing to get her hands dirty.

The students will begin planning a memorial to Ashanti at the Portland Re-Engagement Program as we get into our school year.

I would like to thank all the staff and students at the Portland Re-Engagement Program and Portland Secondary College for their ongoing support throughout this difficult time. I'd also like to thank the Portland community for rallying around to support all students, staff and families.

The family have asked that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Portland Re-Engagement Program.

BSB: 313-140

A/C: 120 675 08

Ref: Ashanti

VCAL Numeracy at the Portland Re-Engagement Program

— PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE —

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BE RESPECTFUL	BE SUCCESSFUL	BE RESILIENT	BE CREATIVE

**This week's
Successful Students**

Brooke Dempsey - 7A

Alicia Hokin - 7F

Ella Noonan - 8C

Nate Mirtschin - 8C

DATE: 18-03-2019

On Wednesday 14th March the VCAL students from the Re-Engagement campus had an excursion for Numeracy. The trip was to Black's beach as part of their Data unit. They collected rubbish that consisted of lots of plastic, rope, toothbrushes, lighters, barbed wire, a plastic basket as well as rubber. Some pieces were too large to collect such as large pieces of rope and netting and had to be left on the beach. Each student sorted the rubbish they had collected into different categories such as consumer items, packaging items, fishing items and foamed plastic. A tally was recorded and the data will be submitted to a national database tracking marine debris.

After a steep walk back to the bus with all the rubbish in tow students and staff had a well-deserved snack. The data collected will now be presented in various tables and graphs and analysed using statistical methods. The rubbish will be used to make mobiles to keep birds away from the vegetable garden. Some artworks will also be created and be displayed at the Re-Engagement centre using the recyclable material collected. I am very proud of the students' willingness to help clean up their environment as well as getting some exercise along the way.

Thank you to Lauren Logan, Jennifer Anderson and Katie Kelly for coming along and helping out.

Mara Satins - Classroom Teacher PSC/
Reengagement Teacher.





School Captains



Vice-Captains



Senior School Leadership Team



Monitor



Live4Life Crew

2019 Induction Ceremony



Year 11 Senior School Leadership Team



Level Leaders



SRC Group



Peer Mentors



Music Captains



Sports Captains



Swim Age Champions



Swimming year 7 Shield



Swimming Year 9 Shield



Year 7 Mentors



Year 9 Mentors



Year 10 Mentors



Year 11 Mentors



Year 12 Mentors



Year 10 Peer Mentors



**PSC
Aths
Sports**





Aths Day



60 Seconds with.....

Name and Role:

Braden Dawson — English Teacher.



What do you enjoy most about working for the Education Department?

Being able to make a difference in young lives both academically and socially.

What would be a highlight to date of your time at PSC?

Coming in new to the school and being welcomed with open arms by the staff and students.

If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who would play the lead?

Jonah Hill, no question about it!

What would the movie be called?

‘Double Take’: The Braden Dawson story.

Do you have pets?

A small dog named Baxter and a cat named Cous Cous.

What was the last book you read?

‘Eragon’ by Christopher Paulini (for the third time).

If you had to be shipwrecked on a deserted island, but all your human needs—such as food and water were taken care of, what two items would you want to have with you?

A guitar and a notepad.

You’ve travelled and seen lots of places, which would you most like to return to?

Canberra—rich in history, lovely vibe and great food.

If you invited your Mentor Group to your house for dinner, what would you cook?

Chicken Nuggets and chips, as that’s all Year 9’s eat!

What makes you smile?

The reactions of students when I make bad jokes.

Age Champions from PSC Athletic Sports

(photos in next newsletter)

U13

Nyla Conheady
Kostya Vallance

U14

Abby Smith
Andy Paterson

U15

Sarah Tunstall
Cameron Rawlings

U16

Elli Aitken
Tyler Osborne-Cox

U17

Ella Smith
Harold Pritchard

U20

Emma Pethybridge
Harry Punton & Braiden Malady

Portland Secondary College Council Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 27 March 2019

6.00pm

Global Learning Centre

All welcome.



Yr 12 Physics Luna Park Excursion

As part of Yr. 12 Physics area of study on motion, Luna Park opens its doors to only Physics students for a whole week. What better place to investigate Newton's 3 laws of motion and feel the effects theme park rides have on your body. To discuss these concepts in class is one thing, but to experience them in real life helps students understand these concepts at a much deeper level. Despite the very early start (3am), and big day, the students were great ambassadors for Portland Secondary College and represented the school exceptionally. It was a great day out with a great bunch of students.

By Dale Radcliffe—Year 12 Physics Teacher.



By Mandie Pethybridge—Laboratory Technician

Indonesian Tour 2019

Are you interested in participating in the Indonesian Tour 2019? Following a presentation from our tour organiser, G.E.T Tours, on 14 March, Portland Secondary College is now accepting formal expressions of interest for the 12-day trip to Bali and Java.

During the trip students will have the opportunity to visit UNESCO-listed temples of Borobudur and Prambanan, explore the art, music and culture of Yogyakarta, enjoy the wild waterslides of Bali's famous Waterbom water slide park, check out an Indonesian AFL team in Denpasar, participate in a cooking class in Ubud, and stay with a host family associated with our sister school SMP-5 Yogyakarta (amongst many other activities).



If you would like to join the trip, please collect a formal 'Expression of Interest' form from Mr Jones or the General Office, and submit it along with a \$300 deposit (fully refundable if your child is deemed ineligible for the trip) by **Wednesday, April 3.**

Dates: September 19 – October 1

Price: \$2700 (approximate, final cost depends on the number of participants).



For more information, and a detailed itinerary please contact Mr Jones:
jones.simon.S2@edumail.vic.gov.au



SKITTLES 2019

SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR SAME
SEX ATTRACTED, INTERSEX,
TRANSGENDER AND GENDER DIVERSE
(SSAITGD) YOUNG PEOPLE, THEIR
FRIENDS, FAMILIES AND ALLIES



ONLINE SAFE SPACE
FACEBOOK

SEARCH SKITTLES DIVERSITY GROUP

MONTHLY FRIDAY CHILL
SESSIONS
4.30PM - 6.30PM
AT THE DRILL HALL YOUTH
SPACE, PORTLAND

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH
FRIDAY 26TH APRIL
FRIDAY 24TH MAY
FRIDAY 28TH JUNE

CONTACT CATHRYN 55222137



Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – Thursday 28th March, 10am-6pm

Families are now able to make bookings on Compass for Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews.

We invite you to take advantage of the opportunity to discuss your child's learning progress to date with subject teachers and mentors.

Please follow the instructions below to make your bookings (a Teacher location map for interviews is also available on Compass to help you as you plan and make your bookings).

If you are unable to access Compass and make bookings yourself your child is able to ask individual teachers to make that booking on your behalf (a new facility this year).

Log into Compass

Click on 'Parent Student Teacher Conference' underneath 'My News' or 'Book Parent Student Teacher Conference' on the left hand side.

A new screen will appear and will run through a guide on how to make a booking.

The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to the Portland Secondary College Portal' on the left and the 'Compass' interface on the right. The portal includes a search bar and a list of navigation links: Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports), Send email to teachers, Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late), View Academic Reports, and Book Parent Student Teacher Conference. The Compass interface features a 'My News' section with three items: 'Parent Student Teacher Conference' (7-12 Parent Teacher Interview), 'Event Consent/Payment Required' (1 event awaiting consent), and two 'Attendance: Attendance Note Required' notifications.

The screenshot displays the '7-12 Parent Teacher Interview' booking interface for Thursday, March 28. It features a grid of time slots from 10:00 AM to 05:10 PM. A 'Welcome' modal window is overlaid on the grid, with a 'Show me How to Book' button. The right-hand side shows a list of teachers: Mara SATINS (Further Maths), Tayla MORLEY (PE), Christopher (Chris) THOMAS (Mentor Group), Dale ENGLAND (Maths Methods), Jane MCGRORY (Indonesian), Joanne (Joe) LOGAN (English), and Jennifer PRICHARD (Chemistry). Each teacher has an 'Interview Welcome' button.

Time	10:00 AM	10:10 AM	10:20 AM	10:30 AM
10:40 AM				
11:20 AM				
12:00 PM				
12:40 PM				
01:20 PM				
02:00 PM	Not available for booking Lunch			
02:40 PM				
03:20 PM				
04:00 PM				
04:40 PM				

Wise Words for your Health ...

Eat well and stay healthy

Secondary School students need to have a good understanding of diet, and exercise to stay healthy for learning. This is the time they start a busy social life, have pocket money or pay from a part time job and begin to help choose their own lifestyle. Students of this age learn quickly and are also influenced by their friends and popular trends.



Students need a wide variety of foods for a well-balanced diet. The amount of physical activity they have in a day will be an important part of how much they need to eat. When students are busy and active, eating well is important to keep energy levels high.



Breakfast is important

It is important to encourage breakfast. A good night's sleep followed by food in the morning helps your child to stay active and concentrate at school. It also means your child is less likely to be too hungry during the morning and it can help with performance at school. Be a role model and let your child see you eat breakfast too.

School Lunches

Many schools have a canteen that offers a range of food choices. PSC follows government guidelines to encourage healthy food choices.

Lunch suggestions include:

- Sandwiches or pita bread with cheese, lean meat, hummus and salad
- Cheese slices, crackers with spread, and fresh or dried fruits
- Washed and cut up raw vegetables or fresh fruits
- Frozen water bottle

Highly processed, sugary, fatty and salty foods should only make up a very small part of your child's diet. Foods to limit in everyday school lunches include:

- Processed meats such as salami, ham, pressed chicken and Strasbourg
- Chips, sweet biscuits, and muesli bars and breakfast bars
- Fruit bars and fruit straps
- Cordials, juices and soft drinks.

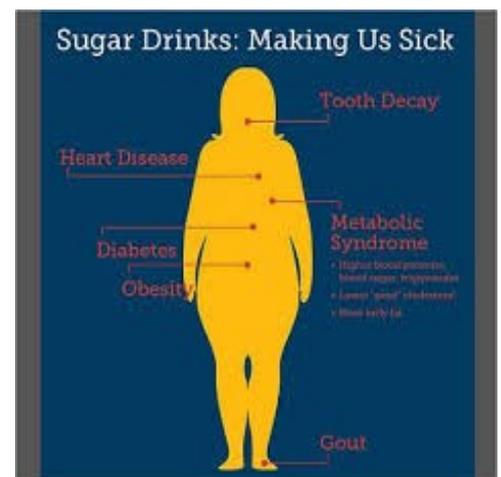
Drinks

Suggestions include:

- Students should be encouraged to drink plain water.
 - Sweet drinks such as cordials or fruit juice are not needed for a healthy diet and aren't recommended.
- A glass of milk (or a tub of yogurt or slice of cheese) equals a serve of dairy food. Three serves are needed each day for calcium.

Exercise and activity

Physical activity is an important part of good health. Try to encourage your child to do something active each day, such as a hobby, play a game or be involved in sport and limit time spent on digital devices.



What's On!



**LOCAL AGENCY
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**We need your help!
The need for foster carers in
South West Victoria is urgent**

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OR CALLING (03) 5561 8888

Girls Footy

Girls if you're between the ages of 14 to 18 and love your Football, or looking for a competitive 360 degree game, like learning new skills and want to improve your fitness well here's a great opportunity to play this rapidly growing much loved sport.

No longer just for Dad or your brother. Portland football club u18 girls team trains at Hanlon park Monday and Wednesdays. Great team spirit and very successful.

Chloe Leighton drafted and Vic Jewel in rebels squad and many more in representative comps.

Inaugural league best and fairest winner Tia Haines is coach.

For more info - Portland football netball cricket club website or Facebook page.

Training is Monday and Wednesday nights at 4.30.



In Between Two

SAT 23 MAR 7.30PM

PORTLAND ARTS CENTRE \$30/\$15

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund — payment arrangements for 2019

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) has changed to a Term one application process and payment cycle from 2018.
- The changed timing of the program provides a better alignment with school budgeting and administrative processes and will give families certainty at the beginning of the year regarding CSEF eligibility.
- Applications for the CSEF program will open from the commencement of Term one 2018, helping to ensure that all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities.
- **Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply.** A special consideration category also exists.
- A payment of \$225 for eligible secondary school students will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student.
- The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.
- This initiative is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.
- **Application forms are available from the General Office.**

Canteen Roster

Tue 19 March	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Wed 20 March	10am - 1.30pm	Rebecca
Thurs 21 March	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Fri 22 March	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Mon 25 March	10am - 1.30pm	Dianne Ryan
Tue 26 March	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Wed 27 March	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Thurs 28 Feb	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Fri 29 March	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please

Visiting Parents

All parents and visitors to the College are asked to report to the General Office immediately they enter the school grounds via Fawthrop Street only.

The Office staff will then locate the staff member or student you wish to speak to. **Please do not wander around the grounds.**

Jo Kindred – Assistant Principal

Jackets Galore.....

We have a good supply of PSC Jackets available in the Uniform Store.

\$85.00.

Uniform store open 8.15am until 4.00pm each day.

*Wise and Witty Words.
Wise souls speak loudly in silence!*

EFTPOS is available for your convenience at the General Office.



Mission Statement

To develop creative, articulate, respectful and resourceful young people able to contribute positively to the global community.



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