



### *Creating the Opportunities*

#### Principal's Report

Dear parents, carers and community members,

It was wonderful to have the staff and our senior year 11 and 12 students return to school. We are very grateful for the support that families have given during this time. I am sure that for most of us it has had highs and the lows and that we have all learnt a lot about ourselves and each other. We are certainly reflecting on what was positive and how we can keep some of the new practices going.

There were adjustments that had to be made and which will need to continue when our Year 7 to 10 students return. Students will have a special class on their return that has been organised by Nicky Grayson, our school nurse, to reinforce how the students can best look after themselves and their community. We will also be doing regular well-being checks on our students to ensure timely intervention if it is needed.

**Social distancing.** We have minimised events and situations of large student numbers congregating where we can (although students are not required to social distance.)

Students must observe social distancing from staff please in order to reduce the chances of community transfer.

**Hand Hygiene.** All students are expected to regularly wash their hands and to use hand sanitiser. Every staff member has a bottle which they will take to class. Students should avoid borrowing equipment and books from another student.

**Drink bottle.** The drink taps have been turned off and students need to supply their own drink bottles of water,

**Entry and exit** through the nearest door to the class room.

Our staff have worked extremely hard during the time of remote learning, often going over and above. They have adapted their teaching to a new delivery format which required a steep learning curve for many. They were still refining and improving on this when the call came to resume onsite learning. Our Education Support staff swung into fulfilling roles that were new to them too- organising and printing material and adapting to internet link in with students. On top of this many also had their own families at home and shared the anxiety around the unknown COVID-19 outbreaks like we all did. I urge them to have a relaxing long weekend and to take time to look after their own well-being. I thank all staff for the efforts that they have made to meet the various needs of our students.

I repeat the request of students to respect the social distancing for staff please.

**Patricia Nunan** - Principal



Whaler's  
Café  
veggie  
patch.

#### Coming Events

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

Facebook/  
portlandsecondarycollege

**Friday 26th  
June  
Last Day Term 2**

**TERM 3 2020**

**Monday 13th  
July  
First day back at  
school next  
term for staff  
and students.**

# SRC Drink Bottle Fundraiser

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions all bubble taps in the school are out of use. Students will need to bring a water bottle from home, however as an SRC fundraiser we have water bottles for sale from the canteen for \$5.00. They are made from fibres of sugar cane which is an eco-friendly plant. The bottles are moulded and printed right here in Australia and as they are a plant derivative material, they are fully recyclable.

The more students we have using these bottle the less plastic will be used and the less rubbish in our yard. This is a fundraiser from the SRC and the money raised from this will be used to purchase a drink bottle refill station.



Please support the SRC by buying a drink bottle from the canteen for \$5.00.

Liam Doyle - SRC Co-ordinator.

## Uniform Purchases during COVID 19 Restrictions

Before purchasing any uniform item at school, please take note of the size of your existing jumper, jacket etc. so you can purchase your new item. Being able to try on uniforms at school is not an option for the duration of COVID restrictions.

If the size is unsuitable, and in new condition, you will be able to exchange the item.

## INTRODUCING FREE SANITARY PRODUCTS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

The Victorian Government is providing free sanitary pads and tampons in every government school, because being able to access sanitary products shouldn't be a barrier for girls and young women to getting the most out of their education.

This initiative aims to:

- \* Provide students with the confidence that the items will be readily accessible
- \* Relieve students of the stigma, anxiety and discomfort associated with menstruation management
- \* Ease the cost of living for families

Lack of easy access to sanitary items can negatively affect attitudes, behaviours and equal participation in sport and everyday school activities. By providing access these barriers can be broken.

The Government's investment will ensure sanitary items are available at school to help female students, with greater ease and less embarrassment to normalise periods as a healthy part of growing up.

These dispensers have been installed in student toilets across the campus.

# Future Leaders of Industry

On Thursday the 21st of May six Portland Secondary College students who have been accepted into the Future Leaders of Industry and staff had the absolute pleasure of listening to two inspirational speakers, Tane and Angus from Future Crunch. **Gabriella Conheady, Alex Sealey, Jamo Ballantyne, Jade Beattie, Caliaf Cameron and Sophie Anderson** along with staff Jen Pritchard and Suzanne Patterson attended this talk online through zoom which opened our eyes to the possibilities of new ways of communication, while allowing us to connect with one another no matter where we lived. The virtual presentation through zoom spoke about how everything that we do will come at a cost to our environment so we need to start thinking more consciously about our decisions as the new industrial or "digital" revolution is underway. They highlighted the important of artificial intelligence in our daily lives which focuses on the development of technology to perform daily tasks that usually require human intelligence. They also discussed how this will primarily be the foundation of our new revolution. Science makes the seemingly magical real as it allows us to rethink everything that we previously knew. Science will form our next economy!

*Some Students comments included:*

- "The Future Crunch zoom gave us an insight into what the future industries will be like, and how we can be a part of them. It was an eye opening presentation that showed how fast the world is progressing."*
- "It was amazing to know which career paths there are going to be in the near future. We also received tips to help us get there that will be so useful in everyday life."*
- "The future crunch presentation was great to listen to on Thursday. It was definitely an eye opener and an inspiration to our world. The presentation was held online which is something we definitely weren't used to but it seemed to work very well."*

Written by Sophie Anderson - Year 11.



*Pictured left to right: Alex Sealey, Sophie Anderson, Caliaf Cameron, Jade Beattie, Gabrielle Conheady and Jamo Ballantyne.*

# Year 10 Food Studies

Recently in Food Studies, the Year 10s have been investigating 'superfoods'. They have then chosen a recipe that incorporates a number of different superfoods and cooked/prepared a meal using the recipe.

The results are in: Families are very impressed with the presentation, taste and texture of the superfood meals, plus they are super healthy.

Well done team 10, keep up the fantastic work.



Sarah Tunstall: Sweet potato and black bean tortilla.



Thomas Roberts: Sesame chai balls.



Mrs. Gould—Food Studies Teacher.



**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.

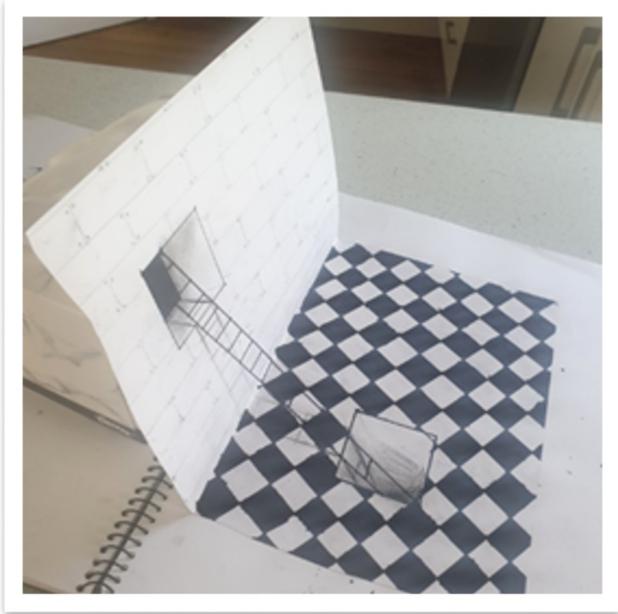
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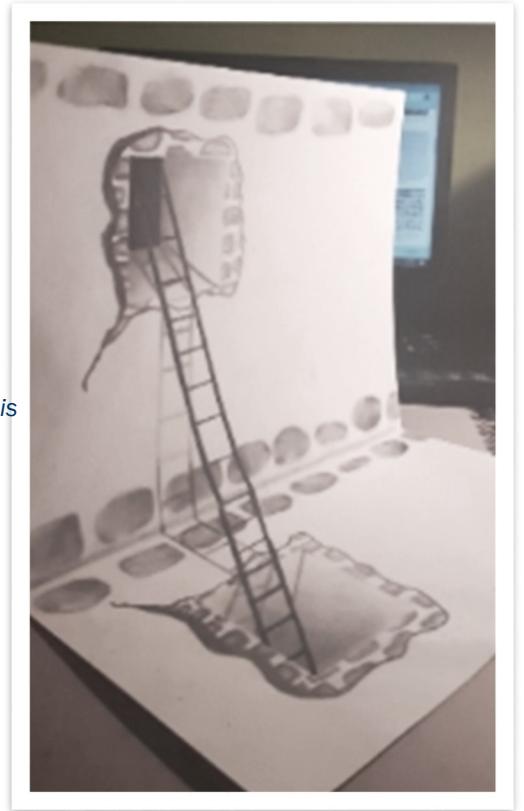
Whaler's Café veggie patch.

Our garden's looking great, look out for some treats using home grown produce.

# Year 9 Graphics



Jamie Dunstan



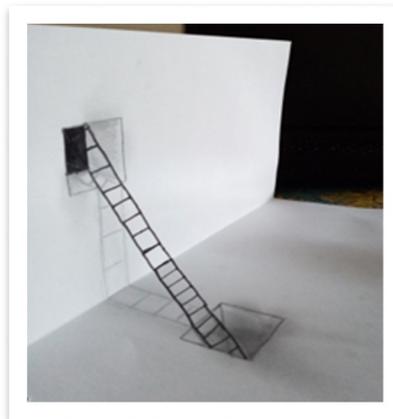
Aishia Hollis

During week 6, Mr Doyle's Year 9 Graphics' students 3D ladder drawings. Well done students.



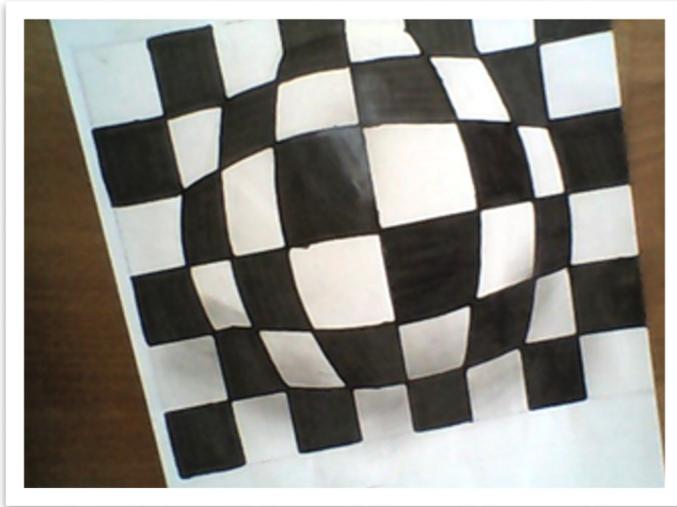
Blade Wilkie

Taylor Roberts



Mr Liam Doyle - Graphics Teacher.

# Year 9 Graphics

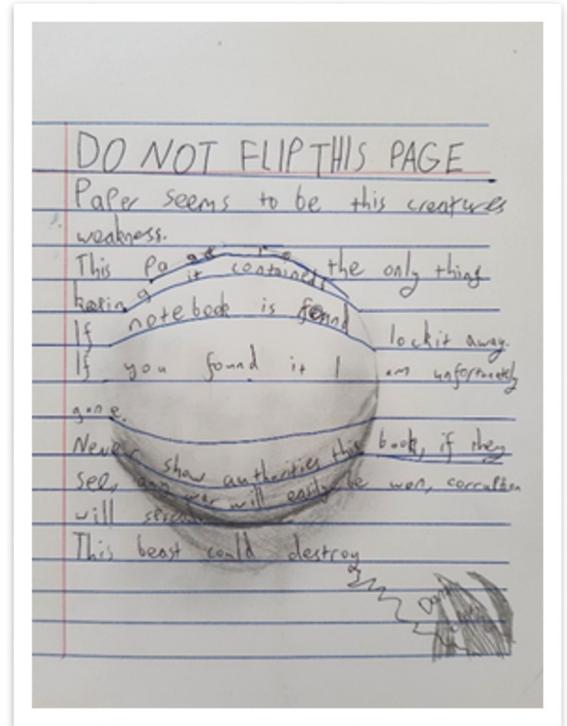


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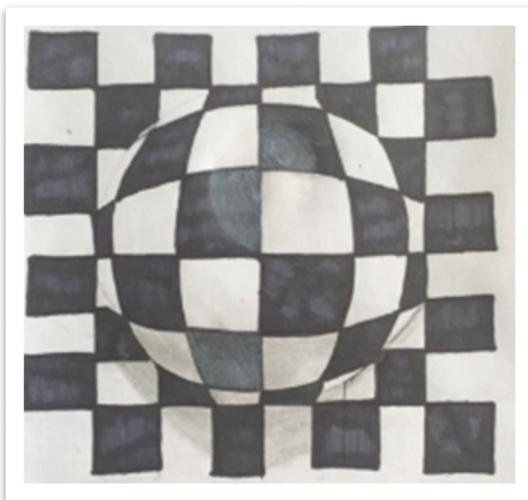
During week 7, Mr Doyle's Year 9 Graphics' students designed 3D Sphere drawings.

Fascinating!

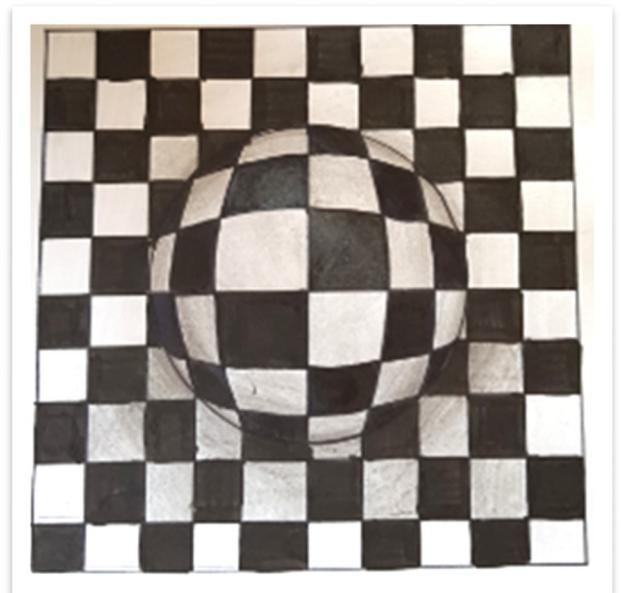
Emma Sheridan



Jordyn Porter



Lily Davis



Mr Liam Doyle - Graphics Teacher.

# 20 ways to be #InThisTogether in 2020

Find all the online links and connection details at [nrw.reconciliation.org.au](http://nrw.reconciliation.org.au)

**1**

Connect online for the National Acknowledgement of Country at 12 pm\* Wednesday 27 May

**2**

Tune in for a live debate: Reconciliation Bridge Walks of 2000: Paving the path for reconciliation, at 12 pm\* Thursday 28 May

**3**

Dance it Together: Deadly musos perform live and online at 8pm\* Friday 29 May

**4**

Capture the QR code on the poster with your phone's camera to make the artwork come alive

**5**

Host an online screening of a Reconciliation Film Club documentary

**6**

Read your virtual copy of *Reconciliation News* on our website

**7**

Host a virtual book club or reading room with our reconciliation *Look for a Book* reading list

**8**

Download the NRW 2020 video conference background to display in your virtual meetings

**9**

Download the poster to display in your front window. Share a picture on social with tags: #InThisTogether2020 and #NRW2020

**10**

Groove out or chill with our reconciliation playlist on Indigitube or Spotify

**11**

Learn more about Nikita Ridgeway's artwork, *Reconciliation, a continuing journey of growth and togetherness* for NRW 2020

**12**

Read the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* and share with your friends

**13**

Learn about the history of the Reconciliation Bridge Walks, held across Australia 20 years ago

**14**

Share your photos and memories of the Reconciliation Bridge Walks on social with the hashtags: #InThisTogether2020 and #NRW2020

**15**

Watch the new documentary *In My Blood it Runs* via Vimeo and check out their free screenings for schools

**16**

Follow Reconciliation Australia on social on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter

**17**

Cook a dish using native ingredients from your local area and share a photo

**18**

Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and enterprises

**19**

Get creative and hold your own virtual NRW 2020 event with family and friends

**20**

Stay safe and healthy, and be involved with your local community – because we are #InThisTogether2020.

\*(all times AEST)



# 1800 Glenelg Together

**A free community  
hotline for Glenelg  
Shire residents  
requiring support  
during the  
Coronavirus  
pandemic.**



The hotline will direct community members to local support services such as:

- Food and hygiene support and deliveries
- Medication deliveries
- Phone check in and support

The hotline will be monitored by the friendly staff at Portland District Health.

You can contact the hotline between the following hours:

- **Monday - Thursday:** 10am - 3pm
- **Friday:** 10am - 4pm

 **Call:** 1800 512 461

 **Email:** [1800GlenelgTogether@swarh.vic.gov.au](mailto:1800GlenelgTogether@swarh.vic.gov.au)

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



Stay germ free and healthy

A Victorian  
Government  
initiative



# Year 8 Textiles

*The first God's eyes were originally made by the Huichol, the Indigenous people of what's now western Mexico. They were made to symbolize protection from the uncertainties of the future. They were called god's eyes because through them a god might keep a watchful eye over the people who made them. God's Eyes generally symbolize an understanding of the unknown, helping us respect differences.*



Bodie Steel



Zali Lipscombe.



Taya Field.



Aysai Andrews

*Our Year 8 Textiles students have made their own versions of this ancient craft. There are some fantastic ideas using different colour combinations and designs. All students were resourceful in locating materials for this task. Well done!*



Maddie Bailey.

*Mrs Catherine Francis.*

**Wise and Witty Words.**  
*Commit yourself to constant self-improvement.*

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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