



PORTLAND 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:

On Friday 29 October, our school will celebrate World Teachers' Day and recognise the incredible contributions our teachers make to our community. On this day, we will recognise the passion our teachers have, and how teaching has extended beyond the classroom to maintain connections through remote learning. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity for our community to say 'thank you'. I personally would like to say thank you to all Portland Secondary College teachers for their resilience, leadership and adaptability throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and for the education, motivation, support and inspiration they provide to the younger members of our school community.

Applications are now open for the Marrung Education Scholarships program which provides financial support for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students to complete years 11 and 12. The program offers 20 scholarships of \$5000 each, spread over two years. The scholarships can be used for a range of education-related items, such as school equipment. The scholarships recognise students who demonstrate a high potential to succeed in their chosen pathway. Students eligible for the scholarships must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, completing Year 10 at a Victorian government school and planning on completing Year 11 and 12 at a Victorian government school. To apply for a Marrung Education Scholarship, eligible students should see the Principal for an application form.

Principals have been asked to remind students and families that students should not sign up to external social media applications, such as Discord, using their school credentials. Discord, as just one example, is a chat-based social network, targeted at gamers and primarily for adults. Some schools have recently been associated with inappropriate online behaviour, including cyber-bullying and exposure to offensive material, after students signed up to Discord using their school email address. That email address is supplied to students purely to communicate with their teachers and to send emails using Compass.

Now that we are slowly returning to normal conditions it is expected that the College will once again be able to hold assemblies, have parents and visitors on site, have students travel to camps, interschool sport and debating activities and even visit the YMCA for sporting activities. School tours and transition visits can begin again and students from different year levels can mix in a classroom setting. However, we do still need to abide by density limits in venues which does restrict some activities a school as large as PSC would normally be able to do and face masks must still be worn indoors and in classes. Visitors on site who will be in close proximity to students may be asked to produce proof that they have been double vaccinated before they can enter the premises. However, this does not apply to parents who are just collecting their child from school.

Finally, this week we formally farewell long serving Canteen Manager Cath Yuill. Cath has been on Long Service Leave and has now retired. She has been a very valued member of our School Community and has fed hundreds of students over many years. Cindy Taylor has been appointed PSC's Canteen Manager, and will be ably supported by Paula Finck and Tressilla MacLeod.



Jo Kindred
Principal



Yr 7 Immunisations: Thursday 4th November .

Students who are eligible will receive their 2nd dose of HPV vaccine at PSC.

If any students have had the covid19 vaccination there is a requirement of a minimum of 7 days required before or after the COVID19 immunisation to be able to receive the HPV immunisation.

On the day of the HPV vaccination the Glenelg Shire Council staff will be checking each individual who fall within the guidelines. If they do not the students will need to have their HPV dose at their GP.



Staff Farewell

We farewelled our long serving teacher Tracey Ward who is taking a well deserved period of long service leave and then retiring.

Tracey has been a very valued member of our school community and has assisted hundreds of students with their artwork, particularly our senior students.

She will be missed and w wish her well in her retirement.

Free Parent Webinar: Gaming & Young People

Did you know? Adolescents have an average spend of **\$50 a month on in-game purchases.** (RockLoff et al. 2020)

Bethany Community Support invites all Great South Coast and Barwon parents to attend this **FREE** online information session.

This session will cover:

- Understanding gaming
- The connection between gaming and gambling
- In game purchasing
- Setting boundaries with your child
- Top tips for parents
- Access to free resources



Date: Wednesday 24th November 2021
Time: 7:00 – 8:00pm
Link to register: <https://bit.ly/3msBub5>

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Re-Engagement Fresh Fruit Program

For several years Portland Secondary College has coordinated the Fresh Fruit Program with financial support from Alcoa. The fruit is purchased and allocated to schools in the Portland district reaching as far as Dartmoor. RE VCAL students use numeracy and literacy skills to support their learning for VCAL outcomes while promoting healthy eating. Lockdowns have made the program stop and start in the past year but whenever the state regulations allow RE will be back into the swing of it.





On Thursday 28th October, Mr Rispoli and Students participated in the Worlds Greatest Shave.



Teen Mental Health First Aid



Live4Life communities deliver Teen and accredited Youth Mental Health First Aid training in schools and the wider community, create local partnerships to lead conversations about mental health that reduce stigma, and promote young Leaders as Mental Health Ambassadors. Cathryn Walder and Lee-Anne Nelson were successful in completing the training sessions of Teen Mental Health First Aid at the Re-Engagement Program this year. It has taken a couple of sessions in between state lockdowns, adhering to Covid restrictions... BUT WE MADE IT. Our senior class now are Mental Health Ambassadors. Well done everyone and a big thank you to Live 4 Life, Cathryn and Lee-Anne.



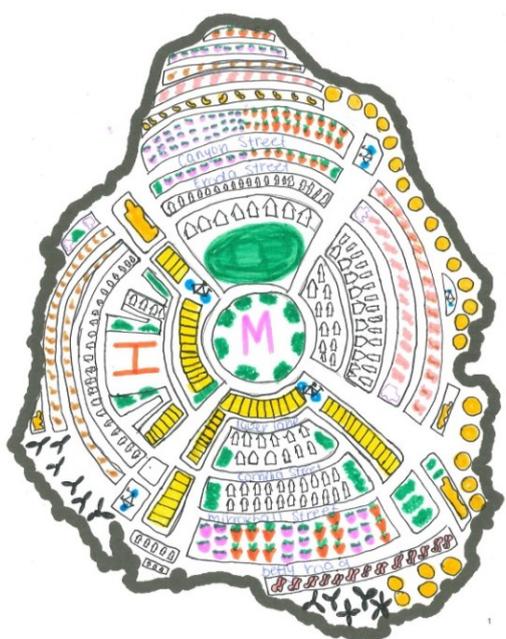
For Rent! Live in a future-proof island community designed for sustainability!

A design team of Year 9 Humanities students have been working on an important brief: to plan a future-proof island economy that can support 1,000 people with the lowest possible carbon emissions. The design plans had to consider various options for food production, transport and power generation, calculating the carbon emissions of each choice and making trade-offs between lifestyle choices and carbon footprints. Overall, wheat and vegetables won over KFC and electric vehicles and ebikes overrode petrol cars - all powered by wind and solar power, of course.



The low-carbon design plans needed an economic system to support activities on the island. Teams considered the advantages of different economic systems – private or public ownership, government control or free market, low or high taxation, equality or competition?

After rounds of marketing pitches and voting, the class had a winning design: Cornelia Island, the work of lead designer, Emma Starick. It's a carefully planned island of low-carbon infrastructure and production, with a layout that also minimizes transport and promotes community connections. The economic principles also support the vision of sustainable living.



- LEGEND**
- fruit plantation
 - vegetables plantation
 - wheat
 - pigs
 - chicken
 - solar panel
 - wind turbines x5
 - bike stations
 - electric cars
 - bus
 - hospital
 - market
 - budding trees
 - houses
 - local businesses
 - parks

Cornelia Island supporter, Sam Shelton, touted the benefits of Cornelia Island's mixed economic system: "income is more evenly distributed than in a pure capitalist system and it's possible to balance competition and security for citizens."

Well done Year 9s on using a whole host of geography and economic knowledge, as well as creativity, numeracy, design and communication skills to complete the island design challenge! So tell us; where can we sign up for the boat to a sustainable, low-carbon future?





#BrightFuture

Friday 29 October 2021



STUDENT LEADERS GROUP

School Sport Victoria (SSV) is on the hunt for students to join SSV's inaugural Student Leaders Group.

The aim of the Student Leaders Program will be to provide feedback and advice to School Sport Victoria to help guide and shape the future of school sport.

SSV would love your help to get this information to the right students.

In this SSV Student Leaders Group Promotional Pack you can find lots of content to share across the communication channels at your school.

KEY MESSAGES:

These key messages will give some important background information and context to the SSV Student Leaders Group.

- Students must apply
- Applications close 5:00 PM, Monday 8 November 2021
- SSV will select a group of up to 20 students from the eligible applications
- Students from Years 5 - 12 are age eligible
- The commitment is for 12 months
- Group discussions will take place online
- Meetings will take place twice per term
- Group discussions will be led by two facilitators

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. Share from the SSV Social Media Platforms to your school channels
2. Create a post on your school social media channels
3. Craft the content into the School eNewsletter

You can choose one or more of these options. To make it easier for you, we've created a downloads library which includes the copy text and the various images so you can simply add the content to your preferred platforms.

SHARING ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

Share from the SSV channels:

SSV will periodically and regularly share on our preferred social media channels. You can simply have the authorised content creator at your school, click the 'share' button and share to your school social media channels.

Create a post on the school social media channels:

You can copy the text and download the image from the next page. When you post don't forget to tag SSV and we will interact with the post you created.

The preferred (and only) social media channels that SSV use are as follows:

- Facebook:** @SchoolSportVictoria
Instagram: @SchoolSportVic
Twitter: @SchoolSportVic
LinkedIn: @SchoolSportVictoria

DOWNLOAD THE CONTENT FROM YOUR CHOICE OF PLATFORM



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STUDENT LEADERS GROUP

SAMPLE SCHOOL eNEWSLETTER

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GOLDEN LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



*GOOD EDUCATION
LEADS TO A
GREAT FUTURE.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Students returned to on-site learning

VCE Exams

School Sport Carnival

Graduation Ceremony



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Topics covered by the group may include:

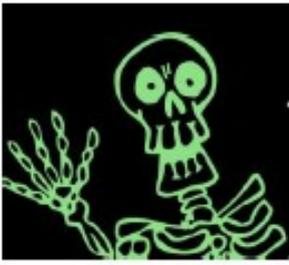
- The design and development of new physical activity initiatives and programs in school sport
- Making the school sport experience enjoyable and welcoming for all students
- Knocking down the barriers to sport that are often experienced by students
- Showing us how and telling us why Victorian students want to be engaged in school sport
- Ensuring that a safe and enjoyable environment is provided for all students to participate in school sport regardless of their fitness, experience, or skill level.

The SSV Student Leaders Group will involve a 12-month commitment (throughout the 2022 school year) with twice a term, virtual group discussions led by two facilitators who have a background in Australian sport.

You will receive a grant of up to \$1000 per year to support your school's participation in school sport.



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Library News



In the lead up to Halloween Marlowe has done another eye-catching display and we have been making paper pumpkins at lunchtimes to help decorate the library.



Pictured are Year 7 students Cody Pendlebury and Cayla Thorne making and displaying their paper pumpkins.



Don't forget to return (or reborrow) anything you borrowed from the library before the holidays, and of course check out our new books!

Janelle Collins





Community News

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

newsletter@portlandsc.vic.edu.au | Ph: 5523 1344



Please contact Karen 0417501452 for more details.



Please leave your bread tags here to be recycled in Robe, S.A to fund wheelchairs for the needy, mainly in South Africa.



Please leave your plastic bottle tops here to be recycled.

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Has the AFLW & WVFF Leagues inspired you to pick up a footy?

You're not alone!

It is great to see the WVFFL expanding teams within the district... More and more females are taking up Aussie Rules Football and having an absolute blast.

GIRLS AGED 10-14 COME AND TRY FOOTY SESSIONS

Friday Oct 22nd, 29th, & Nov 5th
5 pm to 6:30 pm
Hanlon Park, Portland

COVID capacity restrictions are to be followed, bring your own drink bottle, register via the link <https://form.jotform.com/212723178042854>

FREE EVENT, BOOTS OPTIONAL, NO BALL, OR SKILL NEEDED, ALL SKILL LEVELS CATERED FOR BONUS FOOTBALL FOR EVERY PARTICIPANT



Registration Nights:

Monday 25th October
5pm - 6.30pm

Monday 1st November
5pm - 6.30pm

New Comp Starts
Monday 8th November

FREE Rego!!!

Yes you heard it here first. There will be no Registration Fee from Portland Netball Association. You will still need to pay your VNA. Details to follow as this will now be done on the new Netball Connect.

Twilight Netball is set to commence on Monday 8th Nov and continue until the first week of April, with a break over the Christmas holidays.

Job Opportunity

Alexander C Stores in Heywood are seeking junior staff (aged 15 – 17 years old) to work weekday evenings, weekends & public holidays.

Please take your resume to 2058 Princess Highway (Heywood) or email to heywood.acs@holidayvillage.com.au. call Michelle for more information on 0419546343.



INDIGENOUS REMEMBRANCE DAY

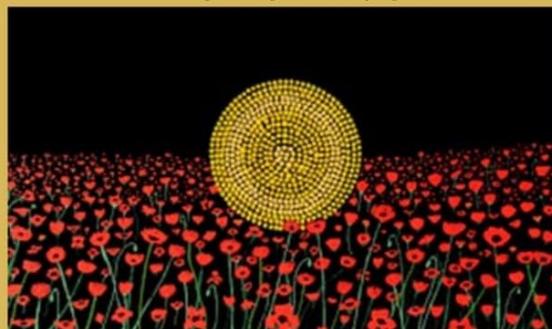
Please come and join local elders and Aboriginal community to remember our Indigenous soldiers.

November 1st each year we celebrate and honour our Indigenous heroes.

WHEN: Monday 1st of November 10:30 AM

WHERE: Cannon Hill Corner (Merri Street)

Flag Raising, Wreath laying



EVERYONE IS WELCOME



PORTLAND LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE SEASON 2021-22

- WHAT:** Athletics-based events, with emphasis on self-improvement (personal best time/distance).
Athletes will take part in four events each Thursday, rotating through three programs.
Running events, throwing events, jumping events.
- WHEN:** Every Thursday (5pm to approximately 6.30pm),
Term 4, 2021 (starting November 11), and Term 1, 2022.
- WHERE:** Nelson Park, Portland (Cape Nelson Rd)
- AGE GROUPS:** Under-6 (must have turned 5) to Under-16
- COST:** \$115 first child \$110 second child \$105 third child
This includes insurance through Little Athletics Victoria.
No other competition fees.
- COME + TRY:** Little Athletics Victoria offers a Trial Athlete program, where new athletes are encouraged to come and try for two nights, free of charge, before signing up.
Trial athletes should be registered at least one day prior to first attending.
- REGISTRATIONS:** To register (Trial Athlete or returning member) go to the Little Athletics Victoria website – www.lavvic.com.au (Note: works best using Chrome or Firefox as your web browser)
No refunds can be given once fees are paid.
- ENQUIRIES:** Denis Belden (secretary) 0417 316 064
Email portland@lavvic.com.au
- PARENTS:** It is an expectation that any child who is registered be accompanied by a parent/guardian, who will be available to assist with the running of the event. These are simple, but important, roles.
- COVID-19:** This season is being run under COVID-19 guidelines.



Portland Little Athletics Centre is run by parent volunteers. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.



All Saints Debutante Ball

29th / 30th April 2022

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6th / 7th May 2022

Registration opens online via Eventbrite on 23rd October 2021 (search All Saints Debutante Ball 2022 - Registration Deposit)

(inc. \$50 non-refundable deposit payment per couple)

Further Information can be found via Facebook



All Saints Debutante Ball 2022