



### *Creating the Opportunities*



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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](https://www.facebook.com/portlandsecondarycollege)

**Mon 16 til Wed 18 March**  
Indonesian student visit — CANCELLED.

**Friday 20 March**  
GWR Swimming Carnival — Horsham — CANCELLED.

**Tuesday 24th March**  
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews - CANCELLED.

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

### TERM 2 2020

**Tuesday 14 April**  
First day back Term 2

**Friday 24th April**  
Anzac Day ceremony at school.

**Mon 27 April—Fri 1 May**  
M2 Work Experience

**Friday 8th May**  
PSC Cross Country

**Tues 12, 13, 14 May**  
NAPLAN testing

**Monday 18 May**

# Assistant Principal's Report

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**Jo Kindred** - Assistant Principal.

# 2020 Induction Ceremony

Last week Portland Secondary College held a formal Induction ceremony to acknowledge a large number of students who have accepted the mantle of leadership positions across the College in 2020. The morning started with a formal morning tea catered by our Hospitality students and was followed by a Welcome to Country where an Aboriginal elder conducted a burning ceremony, inviting all students to pass through the ceremonial smoke. Once seated in the gymnasium, students were inducted in a ceremony hosted ably by our College Captains, Ella Sandow and Harold Prichard. Students were inducted for a range of positions including Level Leaders, Mentors, Peer Support, Sport Captains, Music Captains, Live4Life, Student Representative Council and Monitors. We wish all these leaders well in their endeavours.





**Our school is taking a stand against bullying and violence.**



Portland Secondary College has registered to be part of the 2020 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide this Friday, 20th March. However, we'll be holding our activities over the course of this week instead of just on the 20th March.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (National Day of Action) is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools. It's a day where school communities across Australia 'take a stand together' against bullying and violence. Portland Secondary College is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time. We have a number of programs and initiatives taking place this week. These include sessions on cyberbullying, sexting, Bullying and healthy relationships. As part of the week, students will be asked to pledge their support to look after their mates and to be safe and positive on line. The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities. The SSSC is also responsible for the Bullying. No Way! website which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence. Also available on the site is the Take a Stand app for Android, iPhone and iPad, to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand.

# Taking a Stand Against Bullying

Here at Portland Secondary College we have worked very hard over the past few years to both minimise bullying and to educate students on ways to best deal with bullying.

After much negotiation with parents, students and staff, an extensive bullying policy has been developed and implemented. This has included the teaching of curriculum about bullying, the effects on both the bully and the victim and ways to avoid being the bystander who does nothing to help. Topics have included cyber bullying, the dangers inherent in social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, bullying in the work place, developing resilience and effective ways to walk away from bullies without getting hurt. Resources have included talks from community groups, the police, dramatic productions and DVDs as well as a great deal of discussion and information sharing. The whole staff has been trained in using Restorative Practices to resolve conflict where possible which involves students owning and acknowledging their behaviour and making amends. Several helpful hints for parents have been, and will continue to be, published in earlier newsletters, encouraging parents and students not to be too reactionary and to resolve conflict in a calm and controlled manner.

Incoming Year 7 students will be buddied with a trained year 10 student who will spend time in the year 7 classes, helping the new students settle in and to help them overcome any bullying or problems they may encounter as new friendships are formed. This initiative, was developed by four students who attended the Alpine School Campus several years ago, and also provides Year 7 students with a buddy in the yard.

While we don't purport to have all the answers and we acknowledge that bullying at some level will always be an issue in society, there can be no doubt that the most common events of bullying that Coordinators and Assistant Principal's deal with at school is cyber bullying – via text messages on mobiles or on social networking sites. Students need to realise that once they post messages on Facebook or send inappropriate texts to someone else, these messages don't go away, simply because they have been erased; they remain in cyber space and can be retrieved. Parents, as well as schools, have a role to play in monitoring the appropriate use of these sites. Try putting your computer in the lounge room where you can monitor computer activity. Only by working together will we continue to limit the instances of bullying which occurs.

Additionally, this week Portland Secondary College celebrates Bully No Way Day!, taking a stand against bullying. Students will complete a number of activities and make a pledge to stop bullying. Over the next few newsletters we will share with you some parenting advice about bullying and also some pieces of writing which were completed by students about the issue of bullying.



Jo Kindred - Assistant Principal.



*Around the school.....*





## Library News

February is 'Library Lovers' month, and in the library we have had a display of wrapped books students have been able to choose for a 'Blind date with a book'. We have had many happy borrowers reporting their enjoyment of the book they selected, which is exciting.



Pictured are Year 7 students Karrie Sharam and Esther Thompson with their picks from the display stand.

It has also been good to see so many students in the library enjoying playing games and cards or doing jigsaw puzzles since the start of the year.



Right are Saxon Cables, Angus Meade, Karrie Sharam and Veer Singh Chauhan playing Monopoly.

Below are Saxon Cables and Indy Borer playing Break Free, which has been very popular since its recent arrival.

Below are Sam Elford, Brock Spencer, James Brown, Damon Nimbs and Brodan McIntyre enjoying a game of UNO.



With us moving into the flu season and the spotlight on COVID-19, it is timely to remind everyone that the best defence against bacteria and viruses is to wash your hands regularly when dirty, before eating and after using the toilet.

*Nicky Grayson*

Adolescent Health Nurse

# Protect yourself and your family

## Wash your hands regularly



**1**  
**WET** your hands.



**2**  
Put **SOAP** on your hands.



**3**  
**RUB** all parts of your hands until you have a thick lather.



**4**  
**RINSE** your hands under running water.



**5**  
**DRY** your hands thoroughly with a disposable paper towel.

Stay germ free and healthy

A Victorian  
Government  
initiative





# ATHLETICS DAY 2020



## 60 Seconds with.....



**Name and Role:** Joachim Rymarz.

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

Working with my students everyday and getting to know them.

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

The teacher support network.

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

Eddie Redmayne.

**What would the movie be called?**

The man with the unpronounceable name.

**Do you have pets?**

Nah, my family has a Shar pei dog though.

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

“All Quiet on the Western Front” by Erich Remarque.

**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?**

TV with sport and my vinyl music player.

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

Southern France.

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

Lasagne.... vego or meat.

**What makes you smile?**

The thought of a St Kilda premiership someday:).....hopefully in my lifetime.



**YES YOU CAN**  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# CLOTHES SWAP!

Say no to fast fashion and join us  
for a clothes swap.

**PORTLAND LIBRARY**  
**SATURDAY 21 MARCH**  
**11.00AM - 1.00PM**  
**AGES 12-25**

**DROP** → **SHOP** → **WATCH**

**DROP**  
Your clean, neat clothes off to the Portland Library from 12 March onwards. Collect your clothing tokens (1 token per item)

**SHOP**  
Use your tokens to shop and refresh your wardrobe. Get in early for first option.

**WATCH**  
While you shop we will have the 2040 movie screening for you to take a look at.

Snacks and drinks provided




## May Ball Saturday 30th May 2020

We take great pride on organising such an event to raise important funds for our students. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to The Portland Bay School May Ball. We are coming into our 23rd year and we are very excited. The ball has been a huge success for quite some time and it is all thanks to people like you and the Portland Community.

**\$100(Non-refundable) deposit when confirming tables.**

This is due to a waiting list and table holders pulling out days before our event.

**Melbourne Bands:**  
**Chunky Jam**  
Starting at 8pm – 2am  
**\$50 per ticket**

This price will stay at \$50 until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, the week before the ball and then will go to \$60 per ticket, so get in early and save !!!  
(No Denim)

**Strictly NO drinks to be on the dance floor!!!**  
If you have any further queries, please give us a ring on 55232218.

Regards,  
May Ball Committee

77 Henty St, PO Box 317, Portland, Vic, 3305  
Ph: 03 5523 2218 Fax: 03 5521 7839  
Email: portland.bay.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au

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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**





## 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)

## 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.

## 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)

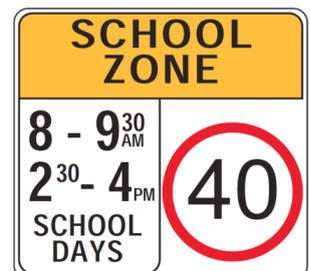


## Reminder to Parents

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)**



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.

## 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

## 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.**

*Wise and Witty Words.  
Be Happy, Be Bright, Be You!!!*

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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