



PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR TERM 1

What a term it has been. We've had Year 7 Camp, Peer Mentor training, Year 7 BBQ, Open water and pool swimming, a five day lockdown for COVID, several levels of Swimming and Athletic Sports, Scientific beach excursions, Parent Teacher interviews, Photography excursions, Leadership Workshops, visiting authors, Grade Six Transition Day, a visit to the National Constitution Convention, immunisations, The Bay Swim, Archaeological digs, fundraising BBQs, Road Smart talks, work experience, Scholarship Testing, Harmony week celebrations, Chalk Art Day, School Council nominations, the Geography Competition, the Tutoring Initiative, and the list goes on. Lots of activities for students to get involved in.



Additionally, all students have been focussing on their learning and in the last week, all students would have competed major assessment pieces of work in all subjects. Students are to be congratulated on all the hard work they have completed and enjoy their holiday break but remember that most subjects, especially those in the more senior levels will have set homework for completion over the holidays.

Portland Secondary College runs a number of support programs, particularly in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Students in the Junior forms can access help through Quick Smart and Getting Ready in Numeracy Programs in Numeracy and MacqLit in Literacy. There is additional support supplied in both these areas, particularly in Years 8 and 10. This support for students has been ongoing over many years. In 2021, Portland Secondary College is pleased to be able to offer additional support and extension to some students in all subject areas as part of the Tutoring Initiative. This is supported by special government funding to address gaps in learning which might have occurred during lockdown in 2020. Staff are working side by side with selected students and will shortly move into small withdrawn groups. Tutors are also working with staff to assist in the classroom.

On a sad note, ex-Teacher Ms Judy Lane passed away this week. Many families will remember Judy for the support she gave to students over many years as our Student Welfare Coordinator. Judy retired in 2015 but was still a regular visitor to the College and she will be sorely missed.

Happy Easter and have a great break. We'll see you all back next term.



Jo Kindred
Principal

Up and Coming Events

- Thursday 1 April Last Day of Term 1
- Friday 2 April Good Friday
- Monday 19 April First Day of Term 2
- Wednesday 21 April Year 9 Morrisby Testing
- Thursday 29 & Friday 30 April Tertiary Tour

This year RE registered in **A Taste of Harmony** for the Humanities PLAT – a delicious way to celebrate our workplace cultural diversity with food and stories.

The Bat Cave hosted a lunch and were required to bring a plate of food to share with the team. Dishes from cultural backgrounds, cultures that staff had a strong affinity with and food from a culture you have not tried before. It was up to the individual if they made it from scratch or pick-up something pre-made. Risotto, meatballs, lamingtons, hot chocolate, cakes and sweets, antipasto, Adobo, Tres leche! We took a trip around the world, Italy, Sweden, Spain, Philippines, Australia, England, Asia, Mexico, and Germany.

Staff talked about family traditions, food from our grandparents, what recipes we need to practice (what we can't cook).

RE will extend the celebration to next term for students to participate as part of their studies.

Thanks Bat Cave for participating and Ms Hart for sharing.



**Celebrate
cultural
diversity
at work!**

15-26
March 2021

tasteofharmony.org.au

**Reminder that CSEF
applications close at
the end of Term 2**

For further information please call
the General Office or visit:
[www.education.vic.gov.au/about/
programs/Pages/csef.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx)

Term 2 Sport Events

Year 9/10 Football

Year 11/12 Football

Cross Country

Any questions can be
directed to Nathan Adams

MONTANNAH PERRETT



Bundarra Primary School

Montannah had an exciting week at Bundarra Primary School. She assisted in Year 1/2 class, and had a great time at the school athletic sports.

STACEY FINCK



Portland Primary School

Stacey had a busy and fun week at Portland Primary school assisting in the prep classroom.

HAYLEY SMITH



Main Street Cafe

Hayley completed work experience at the Main street Café where she was able to assist with food preparation, cleaning and making milk shakes and hot drinks.

TERM 1 WORK EXPERIENCE



KOBI BANNAM



Ellwoods Transport

Kobi is in his second year of a School Based Apprenticeship (SBA) at Ellwoods Transport. Kobi attends the workplace one day per week as part of his VCAL program and trade school at least once a term at South West TAFE in Warrnambool studying Automotive.

JENNIFER BROWN



Portland Bay School

Jennifer learnt that it is very important to be patient with students at the Bay School where she enjoyed her week.

Ellwood Transport

Darcy enjoyed the week at Ellwoods Transport assisting the mechanics with services and general maintenance of the trucks.



DARCY CAMPBELL

Year 9 Bay Swim

Students from Year 9 ventured down to the Portland foreshore on Wednesday the 24th of March to complete the Bay Swim Challenge. While the conditions on the day left something to be desired, 54 students from Year 9 braved the dreary weather to swim across the Portland bay. Although it was cold and wet outside, most swimmers reported that the water was quite warm and made for an enjoyable swim.

This was the culmination of 8 weeks work and play at Nun's Beach to build on students' confidence, skills, teamwork and safety in an open water setting. Using the 'Buddy System' and Survival Strokes, students recognised the importance of staying calm, conserving energy and working together to swim a distance in open water that they might otherwise think was hard work or impossible.

Congratulations to all the Year 9's who completed the challenge, demonstrating PSC's values of Resilience, Respect and Success.

A big thankyou to Miss Morley, the Year 9 Team, the HPE Team and all other staff who volunteered to help. Thank you also to volunteers from the Bridgewater Surf Life Saving Club who helped to supervise and support on the day.

Another big thankyou must also go to Suzanne Paterson, Mrs Hollis and Nathan Adams for organizing and cooking a BBQ for the students who participated to enjoy after completing the swim.



Year 10 Road Smart

Road Smart reinforces the road safety message and gives Year 10 (or equivalent) students the tools they need to be safer on the roads.

Here are some of the students' reflections from the session held on Monday 22nd March 2021:

" On the highway when they have a fence in the middle of the two roads. If you crash into them it can prevent you from far more damage."

" I found it interesting how much the speed affected the crash."

"L platers cause least car crashes."

"P platers cause the most crashes."

"It surprised me how many people die a year from car crashes."

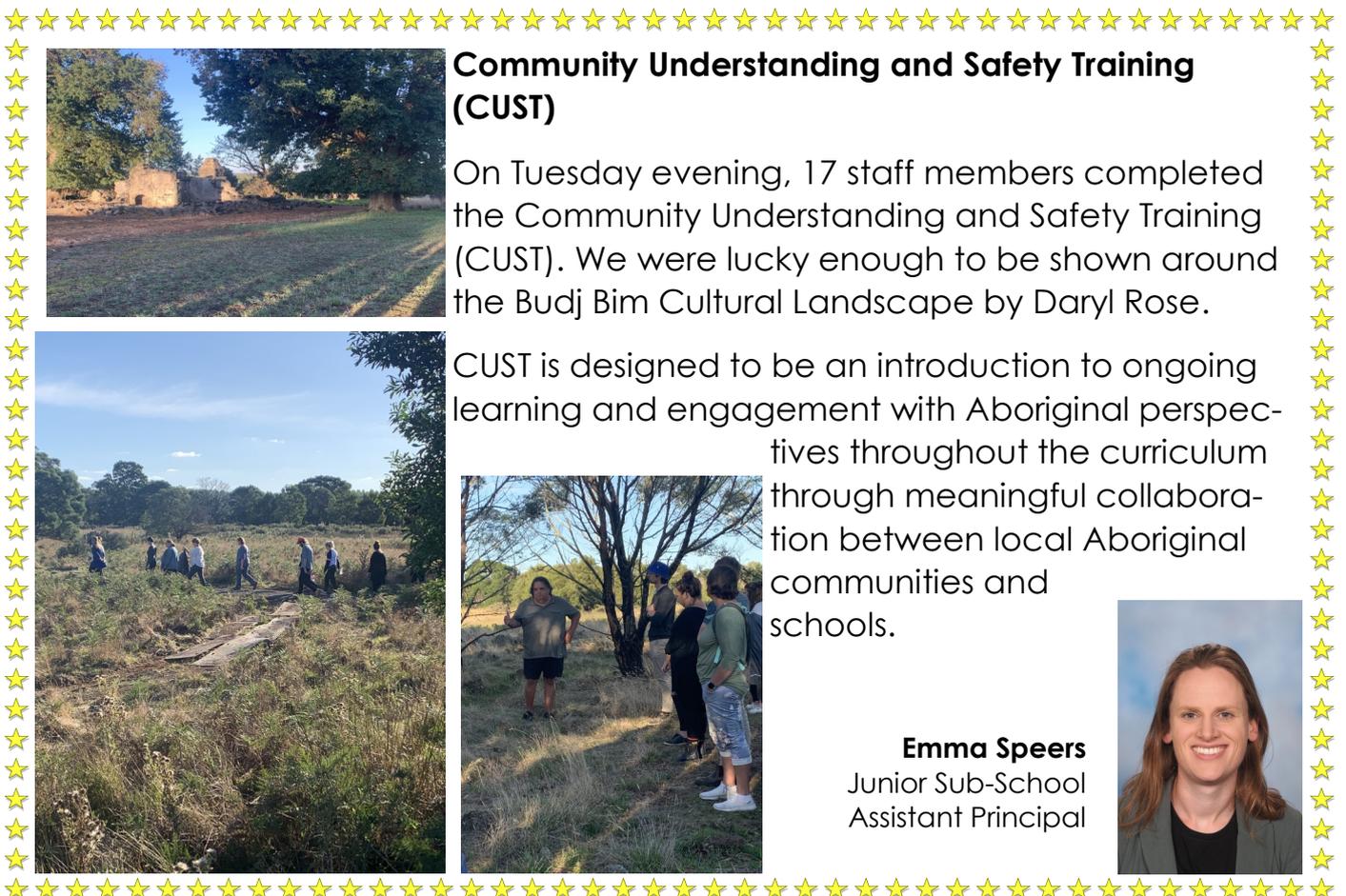
"Green P Platers are more reckless and have heaps of crashes."

"Barriers actually keep you from going on the other side of the road."

"I didn't know you can't use blue tooth on your P's."



Suzanne Patterson
Year 10 Student Engagement Leader |
MIPS/Careers Dev. Coord | Koorie Liaison
Officer



Community Understanding and Safety Training (CUST)



On Tuesday evening, 17 staff members completed the Community Understanding and Safety Training (CUST). We were lucky enough to be shown around the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape by Daryl Rose.



CUST is designed to be an introduction to ongoing learning and engagement with Aboriginal perspectives throughout the curriculum through meaningful collaboration between local Aboriginal communities and schools.



Emma Speers
Junior Sub-School
Assistant Principal



Chalk Art Day - Thursday 25th March

Some great art work was produced by our students displaying a range of techniques.



Liam Doyle
Visual and Performing Arts PLAT
Leader



**Attention
Staff and
Students!**

Get a team
together to
support a great
initiative.

Google Pickleball for a
demonstration.



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FITNESS LEVELS**

Library News

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has just released its list of Notable Books for 2021, our library has books from a number of categories including the Older and Younger Readers. The last 8 of the 15 books of the notables for older readers (the first 7 were featured in the last newsletter). We have all of these books available in the Library and many are also available

NOTABLE BOOKS FOR OLDER READERS



The F Team by Rawah Arja

Tariq Nader is the leader of 'The Wolf Pack' at Punchbowl High, he has been commanded by the new principal to join a football competition with his mates in order to rehabilitate the public image of their school. When the team is formed, Tariq learns half of the team is made up of boys from Cronulla, aka enemy territory. At school Tariq thinks he has life all figured out until he falls for a new girl called Jamila, who challenges everything he thought he knew. At home, his outspoken ways have brought him into conflict with his family. Now, with complications on all fronts, he has to dig deep to control his anger, and find what it takes to be a leader.



Before the Beginning by Anna Morgan.

Schoolies week: that strange in-between time when teenagers move from school into the adult world. It's a week when anything is possible, and everything can change. Overachieving, anxiety-ridden Noah is reeling from a catastrophe that might have ruined his ATAR result. And Elsie is just trying to figure out how to hold their friendship group together. On the first night of the trip, they meet Sierra, a mysterious girl with silver-grey hair and a magnetic personality.



The Left-handed Booksellers of London by Garth Nix.

Set in 1980s London follows one girl's quest to find her father, leading her to a secret society of magical fighting booksellers who police the mythical Old World when it disastrously intrudes into the modern world.



Loner by Georgina Young.

Set in Melbourne, Loner is a humorous and heartfelt exploration of new adulthood. Lona kills her days by sneaking into the dark room to develop photographs. She kills her nights DJ-ing the roller disco at Planet Skate. She is inexplicably, debilitatingly in love with a bespectacled Doctor Who-obsessed former classmate, and in comfortable, platonic love with her best friend Tab. Lona works hard to portray a permanent attitude of cynicism and ennui but will her carefully constructed persona be enough to protect her from the inevitable sorrows and unexpected joys of adult life?



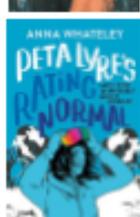
The Lost Soul Atlas by Zana Fraillon.

Twig is alone as a newly-made street kid after his dad goes missing. But when he meets Flea, a cheerful pickpocket, the pair become fast friends. But then Twig wakes up in the Afterlife with just a handful of memories from Earth and one big question ... *how did he get there*. Loyalty will be tested, and a cruel twist of fate will lead to an act of ultimate betrayal in this epic story that spans a city, a decade, and the divide of life and death itself.



When Rain Turns To Snow by Jane Godwin

Lissa is confronted by Reed, a distressed young stranger with a baby. He's a runaway with a secret that will prove to be life-changing for Lissa and her family



Peta Lyre's Rating Normal by Anna Whateley

Peta Lyre is far from typical. The world she lives in isn't designed for the way her mind works, but when she follows her therapist's rules for 'normal' behaviour, she can almost fit in without attracting attention.

When a new girl, Sam, starts at school, Peta's carefully structured routines start to crack. But on the school ski trip, with romance blooming and a newfound confidence, she starts to wonder if maybe she can have a normal life after all.

When things fall apart, Peta must decide whether all the old rules still matter. Does she want a life less ordinary, or should she keep her rating normal?



Metal Fish, Falling Snow by Cath Moore

A warm, funny and highly original portrait of a young girl's search for identity and her struggle to deal with grief. Through families lost and found, this own-voices story celebrates the resilience of the human heart and our need to know who we truly are.

Mobile Phone Reminder to families: If a student is caught with their mobile phone on school grounds, the phone will be taken to the General Office until the end of the day. A parent or guardian must collect.



VET Ready sausage sizzle overview

By Montannah and Stacey of Year 10 VET Ready

Friday the 26th of March, the Year 10 Vet Ready class held a sausage sizzle fundraiser for the Cancer Council. The Cancer Council was chosen because everybody knows someone who has had or have been affected by cancer.

The class sold \$2 sausages and \$2 drinks with a \$5 deal of two sausages and a drink. Majority of students bought with the \$5 deal and overall, the event raised \$200 to donate to the Cancer Council.

Everyone worked as a team and got most of the work done in a timely manner. There were groups of people cooking, serving, dealing with money, and documenting the event.



New Water Dispenser

On Thursday 25th March the SRC had the chance to meet with Nina Laitlaia, the CEO of VicSRC. Nina is an ex-student of Portland Secondary College and was very happy to be back and talk to us about what we were doing with the SRC and other student leadership projects.

Meeting with Nina gave us an opportunity for her to share her experiences as CEO of VicSRC and discuss how other schools are developing their student leadership. We came away from the meeting with lots of good ideas and are looking forward to working on them this year.

We will be keeping in touch with Nina throughout the year to find out what support VicSRC can give us and events we get involved in and to share our ideas and experiences with other schools.

This year the SRC is happy to announce that they have been able to get a drink bottle refill station installed for students/staff to use. We encourage everyone to bring their drink bottle to school and use



the refill station. By doing this we will be able to cut down on the number of plastic bottles we use, help reduce the rubbish in the yard and promote healthy lifestyle choices.

After a large number of requests from students we will be introducing a school beanie that students will be able to buy next term. The beanie will be navy blue with a pompom and have the school logo on it, making it an optional part of the school uniform and the official school beanie.

Student Jasmin demonstrates the new water dispenser with her drink bottle.

Liam Doyle

Visual and Performing Arts PLAT Leader | SRC



Archaeological Dig - Tuesday 30th March

On a warm afternoon, the Year 11 Ancient History crew set out to undertake an archaeological dig on school grounds. We brought plenty of good spirit and can-do attitude as well as shovels, trowels and other kit needed by budding historians.

The crew dug down in search of ancient treasures from the past such as Egyptian mummies or Victorian china dolls and even prehistorical man bones! On Thursday the team will proceed to place into the earth their own creations from back in time.

Waiting for the next budding Ancient History crew to unearth their secrets in the future!



Andrew Harris

Humanities PLAT Leader



Community News

We love hearing from our community, please contact us if you have an event or story to share.

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