



Portland Secondary College

Newsletter

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Creating the Opportunities



Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers and community members,

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family of a student who died last Thursday. Although Ryan Rieger had only been with us such a short time, the loss of such a young life is very sad.

The Federal Minister of Education Mr Dan Tehan was welcomed by our College captains, Ella Sandow and Harold Pritchard, and the student leaders when he visited the school to announce federal funding for the Teach For Australia(TFA) program. This is an incentive program to encourage young graduates to teach in rural, regional schools and fill the hard to staff subjects such as science and mathematics. The student leaders also spoke to him seeking information of where and when to apply for grants to upgrade the basketball courts. Minister Tehan expressed how impressed he was with the students. Portland Secondary College has been participating in the TFA program since 2014 and we currently have 9 teachers who have been recipients of the incentive.

Our students and the College were also praised by the Deakin University staff who came in to deliver the FutureMe program to the Year 9 students. The students were encouraged to consider who they were as learners, their passions and what possible pathways they might like to consider. They did not consider specific jobs but attributes of employment that would suit their skills and interests. The workshops were very interactive and initiated much discussion amongst the students.

We are watching the status of the Coronavirus as we anticipate that this may impact on the oncoming trip to Italy. The School Council have written to the Minister of Education seeking clarification and families will be notified as soon as we have anything confirmed. In the meantime we are also monitoring the DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs and Travel) site as well as smartraveller.com

Portland Secondary College continue to be extremely grateful for the support that the community provides for the students. In the last two weeks we have received grants from Step by Step for a scholarship to a student going onto tertiary study and from Powerhouse for the Re-engagement campus. Thank you very much.

The year 11 Outdoor Education class have travelled to Rubicon this week by train. This event will allow the students to develop their independent travelling abilities using public transport as well as their outdoor education skills. They will kayak down a river in 30 degree heat, cook their own meals every evening in a campsite and sleep in tents.

Patricia Nunan - Principal



Coming Events

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

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

Wednesday 4 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
Carnival — Horsham

Tuesday 24th March
Parent/Teacher/Student
Interviews.

Friday 27 March
Last day of Term 1,
2.30 finish.

Portland Secondary College

Information Night

Wednesday 11 March at 6pm

Come and join us for a family information session to be held in our Junior School building followed by a school tour. All new and future enrolments are welcome.

Subject displays and curriculum information from head of departments including English, Maths, Science, Humanities, Technology, The Arts , Lote and Health and Physical Education.

If you are unable to make the Information Night we have alternative tour times available:

Tuesday 10 March 2pm - 3pm
Wednesday 11 March 9am – 10am
Thursday 12 March 9am – 10am

Please call Alana Nesbit on 5523 1344 if you would like any further information or to book an alternative tour time.

We can't wait to show you our amazing school!

SAVE THE DATE:

Monday 16 March at 6pm

Academic & Leadership Scholarships for 2021

Stay tuned for further information





School Captains Ella and Harold together with Patricia Nunan, Ben Heenan and a 'Teach for Australia' representative welcomed ongoing funding for the 'TFA' program.



Around the school.....



On Thursday we welcomed Mischelle Star to join our class to assist us to complete our Food Handlers course. Michelle taught us information about how to clean and be safe around food. Michelle was our instructor, she came in on behalf of work skills and helped us complete the program, it was very productive and we completed our course and also got to make some basic food and put our lesson to the test. Thanks Michelle for coming in and teaching us these vital lessons that can help us secure jobs and opportunities in the future.

By Brayden Wilson.



These VET ready students have completed their Hygiene & Food Handlers course.

Pictured are:
Ashton Watt,
Zac Stuchbery,
Marcus Zeunert
and Jarvis Wyllie-Surman.

Year 7 Camp



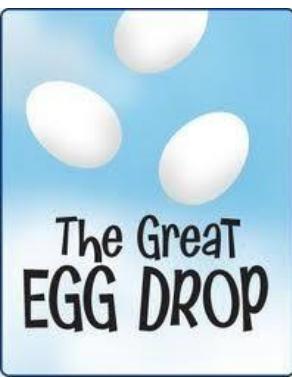
Last week, our year 7's ventured off to the Narrawong Holiday Park for our annual camp. We had a fun filled couple of days fishing, bike riding, canoeing, surfing, beach walking, swimming and practicing yoga.

Camp was a great opportunity for the students to make new friends, get to know their classmates better and find out something new about their teachers.

It was exciting to see students try something new, even if it pushed them out of their comfort zone. We enjoyed lots of resilience, team work and organisation.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make last week possible. And I would like to thank students for their behaviour, effort and willingness to help out. Because of that, we all had a terrific time.





Students in 7D, 7E & 7F had to use their knowledge of Forces to design a container for an egg that would be dropped from the Science building ramp. They were given limited materials to use in their design. The aim of the activity—for the egg to survive the drop without cracking.



By Mandie Pethybridge—Laboratory Technician
Miss Jennifer Prichard—7D & 7F Science Teacher
Mrs Cheryl Edwards—7E Science Teacher



Congratulations to 2019 Graduate, Maya Mueller who has received a \$500 donation from local group 'Step-by-Step to Change'.

Maya will be attending Warrnambool Deakin to study Nursing, which Step-by-Step to Change are thrilled to assist someone heading into the health field.

Thank you to Val and Ros who popped in to meet our worthy recipient and we all wish Maya well for future achievements.

Relay for Life 2020

Congratulations to the PSC community and Year 12 students for a hugely successful event this year.

Our casual day fundraiser, event registrations and donations meant that our fundraising tally was over \$3100 this year – all towards cancer research and programs.

Around a quarter of our Year 12 students participated in the event, some of them walking for hours on end, and others doing shifts to ensure that we have multiple people walking at all times.



PSC won the 'Bragging Rights' award for the second year running, being the highest fundraiser of the three participating secondary schools.

Well done to all students involved, and to staff and parents who supported them throughout the weekend.

Parent Letter:

.....I wanted to congratulate Portland Secondary School and the Year 12 students who recently participated in the local Relay 4 Life event. The students did the School proud as they participated in the 18 hour event raising much needed funds for cancer research.

The students demonstrated the values of respect, integrity, team work and being active community members while embracing the Spirit of Relay.

Our community is lucky to have responsible young adults like you, I hope to see you all again next year.

Thanks, Karen
(Team Captain of the Ankle Biters Relay 4 Life team).



Portland Powerhouse Motor and Car Museum

On Wednesday 16th February the Junior Class from the Re-Engagement Campus visited the Portland Powerhouse Motor and Car Museum. Mason Sparks presented the Museum with a Certificate of Appreciation. This was on behalf of all of the staff and students to thank them for their very generous \$500 donation to Re-Engagement.

While there, the students enjoyed exploring the old cars and motors. They collected information about the cars that will be used back in class to construct a timeline to display. They all enjoyed taking turns using the old cash carrier that used to be in a shop called Campbells.

The staff and students at the Re-Engagement Campus would like to thank the Portland Powerhouse Motor and Car Museum for their donation that will be put to good use.





Interschool Swimming

Fantastic effort by our swimmers today at the Interschool Swimming Carnival, well done to you! It was wonderful to see the student's work together and help out other age groups to make the relay go ahead and for swimmers to have a go in other events that didn't require registrations.

Placings:

Jed Lucas - 14 Boys
2nd—Age 12-14 50m Butterfly
3rd 50m Backstroke

Sarah Tunstall - 16 Girls
1st—50m Freestyle

Lachlan Johnson - 16 Boys
3rd—50m Freestyle

Tayla Telfer - 18-20 Girls
3rd—50m Freestyle
1st—50m Backstroke
3rd—50m Breaststroke

Mae Fraser - 13 Girls AGE GROUP CHAMPION
2nd—50m Breaststroke



Jasmine Biadacz - 13 Girls
2nd—50m Backstroke

Diesel Stone - 13 Boys
3rd—50m Breaststroke

Kira Beal - 16 Girls
2nd—50m Breaststroke

Holly Lucas - 17 Girls - AGE GROUP CHAMPION



RELAY TEAMS:

13 Girls - 3rd
14 Boys - 3rd
16 Girls - 3rd
18-20 Girls - 2nd

PORLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE

Athletics DAY

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

NELSON PARK



PSC SHIELDS:

Year 7 V Year 8

Year 9 V Year 10

Year 11 V Year 12

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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 H

Tickets:

Tables of 10

\$18 per person - pre sale

\$20 per person - at the door

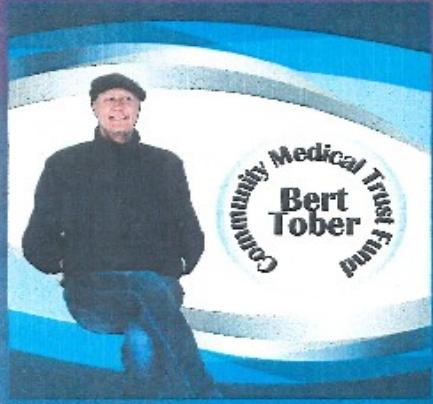
BYO drinks and nibbles

Prizes to be won:

★ Raffle

★ Lucky Door

★ Best Dressed



Contact: Bernadette 0475 897 587

60 Seconds with.....

Name and Role: Josh Walker



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

Working in a job I am passionate about.

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

Meeting my students and discussing dank memes with Mr. McKenzie.

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

Batista.

What would the movie be called?

The Bus That Couldn't Slow Down.

Do you have pets?

Yes, a Golden Retriever.

What was the last book you read?

Tea and No Sympathy—The Grade Cricketer.

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 phone and my guitar.

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

Yogyakarta, Indonesia and Hoi An, Vietnam.

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

BBQ—my mates call me “The Tong King” for a reason.

What makes you smile?

My partner and our dog.



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.

SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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

PORLAND 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

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



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.

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our student body and their parents for the adoption of our approach to the banning of mobile phones.

In the past four weeks we have confiscated less than ten phones from students and there has been only one suspension for refusing to hand in a phone.

Students and staff have already noticed an improved difference in the quality of teaching and learning and increased communication in the yard at recess and lunchtimes. Well done.

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

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.
There's something to be learned from everyone...*

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.



COMPASS
School Manager