

**PORTLAND
SECONDARY
COLLEGE**

Parent Newsletter

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Creating the Opportunities



ACTIVE, ENGAGED STUDENTS

Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

The Annual Meeting for the School Council was held on Wednesday night. We thanked Karensa Smith for her contribution as the school president. Karensa is stepping down after many years in the position and during this time she was a positive advocate contributing where and when she could. There were sighs of relief when she volunteered her support to make costumes for the School Productions. There are still vacancies for a parent representative on the new Council. If you can attend approximately eight meetings a year and add a parent voice please consider applying.

I would also to thank the Hospitality students for the delightful meal that they prepared in the Trade Training Centre for the School Council members. The food was delicious and the service marvellous. Well done to students and staff who were involved during the evening.

It was lovely to see and meet so many in attendance at the Student/Teacher interviews yesterday to hear your feedback on how you felt your student in your care was progressing. The School has introduced several new processes this year, such as the AVID binders and the focused note taking, which we are sure will impact positively on each students' organisation and learning. As a staff we cannot put a price on the value of meeting and working with the families of our students.

Friday was a pupil free day to provide time for the staff to work on the Learning Architecture which we have adopted to continually improve our curriculum writing, assessment, feedback and monitoring. The staff used the time to work collaboratively and ensure that we has greater consistency and understanding across all areas. This is very complex work and the time to be able to focus without interruptions or after school was appreciated. This work is ongoing and staff will use their after school meeting time to finish the work. We will however be continually look for ways to support the staff as ultimately it is students who will benefit.

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Coming Events

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

Tuesday 23 April
First day back for Term 2

Tues 23 & Wed 24 April
Top 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

Monday 3 June
GWR Cross Country—
Warrnambool

Tuesday 4 –7 June
Year 10/11 Exams

Friday 7 June
GD Soccer

Monday 10 June
Queen's Birthday
Holiday

Tuesday 11 June
Year 8 Exams

Wednesday 12 June
Senior Student's Day
GAT - Senior student's
day only.

Thursday 13 June
Year 9 Exams

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I would like to apologise to all who have been adversely effected by the gremlins in the Compass system. We have had a number of glitches this week which is extremely frustrated for all concerned. When it works effectively it allows for greater communication between school and home but there are still a few times when mishaps have to be ironed out, We thank you for your patience in the meantime.

Finally I would like to say a thank you for the welcome and support that I have received in my time here at Portland. The staff have been extremely professional and helpful and I have been impressed on their willingness to continually focus on their work. I have thoroughly enjoyed my visits to the classrooms to see student learning in action. The resources at the school are impressive – the only area that hasn't impressed me was the year 8-10 locker area which is out of range of the current budget at the moment. As this is the last newsletter prior to the end of term I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday break

Patricia Nunan – Acting Principal.



Tomorrow's Leaders.....

Congratulations to Elli Aitken, Kira Beal, Adrian Baker, Charlee Ferguson, Heidi Jones and Gabriella Conheady, who have recently been notified that they have been selected into this year's *Western Bulldogs Leadership Project*.

These students will spend the next six months working on a variety of projects designed to develop their leadership skills.

We wish them well as they undertake the next steps in the project.

Jo Kindred – Assistant Principal.



Elli Aitken



Kira Beal



Adrian Baker



Charlee Ferguson



Heidi Jones



Gabriella Conheady

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.

Please contact the school if you require more information regarding this page.

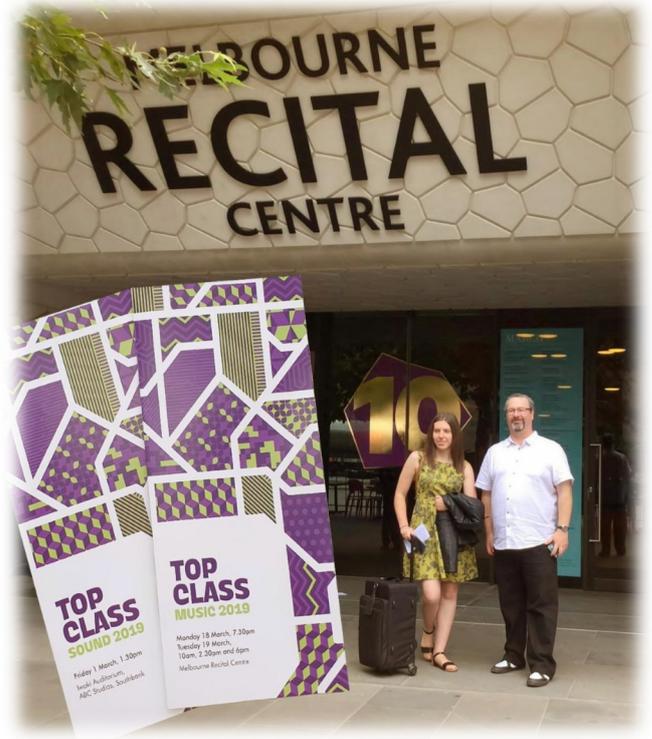
V.C.E. TOP CLASS - MUSIC

On Tuesday 19th March 2019 our former student Patricia Thompson performed at the VCE Top Class – Music concert at The Melbourne Recital Centre.

The performers for Top Class – Music are the top VCE performers selected by the examiners in the subjects of Music Performance, Music Investigation and VET Music Industry (Performance). There were four concerts in total and Patricia was one of two students from outside the metropolitan area and the only student from a government school outside of Melbourne. Not only was Patricia selected for Top Class – Music but her composition for Music: Style and Composition, which she studied with Distance Ed., was selected for Top Class – Sound. It is an outstanding achievement being selected for one of these showcases, let alone two in the same year. This was a year that also saw her win the Newsboys Foundation Regional Music Award in the 2018 Bach Competition as well as being named Portland's Young Person of The Year.

The topic of Patricia's Music Investigation was "An investigation of lyrical and expressive trumpet techniques in selected twentieth century French trumpet music." Her performance of Augustin Savard's Morceau de Concours at the Top Class concert displayed these techniques to great effect. The dramatic, cadenza like opening was breathtaking and climactic, virtuosic ending was stunning.

What does it take to get to this point? Talent? Talent alone never got anyone anywhere. Hard work, dedication and a desire to seek out opportunities to help you improve are the fundamental keys to success in any field. You can do it too. If you've thought about learning an instrument, now is a good time to start.



We have limited place left on trumpet, trombone and saxophone. Not sure which one? Come down to the music room and try out which one suits you best.

A simple Google search of "benefits of learning an instrument" will show you the many ways learning an instrument can help with your other studies and improve the way your brain works.

For more information come to the music room (N8) or email me:

healy.brian.f@edumail.vic.gov.au



Brian Healy – PSC Music.





In Year 10 General Science Miss Shiel and Mr Bassett's classes have been studying all about genetics. Recently they performed a prac where they were able to extract DNA from strawberries and kiwi fruit.



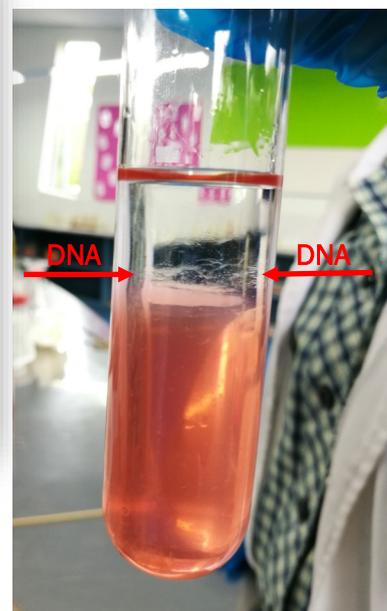
1. First we had to mash up the fruit in salty water to separate the fruit cells. The salt helps the DNA precipitate. We added detergent to destroy the cell membrane so it could release the DNA.



2. After cooling in the fridge we filtered the mixture to separate the solids from the liquid.



3. Then we added cold isopropyl alcohol, an alcohol which dehydrates the DNA causing it to precipitate.



DNA under the microscope.

4. Ta-daa! Milky white strands = DNA. Refer to red arrows above.

Mandie Pethybridge—Laboratory Technician
Miss Carla Shiel—10 Science Teacher
Mr Michael Bassett—10 Science Teacher

Age Champions from 2019 PSC Athletic Sports *Congratulations*



U13

Nyla Conheady
Kostya Vallance



U14

Abby Smith
Andy Paterson



U15

Sarah Tunstall
Cameron Rawlings



U17

Ella Smith
Harold Pritchard

U20

Emma Pethybridge
Harry Punton & Braiden Malady



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 Borobodur 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



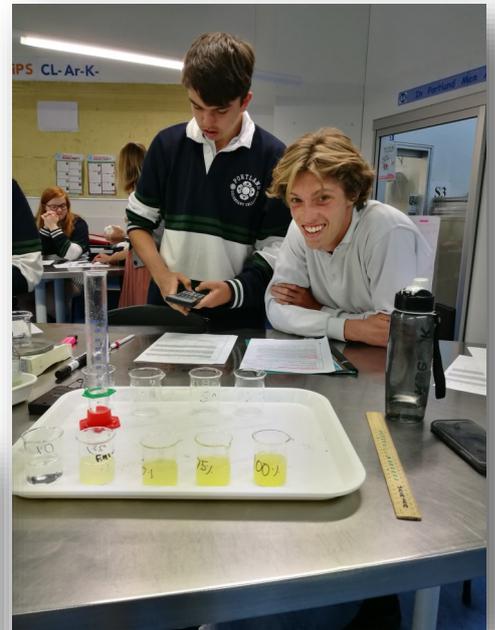
A Social Media Etiquette talk was given to all Year 7 students by Lee-anne Nelson recently, teaching students to be smart users of social media in all aspects of life.

Out and About...

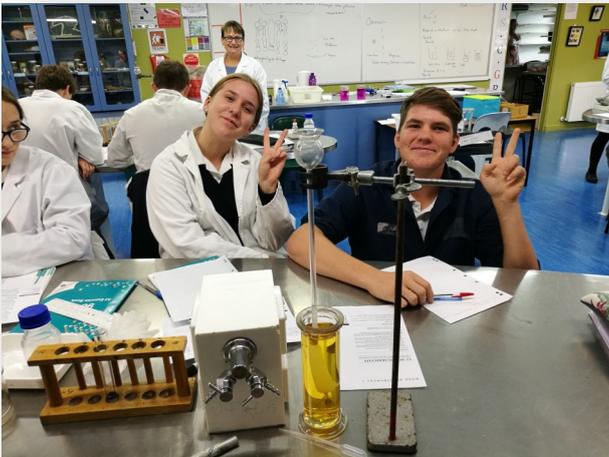




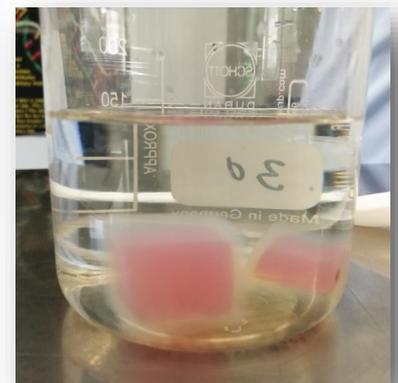
Miss Jennings' Yr 12 Biology students testing the effects different concentrations of fresh pineapple juice have on gelatine.



VCE BIOLOGY



Yr 11 Biology students have been studying osmosis and diffusion in their classes with Mrs Edwards.



By: Mandie Pethybridge—Laboratory Technician
 Miss Donna Jennings—Yr 12 Biology Teacher
 Mrs Cheryl Edwards—Yr 11 Biology Teacher



Year 9 Bayswim



60 Seconds with.....

Name and Role:

Gabrielle Robinson—English & Humanities Teacher.



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

Working with hilarious experts in their field and children who don't know how funny they can be.

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

Jack Nicholson.

What would the movie be called?

'That's why we can't have nice things.....'

Do you have pets?

Yes! Two dogs who take over my life and bed.

What was the last book you read?

American Psycho—Bret Eastan Ellis.

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?

My mum and my dogs!

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

Greece and Morocco. And the Moon...I'd totally go back to the moon..

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

Tofu and eggplant lasagna.

What makes you smile?

Nature, the environment, animals and my family and friends.

Uniforms

School Jumpers

(size 10-22) \$50

(size 24 & 26) \$60

School pants (tailored) \$45

(72cm-107cm)

Plain navy caps \$10

Draw cord shorts \$20

(s - xl)

Tailored shorts \$25

(10 youth - 107cm)

Kilts \$75

(size 8-26)

Jacket \$85

(xs - xxxl)

Students Required to Leave Early

Sometimes it is necessary for Parents/Guardians to pick up a child early from school.

If this needs to happen please ring before coming to collect your child and we will endeavour to have them waiting for you.

If this is a pre-organised appointment please send a note with your child detailing the time of the appointment so they can show their teacher/office staff and be waiting for you in the foyer.

Whilst we understand that emergencies do occur and this may not always be possible we would appreciate at least half an hour's notice.

Ideally it would be better to make appointments either side of school hours.

What's On!

**PORTLAND COMMUNITY MEALSHARE (PCM)
FREE WEEKLY MEALS, EACH MONDAY 5-7P.M.
LOCATION – SALVOS, 33 HENTY ST**

Come and join us, for a free evening meal.
Young or old, wanting food or company,
sharing a home or homeless, retired, working
or not working, men, women, families.
You are all welcome. Look for the PCM green
banner each week, and come on in

FREE MEAL DATES 5-7pm:

- April 1st, 8th, 15th,
Easter Mon April 22nd - No Meal
- April 29th.
- May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
- June 3rd
June Public Hol Mon 10th - No Meal
- June 17th, 24th
- July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
- Aug 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
- Sept 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th



Guitar Lessons

Jacob West
BMus (Contemporary Performance)

www.jacobwestmusic.com.au
experiencejacob@gmail.com

Jacob West
MUSICIAN

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 2019.
- 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 2019 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 2 April	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Wed 3 April	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Thurs 4 April	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Fri 5 April	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Mon 22 April	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Tue 23 April	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Wed 24 April	10am - 1.30pm	Rebecca Saliba
Thurs 25 April	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please
Fri 26 April	10am - 1.30pm	Help Needed Please

TECHNOLOGY FREE

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Starting next term we will be having 'Technology Free' days in the Junior School building. This does not apply to classes, where teachers will direct students in their use of technology, as required.

Before school, recess, lunchtime and after school, students will **not** be allowed to use their phones, computers or other devices in the building. During this time we are encouraging students to talk, walk outside, borrow some sports equipment, go down to the gym or even read or play games in the library.

There are lots of interesting and active options for all students at PSC and we encourage you to explore them.



Ms Kirsten Mitchell
Assistant Principal:
Junior School.

THE JUNIOR WING
IS A



EACH TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Wise and Witty Words.

Your education is a dress rehearsal for the life that's yours to lead.

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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