



# 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:

It's the last week of Term 2 and what a term it has been! We all began the term normally, moved into working from home with lock down restrictions in place and students and staff had to quickly navigate online learning again before once again returning to school and normality, even if it meant wearing masks all the time. I think we have all discovered we are fairly resilient in a crisis and we can adapt to new things when we need to.

New units at Years 11 and Year 12 have begun with the rest of the College moving to Semester Two after the holidays. Senior students will no doubt be given some tasks to complete over the holidays but otherwise we hope all students can find the time to take a break and recuperate, ready to work hard in Term 3.

Reports will be available from the end of the first week back next term with Parent-Teacher interviews following in Week 4. Parents are advised to check individual tasks on Compass in order to see how their student went across the semester for more detail.

The last week of Term looks quite busy with a big focus on assessment and completion of work. Many students will be finalising that last piece of work and getting ready to sit common assessment tasks and tests so these can be included on reports. The exam period is finished but any students who missed exams due to illness will be catching up.

We farewell three staff members on Friday. Jenny Eldridge is finishing up after over 30 years in School Support in the General Office. Michael Ciechowicz is resigning and concentrating on running his own business and Claire Walsh is exploring other options after 26 years in teaching. We wish these teachers all the best. The timetable has undergone some minor adjustments to accommodate these retirements and Leesa Hein will be moving from IT Support into the General Office three days a week. IT will then be backfilled.

Congratulations to all staff and students who completed the ration challenge. Staff did seven days, senior students five days and junior students three days. At the time of typing this PSC had raised \$18,471. People to note who individually raised over \$1000 are Kirsten Mitchell, Donna Jennings, Elley Foster, Simon Jones and Jen Pritchard. Makeely Kindred also reached over \$1000 and kudos to Elijah Roberts who raised over \$1700. These people plus about 20 others existed on a small amount of rice, lentils, chickpeas, sardines, flour and water and for those lucky few who raised over \$1000, a tin of tomatoes! No coffee, no sugar, no alcohol! At the time of writing this PSC was in the top five fundraising schools behind four big private schools – a fantastic effort.

Finally a reminder that School finishes at 2:30pm on Friday as we move into the holidays. I wish everyone a peaceful and relaxing holiday. Stay Safe and we'll see you all next term.



**Jo Kindred**  
Principal

Please note that **Monday 12th July** is a Student Free Day for Staff Professional Development.  
Students return on **Tuesday 13th July** to commence Term 3.

### SRC News

On Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> May the SRC undertook their Leadership Training and Planning Day. All members of the SRC attended and were led through a range of activities designed to build on their understanding of leadership and team work. The day was divided into two sections with the morning being about leadership and teamwork and the afternoon set aside for project planning.

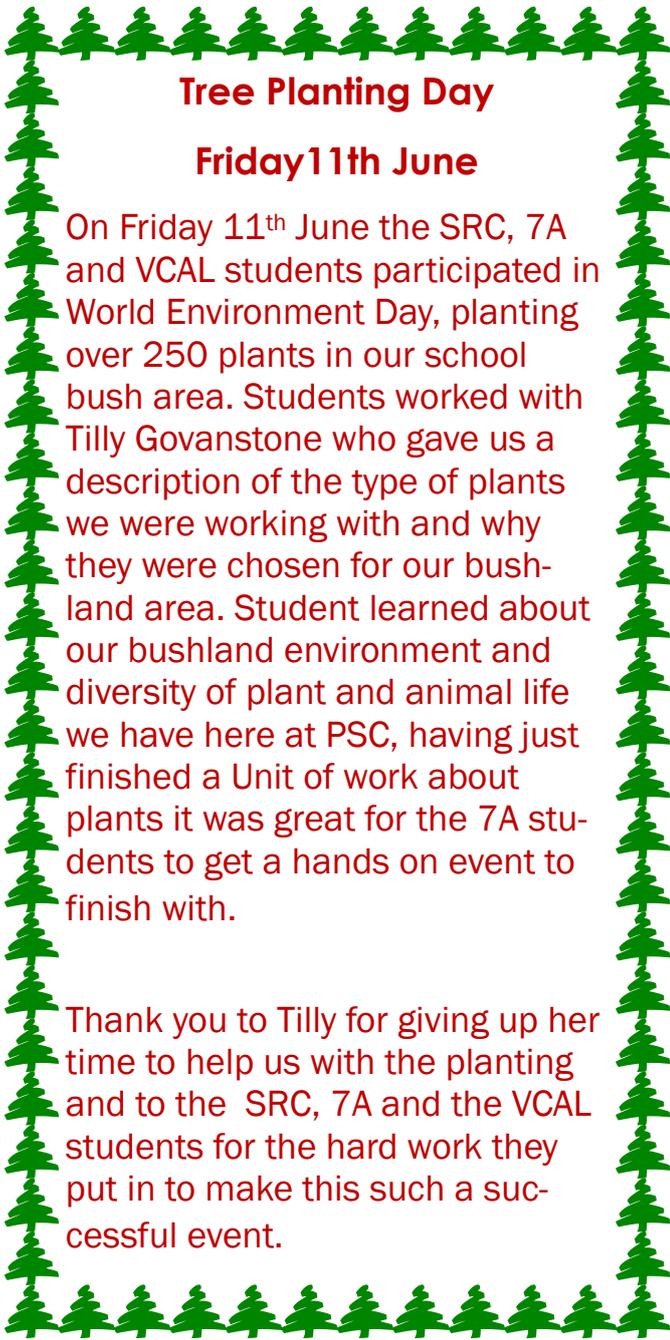
During our planning we were able to take some time to reflect on the work we had completed:

- Establishing a drink bottle refill station.
- Running the Athletics Day canteen.
- Becoming Regional finalist in the Victorian Schools Garden Awards.

Once again we have set our sights on achieving a number of goals which we will inform the school community about at a later date.



**Liam Doyle**  
Visual & performing Arts PLAT Leader



## Tree Planting Day

Friday 11th June

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June the SRC, 7A and VCAL students participated in World Environment Day, planting over 250 plants in our school bush area. Students worked with Tilly Govanstone who gave us a description of the type of plants we were working with and why they were chosen for our bushland area. Student learned about our bushland environment and diversity of plant and animal life we have here at PSC, having just finished a Unit of work about plants it was great for the 7A students to get a hands on event to finish with.

Thank you to Tilly for giving up her time to help us with the planting and to the SRC, 7A and the VCAL students for the hard work they put in to make this such a successful event.



**William Doyle**  
Visual & performing Arts PLAT Leader



# HEAL COUNTRY!

**4-11 JULY 2021**

## It's Not Okay to Be Away

Students with irregular and poor attendance often struggle at school and the value they receive from their education is greatly diminished as a result.

Portland Secondary College takes the issue of student absence very seriously but it is not an issue which can be dealt with solely by the school. It requires the support of both parents and the community if it is to be successfully addressed.

Do you know that if a student misses one day per fortnight their attendance drops to 90% and over 13 years of schooling, that's 1.5 years of education missed! Even being half an hour late in the mornings each day is equal to 16.6 days off a year.

Please make sure that your child attends school every day. If an absence is unavoidable please either contact the General Office on 55231344 to report your child's absence or log the absence on Compass early on the day of absence. Try to make medical appointments, etc. outside school hours and take holidays over the designated holiday period.

It is only when we see education as a partnership between school and parents that we will be able to properly address the issue of student absenteeism.

They are only missing just....	That equals .....	Which is ....	And over 13 years of schooling, that's .....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>

# 60 Seconds with...

## Elijah Roberts who is our Deputy Captain

**What do you enjoy most about coming to School Council?**

Having the opportunity to work alongside parents and teachers to improve the way Portland Secondary operates. I also enjoy representing the students to help put forward students' ideas.

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

I wouldn't say it's necessarily a highlight but having great teacher role models throughout my high schooling, helping me to be the person I am today.

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

My life is an ongoing action packed film so obviously I'll play the lead.

**What would the move be called?**

A life full of craziness.

**Do you have pets?**

2 Dogs, 4 rabbits, 4 cats, 2 guinea pigs, turtle.

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

American Sniper

**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?**

1. Axe 2. Flint

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

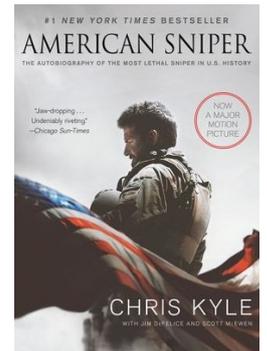
Gold Coast, Australia

**If you hosted a school dinner, what would you cook?**

Shepherds Pie with a side of veggies.

**What makes you smile?**

Seeing other happy people, enjoying themselves and being nice to one another



**Family Payment Plans**

Are now available via Compass using Parent login.

CentrePay Payment Plans are available for any Families that receive Centrelink payments.

Please contact the General Office for further assistance.

**Year 9 Creative Wood**

**Year 10 Photography**

# AROUND RE-ENGAGEMENT



A big thank you to Ms Logan and Ms Clancy for organising The Amazing Race for the RE VCAL class. Mr Porter has been teaching life skills and community learning through cooking and a sustainability unit. Mr Grant has been taking the juniors out of this with a unit about The Solar System using Kahoot. Ms Hart has introduced all students at RE to digital imagery and working on their own Pop Art.



**Christine Hart**  
Satellite Campus Program Manager



## Doctors in Schools and the Services available at PSC

Visiting clinicians/specialists include:

Headspace | Portland District Health | Student Support Service | CAMHS by referral |  
Vic Police | DHHS

Consulting each Wednesday at the purpose built Doctor's Pod located on school campus, appointments can be made at the Student Services office or directly at the Pod (on Wednesdays).

Please don't hesitate to contact Michelle or Tania if you have any questions about the above mentioned service.

Phone: 5523 1344

## PSC VALUES

BE RESPECTFUL

BE SUCCESSFUL

BE RESILIENT

BE CREATIVE

## LIBRARY NEWS

Over the past couple of weeks students have enjoyed colouring in space and time themed sheets and book marks as we celebrated Library and Information week. Refugee week is happening the last week of term, we have more colouring in activities happening. Everyone is welcome to come and join in, recess and lunch times.

Don't forget to borrow a book for the school holidays, either via the Library web app or come in and borrow one from the Library.

Letters were recently posted home regarding any library materials that were due before May. Many students have items that were due in 2020 (and some even before). It is important that these be returned. Please return any overdue books you have, if they are lost please come and see a member of the library staff.



Lou-Lou Flannery and Laura Harper holding their laminated bookmarks.



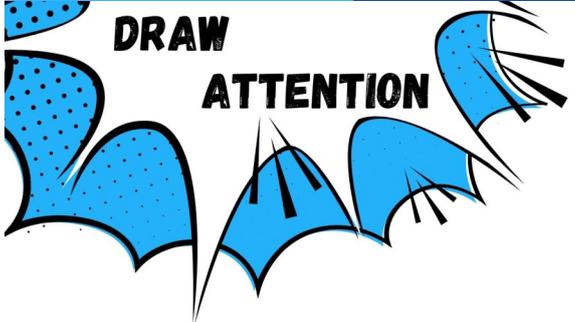
Marlowe Richmond  
Library Assistant Trainee



# Community News

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

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**GLENELG LIBRARIES IS HOSTING SESSIONS TO CREATE AN ART PIECE FOR THE UPCOMING YOUTH EXHIBITION AGES 12-25 YEARS FREE PROGRAM**

**CREATE AN ARTWORK THAT DRAWS ATTENTION TO SOMETHING THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU HOT DRINKS, SNACKS AND ART MATERIALS PROVIDED**

Casterton Library Wed 7 July 1:30pm - 3:00pm Bookings Essential Phone: 5554 2444	Heywood Library Thurs 1 July 2:30pm - 4:00pm Bookings Essential Phone: 5527 0666	Portland Library Fri 9 July 3:00pm - 4:30pm Bookings Essential Phone: 5522 2265
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# SPOTLIGHT ON AQUATIC CENTRE JOBS

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JOIN OUR WEBINAR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SWIM TEACHING AND LIFE GUARDING JOBS.

LOOKING AT JOB OPTIONS FOR YOUR GAP YEAR? OR LOOKING AT A NEW CAREER TO FIT IN WITH FAMILY LIFE?

When: Monday, July 19  
Time: 5.30pm  
Where: via Zoom  
Register via QR code



# KARAOKE FOR A CAUSE

Songs for Dolly's Library  
Hosted by Jeff Mizzi.

Join us for a fun-filled night to raise money for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!

Pre-select two of Dolly's most loved songs, practise, dress up and get ready to perform them on the night for a chance to win some great prizes! Sign up to sing by yourself, with friends or co-workers.

FRIDAY 2 JULY 2021

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Portland Football Netball Club

TIX \$15 Per person

TEAM PRIZES!

Auction + Raffles



Want more information?  
Contact United Way Glenelg on 0410 513 305



# DRAW ATTENTION

YOUTH WEEK ART COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION

CREATE AN ARTWORK IN ANY MEDIUM, THAT DRAWS ATTENTION TO SOMETHING THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU!!

3X \$200 VISA CARDS TO WIN

WHO: 12-25 YR OLDS

WHAT: ARTWORK AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT YOU ARE DRAWING ATTENTION TO

WHEN: ENTRIES OPEN FROM JUNE 26 TO JULY 12, 2021.

ARTWORK TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PORTLAND LIBRARY OR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CONTACT  
JBEAVIS@GLENELG.VIC.GOV.AU





Artwork: Care For Country by Maggie-Jess Cougle Kibbi Galati

When creating 'Care for Country' I kept in mind that this meant spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally - I chose to create a bright and vibrant artwork that included the different colours of the land but showed how they come together in our beautiful country and to make people feel hopeful for the future. I've included communities/people, animals and bush medicines spread over different landscapes of red dirt, green grass, bush land and coastal areas to tell the story of the many ways country can and has healed us throughout our lives and journeys.



# NAIDOC Week

4-11 JULY 2021

#NAIDOC2021 #HealCountry

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