



# PORLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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"To develop creative, articulate, respectful and resourceful young people able to contribute positively to the global community."

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## **Message from the Principal:**

- The end of Term 3 has rolled around again and, once again, finished with most students completing their learning remotely. Congratulations to all staff, students and families who are demonstrating remarkable resilience and persistence as they continue to navigate this space. It's not easy and everyone is to be commended on their efforts. At the time of writing this our return to school and onsite learning is unknown. Hopefully all students will return in Term 4 with this information likely to be confirmed over the School holidays. We will post details of the student's return on Compass and Facebook when we have some news.
- Our Year 12 Students returned onsite last Friday and are working hard in the lead up to their exams. This week we've enjoyed a range of fun activities around the seriousness of course completion and exam preparation with lunch packs for all students last week, healthy yoghurt, fruit and granola on Monday, cakes and slices on Tuesday, croissants, smoothies and juice breakfast on Wednesday and pies, pastries and sausage rolls on Thursday. Friday will be a casual day for Year 12. We've also played a staff student Basketball game with the teachers emerging victorious, mostly because the students let us win, and the hunt is on each day for the Rubber Ducks, toys which are hidden in the College somewhere each day – the finder wins a hamper of goodies. Over the school holiday break these students will be working hard, revising material and attending online exam preparation lectures. They then return to school for a couple of weeks of practice exams and the General Achievement test which will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, so they have a busy few weeks ahead of them. Good luck in your studies!
- Thank you to our Senior VCAL students who this week wrote thanking the front line workers delivering COVID 19 injections to our local community. In their individual letters the students wrote, "Thank you for all the hard work you are doing to keep our community safe during this time. We appreciate your dedication and selflessness working on the frontlines to keep our community safe. Through your sacrifices and commitment to healthcare, I have been inspired to take care of myself and my community, and your efforts, sacrifices, commitment, and leadership during these uncertain times is really appreciated! I am trying to encourage others to stay home and take care of each other also, as we are all in this together. Please take care of yourself!" Well done to these students for recognising the efforts of others in our community.
- On that note, we have been advised by the Department of Education that as part of the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out, from Monday 13 September, all Victorians aged 12 and older are eligible to book and receive a COVID-19 vaccine at a state vaccination centre, a Commonwealth vaccination centre, or through a GP clinic, pharmacy or community health service.

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**Jo Kindred**  
Principal



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Vaccination is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect our school community from further outbreaks and the spread of COVID-19. The Victorian Government's aim is to provide an opportunity for all children aged 12 years and older to receive at least one vaccine dose by the end of the school year. Students aged 12 to 15 can book their own appointment and may be able to consent to vaccination themselves if the health professional assesses them to be a mature minor. This means that the health professional assesses that they understand the information relevant to this decision to be vaccinated and the effect of that decision. Where a student is not considered to be a mature minor by the health professional, the health professional will seek consent from the student's parent/carer. Bookings for a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine can be made for children aged 12 years and older via state vaccination centres, Commonwealth vaccination centres, GP clinics, pharmacies and community health services. You can book your appointment online or by calling the vaccine provider nearest to you.

I urge all students and families to take a break from the screens over the holidays and to enjoy some lovely Spring weather. Stay safe and healthy and we hope to see everybody back ready for Term 4.

**Jo Kindred**  
Principal



## Student Scholarships

Scholarships are available for Year 4-11 students, Year 12 students planning to undertake tertiary studies in 2022, and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students planning on completing Years 11 and 12.

### **Year 4-12 student scholarships**

The Department of Education and Training manages a number of scholarships which are available to students who are currently enrolled in Years 4-12.

#### **Applicants for these scholarships are evaluated on their:**

- participation in school activities
- community involvement
- academic record for the current year.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or for the duration of the student's course/study annually.

Applications for these scholarships, number of which have specific eligibility criteria, will open on 1 October 2021 and close on 28 February 2022.

**For more information and a list of available scholarships check out the 2021 Student Scholarships for Years 4-12 Factsheet attached in Compass Post.**

# SEPTEMBER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The competition theme for September is -  
"WHAT I SEE"

What interesting things do you see  
when you are going for a walk or  
just wandering around?

The entries must be submitted to the  
**'PSC-2021 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION'**  
group on MS Teams before the 30th -  
you will need to search for the team  
and 'Join' or add this Team code - lxs5a5l  
(any questions please see Miss Taylor).



## Attention Year 7 Families!

Please note that the  
2<sup>nd</sup> dose of the HPV  
immunisation for Year 7  
students is  
postponed until  
further notice from the  
Glenelg Shire Council.

## Re-Engagement Campus



Left: Students completing their Mental Health First Aid certificate with Catherine Walder and Lee-Anne Nelson and will be finished in Term 4.

Below: Mrs Gould enjoying her first day teaching at RE with student Kiella.



Above: Students from RE have been a part of the Julia Street Creative Space Laneways project assisting Andrew and Robyn construct the new fence/art installation



**Christine Hart**  
Satellite Campus Manager

**URGENT**

## ATTENTION YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

**Please read below and if you do not receive the first email on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October you need to contact Donna Matthews via TEAMS with your current email address.**

**This is extremely important to be correct so that you receive your results on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Registration email for End of Year VCE results delivery**

On Thursday 7 October, the VCAA will send a registration confirmation email to all students who are enrolled in a VCE Unit 3-4 sequence or VCE VET scored Unit 3-4 sequence, and who have a valid email address entered in VASS by their home school.

Students should be aware that the sender of this email is [vass.support@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:vass.support@education.vic.gov.au) and the subject of the email is 'Confirmation Email Registration for VCE Results Delivery'.

### **ACTION:**

Inform current students who are enrolled in a VCE Unit 3-4 sequence or VCE VET scored Unit 3-4 sequence, and who have an email address recorded in VASS to expect an email containing a Confirmation Email Registration for VCE Results Delivery message on Thursday 7 October.

Where a Confirmation Email Registration for VCE Results Delivery email is successfully received, no action is required.

Please advise students that if they do not receive this email or have incorrectly received it, they should:

- check their SPAM folders
- amend any incorrectly recorded email addresses at their school on VASS
- that the VCAA will send a second confirmation Email Registration for VCE Results Delivery email, containing a sample of results, on the Wednesday 27 October, enabling students to validate any amended addresses
- that the VCAA will send a third email for final confirmation in late November.

Email addresses for students undertaking scored Units 3-4 studies must be finalised on VASS before Friday 12 November.

Students' results will be sent to their email address from 7am AEST Thursday 16 December 2021.

Students who have registered email addresses that have been validated can apply for Statement of Marks and Statement of Study Score to be emailed directly to that email address following results release.

**Donna Matthews**  
VASS Coordinator



# Portland Secondary Pet Parade

Last week, 9E and Portland Secondary staff participated in a pet parade to share our favorite images of our shared pets. From pets that are scaly and swim to man's best friend, Portland Secondary staff and 9E students took online learning by storm with their furry friends! It was great to see students and staff get involved alike and brought smiles to faces to see our treasured four-legged (and finned) family members.

Dakota Robinson



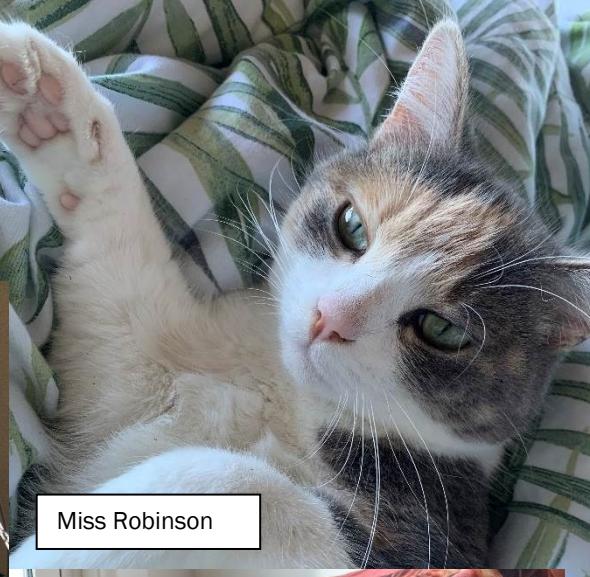
Sienna, 9E



Vicki



Miss Robinson



Year 8 office



Ms Jennings



Tania



Ms Collins



Mrs Hollis



Sam, 9E



Aysia, 9E



# 2021 NAPLAN Report

**NAPLAN results were released last week and the results were pleasing for the State of Victoria and Portland Secondary College.**

Across the State, Year 7 students achieved the highest scores of any jurisdiction for the foundation skills of Reading and Numeracy, and our Year 9 students achieved the highest scores for Spelling. Victoria also improved on our 2019 results. Reading was a particular highlight, with students in years 3, 5 and 7 demonstrating significant improvement.

Across secondary schools, more students are achieving in the top two bands of Reading compared to 2019 and there are fewer students in the bottom two bands.

Year 7 students improved in Reading, Writing and Spelling compared to 2019 and achieved the highest scores of any state or territory for Reading and Numeracy.

For the first time, almost 19,000 Year 9 students are receiving certificates to recognise their excellence or significant learning growth on their Year 7 NAPLAN results. This trend was similar for students in Years 7 and 9 at Portland Secondary College. At Year 7 there was significant improvement in Reading, Writing and Spelling, with Spelling showing the best results. Numeracy and Grammar and Punctuation results were very similar to the last year the NAPLAN test was sat.

At Year 9 there was significant improvement in Grammar and Punctuation and Spelling with Numeracy, and Reading being very similar to last results and Writing decreasing slightly, an area of focus for the new year.

A number of Year 9 students have been awarded Significant Learning Growth Certificates to recognise the huge improvement they have made on their Year 7 NAPLAN results. Congratulations to Oscar Barbary, Lachlan Compton, Brennan Joyce, Holly O'Brien, Cooper Peatling, Dominyk Rice, Ben Scard, Charley Thorp, Samantha Venuto, Sky Baker, Scarlett Sanelli and Chad Hollis for awards in Reading.

In Numeracy, awards go to Blake Carr, Christian Duhilag, Beau Edwards, Chad Hollis, Matilda Lipscombe and Charlie Piergrosse. Three Year 9 students received Excellence Awards in reading as they did extremely well in this area. Congratulations to Kelle Harper, Scarlett Sanelli and Bodie Steel.

These awards will be posted out to students and all students will receive a detailed breakdown of their results upon their return to school next term.



**Jo Kindred**  
**Principal**

# *Do you like Music?*

**The Portland Secondary College Music Department offers students opportunities to study musical instruments with private tutors. The instruments available for tuition are:**

-flute	-trumpet	-keyboard/ piano	-voice
-saxophone	-trombone	-guitar	-ukulele
-clarinet	-tuba	-drums and percussion	-bass guitar

Lessons are conducted weekly, though availability is dependent on the number of students enrolled for a particular instrument. Each lesson is 30 minutes in length and is scheduled according to a rotating timetable so that students do not miss the same subject on a regular basis. Students are strongly encouraged to join one of the school's music ensembles and gain practice performing their instrument at concerts and events held throughout the year.

An enquiry by the Victorian Parliament (2013) into the extent, benefits and potential of music education in Victorian Schools found that, in addition to the intrinsic value of learning music, music education can have many other benefits for students, including:

- enhanced student engagement and wellbeing
- increased personal and social development
- increased fine motor skills Increased ability to work within a team
- establishing higher order coordination skills contributing to learning in other subject areas through the development of abstract thinking processes

**Private instrumental tuition is now free, and hire for most instruments is available through the school. If an instrument is not available you may purchase your own or wait until one becomes available. Students are responsible for taking care of school instruments.**

We encourage you to extend yourself, become inspired, and think creatively!

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# First Day back for Year 12's



The return to school has been positive, students seem to be enjoying their time together.

Students have commented that it's good to be in a classroom with other students, it has increased motivation to get the work done and it's been great to be able to bounce ideas off each other, rather than working on your own at home where staying focused on the tasks is more challenging.

Student services have provided food for students most days this week on site and there have been fun activities like staff vs students basketball and dodgeball (staff are clearly the more athletic of the two groups!)

Today we're having Mario Kart and Just Dance competitions (in between classes, of course!).



**Debbie Cobby**  
Year 12 Student  
Engagement Leader



## Please refer to Compass Post for Letter to Parents.

To help support the safe conduct of end-of-year exams, the Victorian Government has announced a vaccination blitz for final year students (all Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Units 3/4 students and final year Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)), their teachers and exam supervisors and assessors.

From Tuesday 7 September and until Friday 17 September, final year students, their teachers and VCE exam supervisors and assessors will have access to priority timeslots to attend their vaccination appointment at a vaccination centre.

All appointments are to be made through the dedicated appointment booking hotline. The hotline number is 1800 434 144. The hotline will operate from 8am to 8pm. Year 12 students will be able to book from 8am Monday 6 September. Other Unit 3/4 students (e.g Year 11 students completing a Unit 3/4 subject) can book from 8am Wednesday 8 September.

There is no need to rush, there is enough vaccine supply for all eligible students and staff.

In Portland, the dedicated blitz clinics are:

**Thursday 09 September 1.00pm to 3.00pm**

**Thursday 16 September 1.00pm to 4.00pm**

**Please request these specific times and dates to ensure the hotline staff locate the appropriate clinics in Portland.**

The clinic is at the Portland Civic Hall, 30 Bentinck Street, Portland.



**Carla Shiel**  
Senior School Assistant Principal

# First Day back for Year 12's

Welcoming our Year 12 students back to school on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, the Year 12 teachers took on the students in a game of basketball. With everyone well fed thanks to the incredible canteen ladies, teachers and students both took to the court ready to win. The Year 12s certainly brought the numbers and energy with them, as many of them gathered on the mezzanine to cheer on their classmates.

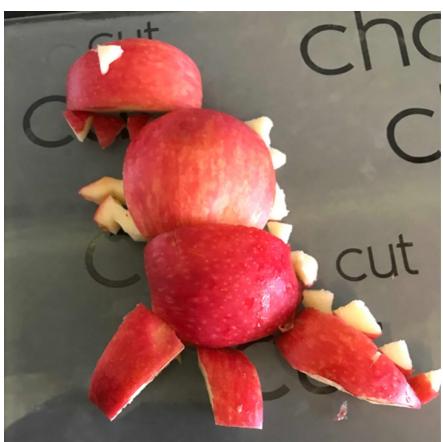
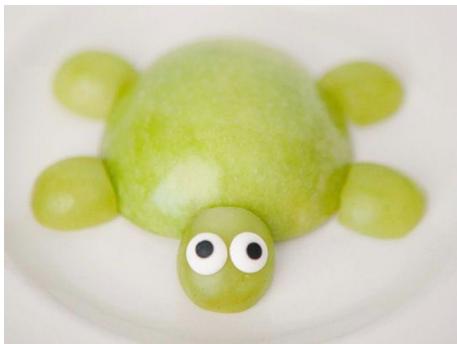
The game was played in good spirits and was hotly contested. While it seemed at times that the teachers were overwhelmed by the sheer pace and youthfulness of the students, they made up for it with their experience and finesse. The lead changed many times throughout the game, but it was the teachers who emerged victorious with a 16 points to 12 win.

Well done to everyone involved. I'm sure the Year 12s will be keen to get back at the teachers in the next staff vs students competition.



**Nathan Adams**  
Sport and Admin Trainee

Year 7 Food Studies - These are some of the great fruit creations from Year 8 A,B and C during remote learning.



## Year 10 Food Studies with

Miss Logan!



## Lucky Ducky



Each day this week little yellow ducks have been placed around the school and whoever finds them received a gift from Student Services. Lunches and recess have also been arranged to show a little TLC for our Year 12 students in what had been a difficult time.



## Staff V Students



On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September the Year 12 teachers and students went head-to-head in a dodgeball competition. No doubt motivated by their lack of success so far against the teachers, the Year 12 students came out in force to put on a dodgeball masterclass. Student reinforcements still didn't help the teachers as they failed to register a win, going down three games to zero. Experiencing the winning feeling for the first time, the Year 12s are sure to be hungry for more!



# Library News:

Book Week to be continued! Stay tuned in Term 4.

Congratulations to Mykaylah AUGUSTAKIS for winning the remote 'match the staff member to their favourite book' competition, well done to everyone who entered and thanks especially to all the staff who contributed. While we are still in lockdown, the #bookface competition will continue to run, you don't have to use a book if you don't have one that works, you can print out a cover and use that. Enter via the Photography competition stream in Teams. Here is Library Trainee Marlowe Richmond's entry.

The Book Week dress up day will be held during Term 4 on a date to be announced, so now you have extra time, why not work on your costume?



Don't forget that the library is still eBook and the audiobook library is still operating 24/7 during the holidays. You can access these via the Library web app (under the star menu in Compass) - log in via SSO using your Compass username and password.

The screenshot shows the library's homepage with a blue header featuring the school logo and the text "Portland Secondary College". Below the header is a navigation bar with links for Home, Search, Visual Search, Quick Lists, Reserves, My List, and Print. A search bar with the placeholder "Search" and a magnifying glass icon is centered. The main content area is divided into several sections: "PSC eBook library" with a bookshelf icon; "Great reads!" showing book covers for "TRUELIFE3" by Jay Kristoff and "Basketball camp champ"; "Need help with a bibliography?" linking to "PSC citation maker"; "Copyright free images" with a link to "http://www.pics4learning.com/"; "World Book online" with a "WORLD BOOK ONLINE" button; "Echo education" with a description of the service; "Try out One Search!" with a "One Search" button; and "Using the web app" with a "Accessit" button. At the bottom right is a portrait of Janelle Collins, Library Manager | Teacher.

**Janelle Collins**  
Library Manager | Teacher





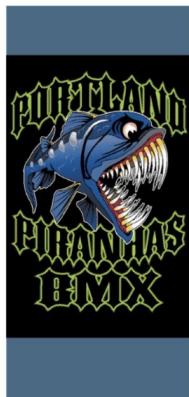
## Community News

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

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**October  
2nd  
2021**



# BMX COME N TRY



**FREE  
EVENT  
10:30 -  
12:30**



### PORLTAND BMX CLUB

For more information and registration please go to our facebook page or [ridenation.com.au](http://ridenation.com.au) and search Portland BMX Club.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MADDY 0409618405

**2021  
PORT FAIRY  
MARATHON**  
Community Running Festival

**14 NOVEMBER 2021**  
[portfairy-marathon.com.au](http://portfairy-marathon.com.au)

**MARATHON    HALF MARATHON  
10KM    3.5KM**



Please check with club / association Facebook Pages for updated Covid restrictions before heading to scheduled event.



## TWILIGHT NETBALL COMPETITION 2021-22

Twilight Netball starts  
Monday 4 October 2021

Registration Night:  
Monday 13 September 2021  
from 5 - 6.30



Contact us if you need more information or have questions:  
Email: [portland-netball-association@hotmail.com](mailto:portland-netball-association@hotmail.com)  
Phone Sue Muldoon on 0438 552 351  
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**PORLTAND DISTRICT HEALTH  
VACCINATION CLINIC**  
UPDATED 14/9/21

<b>PFIZER</b>	<b>ASTRA ZENECA</b>
Thu 16 Sept - Fully Booked	Fri 17 Sept - Appointments available
Thu 23 Sept - Fully Booked	& Walk ins available 9-11.30am and 2-4pm
Fri 01 Oct - Appointments available	Sat 18 Sept - Appointments available
Sat 02 Oct - Appointments available	& Walk ins available 8.30am-12.30pm
Sat 09 Oct - Dose 2 VCE student session - book direct with PDH	Thu 30 Sept - Appointments available

We are now taking bookings for all people 12 years and over

**BOOK ONLINE:** <https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au>

**OR CALL 1800 675 398 - please make sure you quote above clinic dates to get a booking**

The above link will list ALL general public sessions

VCE blitz appointments must be booked directly with PDH on 5521 0352 or [vaccination.pdh@swarh.vic.gov.au](mailto:vaccination.pdh@swarh.vic.gov.au)

Also use these details if you are experiencing difficulties with the government website

booking system

**PDH Vaccination Clinic 30 Bentinck Street, Portland - Civic Hall**

*Our Community Your Health*

