



### *Creating the Opportunities*

#### Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

The school year is well underway. Class room visits have been a pleasure as I have been able to witness students' engagement in their learning and the calm classroom environments. Students are arriving to class prepared, asking questions and offering answers. Teachers are enjoying trying strategies that will have more students actively participating and doing more of the thinking. The school yard is much noisier at recess and lunchtime with more talking, running, yelling, cheering and games.

I, for one, am certainly not missing the mobile phones. The students have on the whole been very responsible and kept their phones in their locked lockers or not even brought them to school in the first place. Students certainly appear happier and more relaxed. Student Services report less anxiety from the students seeking their help. Thank you for the parental support that you have given to this new practice. The fact that it is state wide has helped as our students do not feel that they are being targeted.

Our College continues to benefit from being a part of a giving and caring broader community. The Lions Club are working diligently to support students who may not have access to a personal device and are 'recycling' computers. It is so much better than putting computers that we do not have any further use for into landfill. Computers can also be used for parts.

We have been dealing with rumours that there are drugs being used at school. We take this very seriously and we have notified the police. Security camera film is being reviewed and all staff are stepping up their vigilance around the yard and buildings. Despite extensive drug education programs students have told us that drug taking (usually pills but some smoking) is rife at weekend parties. Obviously should a student be caught with drugs or in the company of another student with drugs, legal action will follow. The culture of "not dobbing" means that names are sometimes withheld. If you know or hear anything that may help us keep the College and our community drug free please let us know.

School Council nominations will be open soon. Please give consideration for using this forum as an avenue to have input into your student's education.

**Patricia Nunan** - Principal



#### Coming Events

Regularly check Newsletters and PSC website for updates at [www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au)  
Facebook/  
[portlandsecondarycollege](http://portlandsecondarycollege)

**Thursday 20 February**  
GD Swimming Carnival

**Wednesday 26 February**  
School Council Meeting

**Friday 21 February**  
School Photos

**Tuesday 25 February**  
Year 7 & 10 vaccinations

**Wed 26 til Fri 28 Feb.**  
Year 9 'My Future'  
Deakin Uni

**Mon 2 til Fri 6 March**  
Rubicon Camp—  
Outdoor Ed VCE

**Friday 6 March**  
PSC Athletics Day - all  
students to attend.

**Monday 9 March**  
Labour Day Holiday

**Tuesday 10 March**  
Induction Ceremony—  
Period 3

**Friday 13 March**  
GWR Athletics -Casterton

**Mon 16 til Wed 18  
March**  
Indonesian student visit

**Friday 20 March**  
GWR Swimming



## School Council Election 2020 - Information for Parents

Portland Secondary College is calling for nominations from parents and community members. Below is information about the functions of our School Council. If you are interested in applying for School Council information packages are available from the General Office or by contacting the Principal.

### What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

### Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### What do you need to do to stand for election?

Contact the school for a nomination form and return to the school by 29 February, 2020.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for school council and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

**For further information, contact Patricia Nunan, Principal or Vicki Taylor on 55231344 or email [portland.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:portland.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au).**

## **SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

### **PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on

**29 February 2020**

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on

**14 March, 2020**

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020.  to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022.	5
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020  to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021	2
Student Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020  to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021	1

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

**PATRICIA NUNAN**

Principal



*Ms Walter's Year 11 VCAL class enjoying their Hospitality Food prac. They were busy making Raspberry Muffins.*



## *Around the school.....*



*Pictured are the Year 10 Peer Mentors getting to know each other.*

*The Peer Mentor program is coordinated by Jo Kindred.*



*Pictured right are VCE students Emily Kindred and Manning Leslie showing us the new VCE Rugby Tops.*

*Looking very stylish!*



PSC is really fortunate to have **Regina Mulyani** join our Indonesian teaching team for 2020. Regina has jumped straight into life in Portland and at school. She has been chatting away to our senior students, helping Year 8s with their tourist maps of Indonesia – and also got involved in mountain biking, canoeing and yoga on the Year 7 Camp. Our Indonesian classes are already benefitting from Regina’s expertise as a native Indonesian speaker, as well as her knowledge and enthusiasm about all things Indonesian.

Regina has been impressed by the friendliness of PSC students – and has welcomed their many questions. There has been particular interest in Regina’s headscarf – several Year 7 girls thought it could be a good way to stay warm in the Portland winter!

Life in Portland is very different to that of Regina’s hometown, Tasikmalaya. She is enjoying the beaches, wildlife and the opportunity to walk freely around town – something that is difficult in Tasikmalaya, which, like many other Indonesian cities, is very crowded. Regina has also been busy trying new foods; she is a fan of our summer fruits but is yet to take on the Vegemite challenge! As for Portland weather... Regina is still trying to work it out.

During her stay in Australia, Regina hopes she will be able to build the confidence of students from Year 7 to VCE in using Indonesian language. She also hopes that students will learn more about the culture and people of our nearest neighbour, and be increasingly curious about the world around them. Welcome Regina – we are really pleased that you have you as part of our team at PSC and we look forward to learning with you this year.

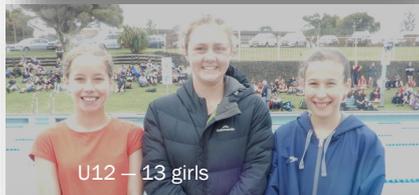
Regina is a graduate from a teaching college in Indonesia and her placement at PSC is supported by the Department of Education’s Funded Language Assistants Program.



Photo: Regina Mulyani and Year 8 students Tigra Cleary and Taya Field, in front of the tourist map of Indonesia created by 8E.



U12 – 13 boys.



U12 – 13 girls



U14 – boys(2).



U14 – boys.



U14 – girls.



U15 – boys



U15 – girls.



U16 – boys.



U16 – girl.



## In the Pool

The annual PSC swimming Sports were held on Friday the 7th of February and a great day was enjoyed by all staff, students and parents who attended. The day dawned a little cloudy and cool and despite a hint of sunshine at times, it remained that way leaving students a little shivery at times.

Competition out of the pool was very fierce. Students in Years 7-10 came dressed in their year level colours (red, blue, green and yellow) and in theme for Year 11 and 12. Year 7 and 8 competed for the Junior Shield, Years 9 and 10 for the Middle School Shield and Years 11 and 12 for the Senior Cup, and there was a lot of good natured rivalry occurring. The Year 12 theme was dead celebrities which saw many of the students attired in a wide range of costumes and the Year 11 students tried to embrace the strong work ethic with a bogan tradie theme. Students also partook in activities such as obstacle courses, vortex throwing, and cricket.

The competition was equally strong in the pool but overall results are yet to be announced. The top swimmers at each year level were awarded Age Group Champion and are listed below. These students will receive their medallions at our next whole school assembly which is also when the overall results will be announced. Eligible students will now go on to compete in the Interschool Swimming Sports. A huge thank you to Ms Emily Gorey and her team of helpers for organising a great day.

### Swimming Champions

- Under 13 Girl - Jasmine Biadacz
- Under 14 Boy - Diesel Stone
- Under 14 Girl - Zarli Lipscombe
- Under 14 Boy - Jed Lucas
- Under 15 Girl - Makeely Kindred
- Under 15 Boy - Ryan Carter
- Under 16 Girl - Sarah Tunstall
- Under 16 Boy - Lachlan Johnson
- Under 17 Girl - Holly Lucas
- Under 17 Boy - Jamieson Ballantyne
- Under 20 Girl - Camryn Lucas
- Under 20 Boy - Angus Tudgey



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U17 – boys



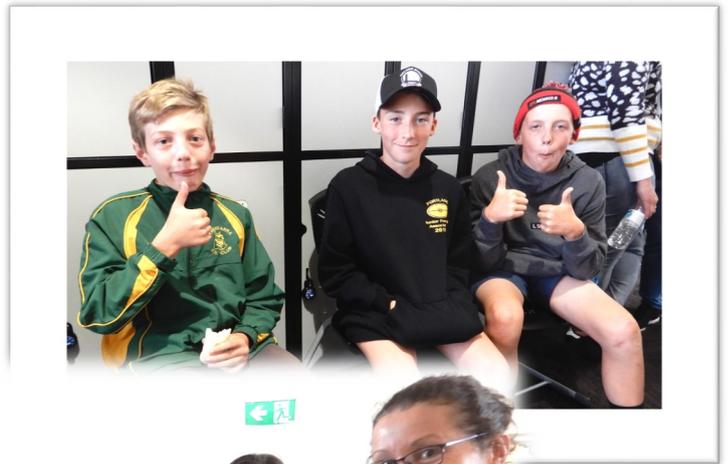
U20 – boys



U17 – girls



U20 – girls



## Year 7 BBQ and meet the teachers evening.....

During Week One, Year 7 students and parents enjoyed a 'welcome' BBQ. This was a great opportunity for everyone to meet other families and teachers and they enjoyed a tour of the College's new facilities.



I'm really working my way into Year 7 and getting used to it.  
Art is my favourite subject but I am looking forward to Music!

**SAXON 7A**



All the teachers and students have been really nice and welcoming.  
My favourite thing so far is my class!

**CHARLOTTE 7A**

I have settled into Year 7 surprisingly well considering I thought I was going to get lost, but I haven't yet!  
I'm looking forward to doing Drama and when I can be in the Production.

**TIARNA 7A**



## Secondary School Vaccinations in 2020

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- ◆ **Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students**
- ◆ **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students**
- ◆ **Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students**

Parents/guardians of year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Glenelg Shire immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2019 if you do not want your contact details given to the Glenelg Shire immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to ... [betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years of age who missed any scheduled vaccines, including a catch up program for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine for adolescents aged 15-19 years of age who have not already received the vaccine in school. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).

**Nicky Grayson** - School Nurse.

## Local Area Traffic Management Plan

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION DAY

*Traffic Engineers from Cardno will be in Portland on Thursday 20th Feb and we invite community members to come in and have your say on road safety and parking issues within the Portland Schools precinct.*

*Draft plans have been developed and will be on show throughout the day.*

*Feedback gathered by the community will assist in developing final infrastructure and parking plans within the precinct to help alleviate congestion, speeding and parking issues.*

**When:** Thursday 20th February, 2020

**Where:** Discovery Hospitality Centre—Cnr Must and Fawthrop Street

**Time:** 8.30am—4pm

## 60 Seconds with.....

**Name and Role:** Dakota Robinson - Teacher of Humanities and English and Year 8C Mentor.



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

Having the chance to meet students at the start of a year and watch them grow as learners and people.

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

Definitely meeting my students, they're a funny bunch of kids!

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

*Melissa McCarthy.*

***What would the movie be called?***

So you went back to High School?

***Do you have pets?***

Yes, I have one cat named Nala... she's basically a child.

***What was the last book you read?***

"It's kind of a funny story" - (it's really not funny).

***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 box of matches and rope—because I would like to get off the island.

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

My favourite place would be one that I haven't made it to yet — new places are exciting!

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

Probably lasagna and salad with scallop potato.

***What makes you smile?***

Lots of things! But funny comments are my favourite!

## YOUR FUTURE.YOUR SAY.

YOU matter to us. What matters to YOU?

### Have your say.

Are you aged between  
12 to 19 years and live  
in the Great South  
Coast region?

Fill out our online  
survey



[www.surveymonkey.com/r/youthconversationsproject](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youthconversationsproject)

Participant prizes drawn every month!

An initiative between the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund, Beyond the Bell, Department of Education, Department of Health & Human Services, Deakin University, YACVic, GSG LLEN, Brophy & SWTAFE



Before you speak:

# THINK

**T** = Is it True?

**H** = Is it Helpful?

**I** = Is it Inspiring?

**N** = Is it Necessary?

**K** = Is it Kind?

**Tyrendarra Football Netball Club** would like to invite anyone who would like to play netball, under the age of 18, to pre-season training at Flinders Park Thursdays 5pm. For further enquiries please contact

Lynda Smith on

0448 038 042 .



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## FESTIVAL OF DANCE ROCK & ROLL PARTNER AND BOOTSCOOTIN

Dances will be taught on the night

Saturday 28th March, 2020  
Civic Hall, Portland  
7:30pm till late

Presenting:

*Julena Band & DJ Mumma It*

Tickets:

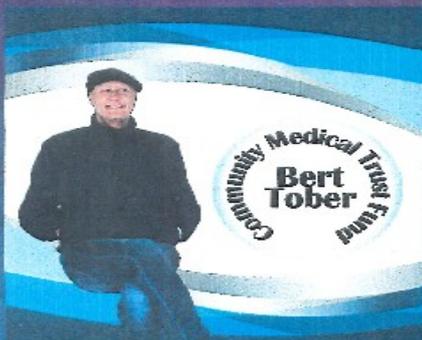
Tables of 10

\$18 per person - **pro sale**  
\$20 per person - **at the door**  
BYO drinks and nibbles

Prizes to be won:

- ★ Raffle
- ★ Lucky Door
- ★ Best Dressed

Contact: Bernadette 0475 897 587



## 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)

## ASTHMA

If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (*e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl*) as well as a spacer while at school.

Ensure that you have provided your child's school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan.

Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly.

Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms.

Ensure that your child's asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child's school/preschool).

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)



## College Charges Instalment Plan

Parents are welcome to pay their essential materials and other charges by instalments over the school year. All you need to do is complete the Instalment Plan at the front office stating how much you will pay each week, fortnight or month and leave the form with the Business Manager.

You are welcome to discuss payments with Business Manager Michelle Boreham at any time.

Ph: 55231344.

## Personal Goods brought to School at Owner's Risk

Personal Property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, IPODS, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance.

Staff, students and parent/guardians are reminded of this at the beginning of this academic year. Please do not bring any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Jo Kindred – Assistant Principal.

## Visiting Parents

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

## Reminder to Parents

This is a reminder to parents/carers to keep an eye out for speed limits in designated school speed zones during specified times as follows:

**(8.00 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4.00pm)**

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund — payment arrangements for 2020

- 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 2020, 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.**

## Do you have a few hours free?

Our Canteen staff are always looking for volunteers to assist in the canteen. Please contact the school 55231344 if you can assist.

Thank you for your support.

## Photos

The school photos are being taken on **Friday 21 February**. We ask that all students bring their school jumper on this day even if they only put it on for the duration of the photo. Envelopes have been distributed to families. The College does not process any of the payments; these are enclosed directly in the envelope, returned on the day and given directly to the photographer.

**Please Note** on this day the general office will open at 9.00am instead of 8.00am.

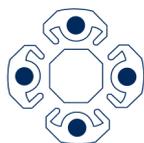


## 2019 School Magazines

We have a small amount of 2019 School Magazines for sale. \$20 each available from the General Office.

*Wise and Witty Words.  
Think Positive, Be Positive!*

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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