



# Portland Secondary College

## Newsletter

### TERM 2 WEEK 7

1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

## Highlights

- Principal's report
- Library News
- Year 9 Camp
- Music
- Attendance
- Careers
- Live 4 Life
- Sport
- NRW 2026
- School Calendar
- Community News and more

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June
  - Dental Van Visit
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June
  - Year 8 & 9 Drama Performance
  - Warrnambool Eisteddfod
  - Passport 2 Employment
  - Trade and Tech Expo
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
  - Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award - Hamilton
  - Warrnambool Eisteddfod
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June
  - Casual Clothes Day (\$2 or can of food donation)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June
  - King's Birthday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday Friday 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Year 10 & 11 Exams



Portland Secondary College is a Child Safe School



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Students and staff have already reached the half way point of this term and we are very busy with assessments, classes and extra-curricula activities.

Since the last newsletter many Portland Secondary College students have completed the Attitude to School Survey, an annual survey conducted across the state which tells us how the students feel about PSC and the teachers. The results of this survey will be available early next term and we will share them with the school community.

We have also had students participate in Passport 2 Employment, Year 7 to 10 immunisations were completed, a number of students continued their participation in a TAFE Taster Program each Friday, Year 8 students completed their Mental Health First Aid training and the Year 9/10 boys football headed off to Hamilton. The third round of Cross Country was held in Warrnambool with many students doing well and you can read about these results elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our public speakers competed in a local competition of the Plain English Speaking Competition which involved contestants delivering a 6 minute prepared speech on a topic of their choice and a three minute impromptu speech on the Topic 'History repeats itself.' Congratulations to Akshara Singh who won the local competition with her speech 'The Loneliest Generation' and well done to all the other competitors. Akshara will now proceed to the next level of competition. Coming up in the next few days, several members of the Public Speaking team will head off to the Legacy Public Speaking Competition and we wish all students competing good luck.

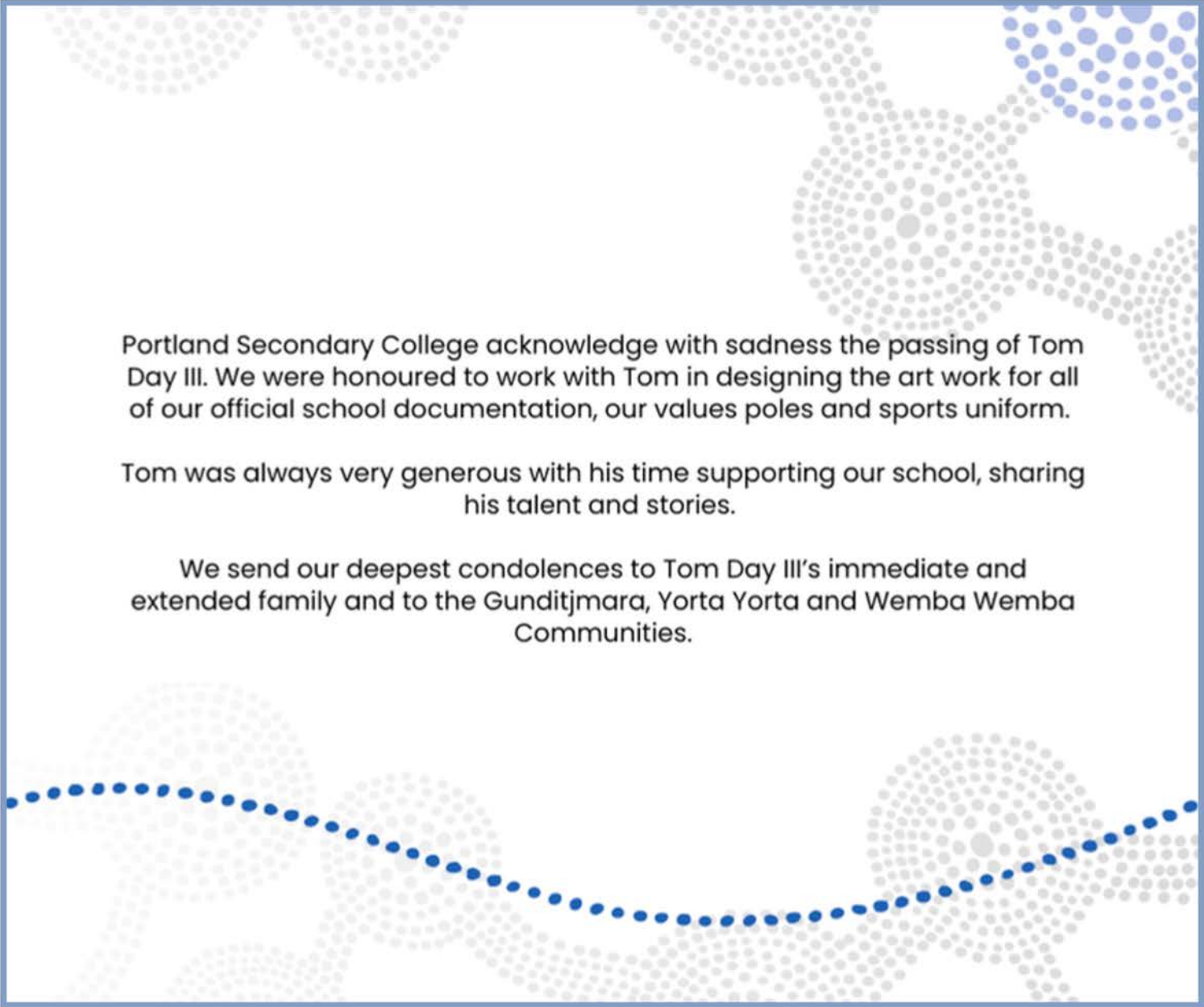
Our Year 9 students were lucky enough to attend a presentation from Scot Gardner, who is the author of the English novel they are currently studying called 'The Dead I Know'. Scot talked to the students about the process of bringing his creative ideas to life and writing the novel and what it means to be an author, providing the students with an insight into the text.

Last Friday was a busy day around the College. We held a Reconciliation Celebration where students were invited to add their handprint to the pledge board which reads – "I pledge to listen, act with respect, honour history, and build inclusive relationships for meaningful reconciliation." Students also partook in some old fashioned games and enjoyed a hot dog at lunchtime. On Wednesday the 3rd of June, a sunrise ceremony will be held down at the local foreshore at 7:15am with all members of the public invited to attend. A report of these events will be in our next newsletter.

Next Tuesday, all Year 8 and 9 students will attend a production of 'Bully' which explores the harmful effects of bullying. Students will have the opportunity to engage with the performers and ask questions about both their experiences of bullying and performing.

Next Friday we are asking all families to assist Portland Secondary College to help raise some goods for United Way's Little Pantry Boxes. Students will be able to wear casual clothes for the day and either pay \$2.00 or donate a can of food from the pantry at home. Hopefully we will collect a large number of tins of food which can be used by United Way to support families in need.

Coming up very soon are exams for students in Years 10 and 11. These will begin straight after the King's Birthday Public Holiday and run for the whole week. Students will be given arrangements very soon. The following week, on Tuesday the 16th of June, the College will host the General Achievement Test (GAT) for the schools in the district. This will therefore become a Professional Planning day for staff and a student free day for all those students who are not completing a Year 12 subject. All students undertaking a Year 12 subject must attend and sit the GAT. More information will follow on Compass.



Portland Secondary College acknowledge with sadness the passing of Tom Day III. We were honoured to work with Tom in designing the art work for all of our official school documentation, our values poles and sports uniform.

Tom was always very generous with his time supporting our school, sharing his talent and stories.

We send our deepest condolences to Tom Day III's immediate and extended family and to the Gunditjmarra, Yorta Yorta and Wemba Wemba Communities.

Thank you

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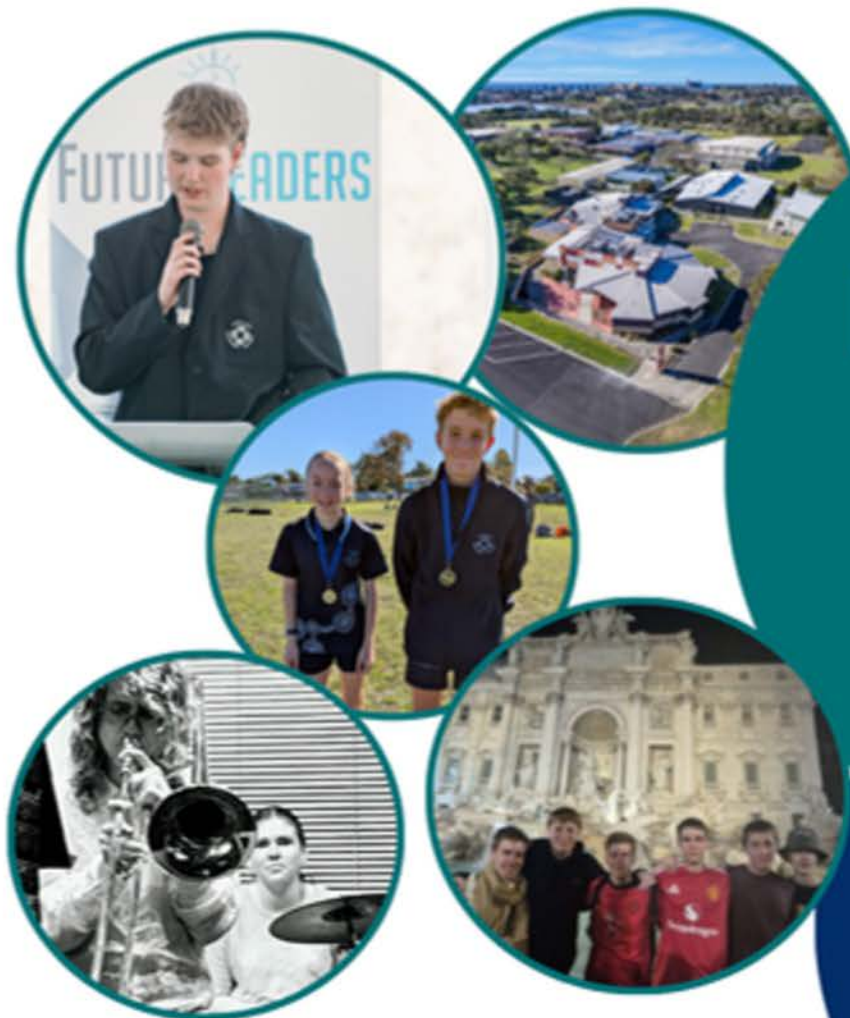
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# Education Week 2026

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*Showcase your school...*

We strive to create an environment where high expectations, a wealth of opportunities, and dedicated professional growth enable students to embody our core values.

## School Values:

- Be Respectful
- Be Successful
- Be Resilient
- Be Creative



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If you are considering the most suitable secondary education pathway for your child, we invite you to explore the opportunities available at Portland Secondary College. We would be pleased to arrange a personalised campus tour, guided by a member of our Principal Team, to provide insight into our learning environment, programs, and community.

Scheduled school tour are available:

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June @ 9:15am**  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June @ 3:40pm**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June @ 2:40pm.**

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# SCHOOLS WINTER CAN-RAISER



You can help! Bring a can of food to school and help create a giant "can-line" supporting local families this winter.

**CASUAL CLOTHES DAY**

**FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE**

**\$2 DONATION OR A CAN OF FOOD**

43% of Glenelg adults living in poverty live in families with dependent children  
*Too many kids in our schools go to bed hungry, making it tough for them to focus, learn and develop.*

If you would like to donate more, cans of food can be left at the PSC General Office.

**DONATE A CAN**  
Soup  
Vegetables  
Tuna  
Baked beans



**UNITED WAY**  
Glenelg

## PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

### 2026 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2026 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), which all government school students in Years 4 to 12 will be invited to complete.

#### About the survey

The AtoSS is a voluntary student survey offered by the Department of Education every year to help schools and the department understand students' experiences of school. We will ask your child about their thoughts and feelings about their school, their learning, relationships with other students, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to manage the collection of the online survey and will provide support to schools through a telephone hotline and email.

This year, the survey will be conducted at your school from 11<sup>th</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> June.

#### What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and helps schools plan programs and activities to improve your child's engagement with school, their wellbeing and their learning. The survey data also helps the Department of Education understand how to improve student learning.

#### What are the risks?

We don't expect many risks of participation, but some students may find some questions personal or sensitive. If you agree for your child to take part, they can still skip questions or withdraw at any time whilst completing the survey if it makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions come from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world. They focus on your child's strengths and are designed for each year level group.

#### What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. We are not "testing" your child. Please note:

- Students can choose if they want to take part, skip questions if they don't want to answer, and can stop doing the survey at any time.
- There are different versions of the survey to let all students take part.
- The survey will take around 20-40 minutes to complete.

#### How is my child's privacy protected?

A teacher will give your child a unique login to complete the survey. This unique student login is an assigned identifier that will be used by the department to link data for analysis and research only. Some student demographic data such as year level, gender, age, and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status are provided to ORIMA research, and linked with the unique student login ID to administer the survey. This information helps to support analysis and research, to paint a clearer picture of how Victorian school students are faring.

ORIMA Research will only use student personal information for research purposes to facilitate the administration and data collection of the Attitudes to School Survey. To keep your child's survey answers private, ORIMA Research won't include any personally identifiable data in the survey answers file that is provided to the department.

All data is stored on servers located in Australia, and only staff who are working on the project can access it.

All information collected about your child will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic)*, the *Health Records Act 2001 (Vic)* and the *Public Records Act 1973 (Vic)*, as well as the Department's [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please note that consistent with the above legislation and our policy, there are instances where we may be required by law to share information provided by your child. For example, where there is a threat to your child's health and safety.

### How will results be reported?

The department will only use aggregated survey data to report on initiatives and this data may also be used in public discussions of issues about student engagement and wellbeing. An example of how survey data has been previously used includes reporting levels of student engagement in the Performance Summary in the Annual Report to the School Community. The department will not share any identifiable student data with any other party.

Your child's school will only get reports about groups of students. Information about individual students and the student answers data file will not be shared with schools. If there are low numbers of student answers to a question, the report will not show results for this question to protect the privacy of those students.

Your school may share the survey report back to you.

### What if I don't want my child to do the survey?

This survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** want your child to do the survey, please opt out by contacting the school on 55231344 school before the survey starts on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May.

Student personal information will be shared with ORIMA Research to facilitate survey preparations prior to this opt out process. If you opt your child out of participating, then your school will ensure that your child is not provided with access to the survey. Student details will be deleted by ORIMA Research at the conclusion of the survey.

If your school does not receive a "Refusal of Consent" email from you before the survey begins, we will assume that you agree for your child to take part in the 2026 Attitudes to School Survey. Please remember, as noted above, the survey is voluntary: even with your consent, your child can choose to skip questions or stop doing the survey at any time.

For more information about this survey, including the questions your child will be asked to answer, please visit the department's [survey information page](#).

If you would like more information or have any concerns about the survey, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at [school\\_surveys@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school_surveys@education.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

Department of Education, Victoria



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## ***It's not ok to be away***

When you are away...	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 <b>1.5 years</b>
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <b>2.5 years</b>
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <b>5 years</b>
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <b>8 years</b>

***Attendance matters! All day everyday!***

Respect

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Does it matter if your student misses a day here and there?

Does it make a difference if they "just take a day off"?

**YES, IT DOES!**

Attendance matters at PSC – YOUR student's attendance matters!

Every day your child misses' school is a day of missed learning.

One missed day a week equates to 40 days a year of missed learning.

Please make sure your child attends school every day.

We have attendance officers for each Year level who will make calls home regarding student absences.

If your child does need to be absent from school, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make contact with the school to provide the reason for the absence. This can be done by calling our general office 5523 1344 or via your parental Compass app.



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# REMINDER... MOBILE PHONE BAN



A reminder that the Victorian Government and Department of Education have banned mobile phones at all government schools. Students may bring phones due to travel needs, but they must be stored in locked lockers for the entire day. Phones are not to be in pockets, bags, or pencil cases. If a phone is seen or detected, it will be collected in line with government regulations.

This rule also applies when arriving and leaving—please wait until you are off school grounds before using your phone.

Any collected phone will be secured at the General Office, and parents will be contacted to pick it up. Failure to hand over a phone when asked will result in suspension from the year level manager.

# Portland Secondary College

## 2026 TERM 2 CALENDAR

# JUNE

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - Dental Van Visit

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Year 8 & 9 Drama Performance

- Warrnambool Eisteddfod

- Passport 2 Employment

- Trades and Tech Expo - Warrnambool

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award - Hamilton

- Warrnambool Eisteddfod

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - Primary School Winter Series Games - *selected student helpers*

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - Winter Can Fundraiser - Casual Day (*can of food to donate*)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 10 & 11 Exams

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Passport 2 Employment

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Year 9 - 12 Girls and Boys Basketball - Hamilton

- Hamilton and District Legacy Junior Public Speaking

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 7 & 8 Boys Football - Hamilton

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - GAT (*students doing Year 12 subject (Unit 3 or 4) to attend, all other students to stay at home*)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Year 10 Deakin Immersion Day - Warrnambool

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 10 Preparation Day (*students stay home*)

- Passport 2 Employment Graduation

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Year 10 Melbourne Experience

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Last Day Term 2

- Semester 1 Reports Released



Calendar was last updated on  
01/06/2026.

Please monitor Compass,  
Newsletters & Social Media  
regularly for updates.

# The Food Hub

## 2026 Menu

### BREAKFAST 8.30-8.55AM

Tea or Coffee	\$2.00
Hot Milo	\$2.00
Toasted Cheese Sandwich	\$3.00
Toasted Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$3.50
Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$4.00
Toasted Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$4.50

### SANDWICHES & ROLLS

<i>Available in White &amp; Multigrain</i>	<i>Sandwiches</i>	<i>Rolls</i>
Vegemite	\$2.00	\$2.50
Vegemite & Cheese	\$3.00	\$3.00
Cheese	\$3.00	\$3.50
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50	\$4.00
Cheese, Beetroot & Salad	\$4.50	\$5.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00	\$4.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50	\$5.00
Ham & Salad	\$6.00	\$6.50
Ham, Cheese & Salad	\$6.50	\$7.00
Egg & Lettuce	\$4.00	\$4.50
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$5.00	\$5.50
Chicken & Salad	\$5.50	\$6.00
Chicken, Cheese & Salad	\$6.00	\$6.50
Salad & Beetroot	\$4.00	\$4.50

*No charge for Mayo, Sweet Chilli Sauce other Sandwich combinations available upon request.*

### WRAPS

	<i>Half Wrap</i>	<i>Full Wrap</i>
Ham, Cheese & Salad	\$4.00	\$8.00
Chicken, Cheese & Salad	\$4.00	\$8.00
Falafel, Cheese & Salad	\$4.00	\$8.00
Egg, Cheese & Salad	\$4.00	\$8.00
Veggie Burger, Cheese & Salad	\$4.00	\$8.00

*No charge for Mayo, Sweet Chilli Sauce .*

### SALADS

	<i>Small</i>	<i>Large</i>
Fresh Fruit Salad	\$3.50	N/A
Garden Salad Bowl w/ Cheese	\$5.00	\$8.00
Garden Salad Bowl w/ Egg	\$5.00	\$8.00
Garden Salad Bowl w/ Chicken	\$5.00	\$8.00

*No charge for Sauce .*

## HOT FOOD

*Burger Buns & Rolls available in White & Multigrain*

Flame Grilled Chicken Burger No Cheese	\$5.00
Flame Grilled Chicken Burger with Cheese	\$5.50
Flame Grilled Chicken Burger with Cheese & Salad	\$7.50
Flame Grilled Beef Burger with Sauce, No Cheese	\$5.00
Flame Grilled Beef Burger with Cheese & Sauce	\$5.50
Flame Grilled Beef Burger w/Cheese, Sauce & Salad	\$7.50
Veggie Burger with Cheese	\$5.00
Veggie Burger with Cheese & Salad	\$7.00
Hot Cheese Roll	\$3.50
Hot Ham & Cheese Roll	\$4.50
Hot Chicken & Mayonnaise Roll	\$5.50
Premium Beef Pie	\$5.00
Plain Sausage Roll	\$4.30
Cheese & Bacon Sausage Roll	\$4.30
Hot Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$4.50
Noodles	\$2.70
Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$5.50

## DRINKS

Cool Ridge 600ml	\$2.00
Cool Ridge 750ml	\$3.50
Focus Flavoured Water 600ml	\$3.00
Gatorade Active Water (No Sugar) 600ml	\$4.50
Juice Bombs	\$2.50
Fresha Fruit Juices 500ml	\$4.00
Emma & Toms Juices	\$4.50
Up 'n' Go Flavoured Milks 250ml	\$2.50
Oak Iced Milk 200ml	\$2.20
Oak Flavoured Milks 600ml	\$4.50
Ice Break Iced Coffee 500ml	\$4.50
Cans 375mls (No Sugar)	\$3.00
Bottles 600mls (No Sugar)	\$4.50
Iced Honeycomb Nippy's	\$3.70
Chill Iced Teas Assorted	\$3.50

# SNACKS

Assorted Fruit - Banana, Apple, Mandarin	From \$0.70 to \$1.00
Peaches	\$1.50
Yoghurt Frogs	\$0.20
Jatz Crackers	\$0.50
Hummus	\$1.50
Cheese	\$0.50
Custard Scrolls	\$3.00
Muesli Bar	\$1.00
Sultanas	\$0.80
Jam or Lemon Biscuits	\$0.50
Assorted Muffins - Blueberry or Chocolate Chip	\$3.40
Banana Bread	\$3.50
Cheesymite Scroll or Cheese & Bacon Scroll	\$3.00
Bread Roll	\$1.50
Eclipse Mints	\$3.70
Monster Cookies	\$3.00
Slices from Clarks & Chitticks - Assorted	Small \$2.20 Large \$4.40
Our Hub Slices - Assorted	Small \$1.50 Large \$3.00
Large Packet Chips	\$3.00
Small Packet Chips	\$2.00
Chocolate Brownie	\$3.40
Snapstix	\$1.20
Frozen Yoghurt (Bulla)	\$3.00



We have a "Daily Specials Board" displaying additional Hot Food Options not listed on this menu, they are specific to that day and change Seasonally.

Prices may be subject to change.

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## GRACIE PIERGROSSE – BMX



Year 9 student Gracie recently competed at the BMX National Titles in Shepparton, joining more than 1,500 riders from across Australia.

Gracie raced her 20" bike on Friday and was performing strongly before an unfortunate crash in her semi-final. BMX racing is incredibly cut-throat – riders have just 40–50 seconds on the track, and one small mistake can end the day.

On Sunday, Gracie returned to the track on her 24" bike and didn't lose a single race all day. Her outstanding effort, capped off with a win in the final, crowned her Number 1 in Australia for her age group.

Gracie has now qualified for the BMX World Championships, which will be held in Brisbane in mid-July. PSC wishes Gracie all the very best as she prepares to take on the world stage.

 Dynamic Imagery



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# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## NATALIE McCLINTOCK – SAILING

Year 10 student Natalie has just finished an outstanding sailing season with the Portland Yacht Club, where she was a regular feature in the Portland Observer sports section.

Here's a snapshot of Natalie's achievements:

-  Victorian ANC Regatta – Competed on a Corsair with PSC student Oska Edgar and two other students, placing 4th in the state.
-  National ANC Regatta – Sailed RS Quest boats and finished 3rd in Australia. She also received a challenge coin from the Navy Commodore for going above and beyond to support other teams over the week of sailing.
-  Training Weekends – Attended sessions in Geelong with National Cadet coach Tony Bull and in Stawell with Sailing Australia, where she was awarded Most Improved Sailor of the weekend.
-  Local Junior Sailing Leadership – Helped run the Green Fleet program every Sunday morning, then raced in the Blue Fleet each afternoon—often in tough conditions. She also sailed regularly on Wednesday evenings with the SheSails program.
-  Portland Regatta – Came 2nd overall in juniors, winning one of first races on a Laser (solo sailing).
-  Port MacDonnell Regatta – Sailed on a keelboat team that placed 2nd and had a highlight moment sailing the legendary Viper catamaran.
-  Admella Cup – Crewmember on the team that took out the cup, beating local favourites.
-  Versatility on the Water – Jumped between boats all season: taking juniors out for racing experiences, joining SheSails teams, SB20s, keelboats and even a Fireball.
-  End-of-Season Awards – Finished 2nd overall for juniors and was named PYC Crew Person of the Year for her dedication, teamwork, improvement and willingness to help wherever needed.

Natalie's season has been huge, and her commitment to the sport and the club shines through in everything she does. What a fantastic year on the water!

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# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## ELIJAH NGATAI – BLACKBALL



Year 11 student Elijah Ngatai has been selected as the Victorian Stage Flag Bearer for the 2026 Budget Motels Australian Blackball National Championships, which will be held in Queensland in July.

Congratulations and good luck, Elijah!

A promotional poster for the Victorian Stage Flag Bearer. It features a large image of Elijah Ngatai in a blue athletic jacket with his arms crossed, standing in front of the Victorian state flag. The text on the poster reads: "PROUDLY ANNOUNCING — ELIJAH NGATAI — AS — VICTORIA'S STATE FLAG BEARER — AT THE — 2026 Budget Motels AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS — ROCKHAMPTON, QUEENSLAND — 17TH – 25TH JULY 2026". At the bottom, it says "VICTORIA" with a logo and the slogan "STRONGER TOGETHER. PROUD TO REPRESENT. VICTORIA." The poster also includes a small logo for the Australian Blackball National Championships.

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**Jane McGrory – LOTE PLAT Leader**



# LANGUAGE ASSISTANT

## Welcome Khalif!

Portland Secondary College is delighted to welcome Khalif Al Bilal, our new Language Assistant from Bandung, Indonesia. A 2022 graduate of Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (UPI), Khalif has already made a strong impression on students and staff.

Since arriving in Australia, he's noticed big differences—Australia feels larger, quieter and much colder—but he says the warmth of the people more than makes up for it. Khalif loves PSC's open spaces and the friendly atmosphere. In the classroom, he appreciates the more flexible approach compared to the more rigid structure he's used to in Indonesia.

He's been especially impressed by how confident and curious PSC students are, particularly when asking about Indonesian culture and daily life. Khalif hopes to share more of Indonesia's language, food, music and traditions during his time here, and he's excited to explore Australia, with Melbourne and the Sydney Opera House on his list.

We're thrilled to have Khalif at PSC and look forward to the energy and insight he brings to our school community



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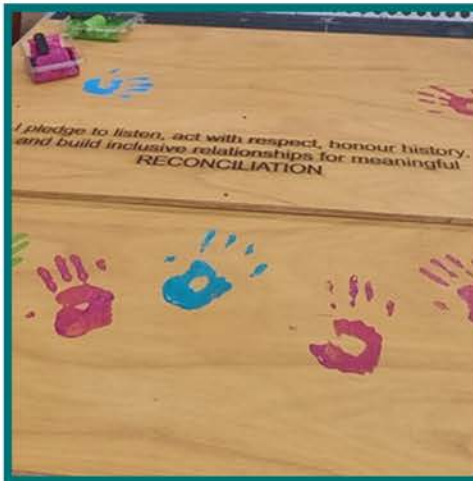
Suzanne Patterson, Koorie Engagement



# National Reconciliation Week Celebrations

Our school community—students, staff, and community members —joined together on Friday for a vibrant Reconciliation event filled with activities, music, food, and the collective act of signing the pledge board.

Thank you to all who contributed to such a meaningful moment.



**Denis Belden, Hands On Learning Support**



# HANDS ON LEARNING COMMUNITY PROJECT

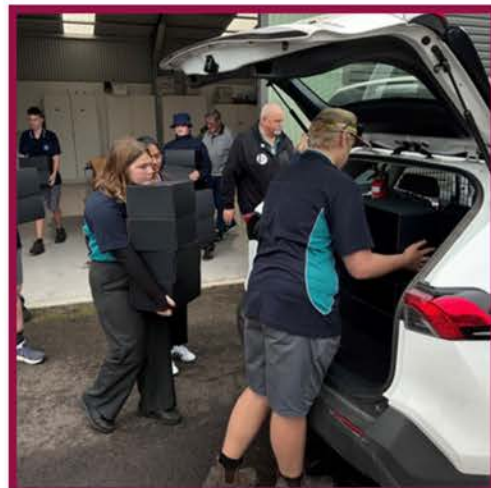
Nine students from Portland Secondary College's Hands on Learning class made connections with their community on Wednesday.

The students assisted United Way Glenelg, sponsors and community partners to pack more than 200 Winter Care Packages.

These packages – full of donated goods such as puzzle books, tea, banana bread dry mix, jelly, biscuits, supermarket vouchers and hand-written messages from primary school students – will be delivered throughout the Glenelg Shire during the winter months to elderly citizens in need.

The PSC students walked to and from the Portland Community Garden for the project, along with Hands on Learning Artisan Teacher Gene Stewart and Education Support employee Denis Belden.

While there they connected with United Way volunteers, sponsors Portland Freemasons, and Portland District Health and Coleraine Hospital staff who will help to distribute the packages. One of the pillars of Hands on Learning is to create something for the community, and the PSC class endeavours to do so at least once a term – their previous project in 2026 having been to make Anzac Day wreaths during term one.



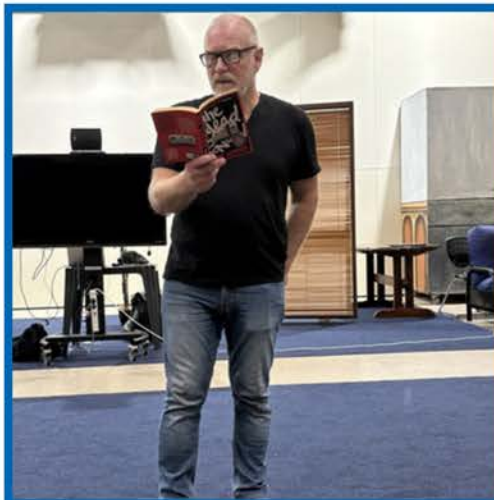


## YEAR 9 ENGLISH

On Wednesday, we were fortunate to have Scot Gardner visit PSC to speak to the Year 9s about writing, particularly his novel *The Dead I Know*, which they have been studying in English this term. He shared parts of his life story – including time spent in Portland – and spoke about the inspirations behind many of his books (most of which can be found in the PSC library!) as well as his family.

Students laughed along with his anecdotes, and many were eager to share their own when invited. After the session, several students stayed behind to chat, get their copies of *The Dead I Know* signed, and take a photo with Scot.

Later in the day, students in two Year 9 English classes also had the opportunity to work with Scot during their class time.





## YEAR 10 PHOTOGRAPHY

This term, our Year 10 photography students in Mrs Clark and Mr Bassett's classes have been diving deep into the world of shutter speed to prepare for their upcoming CAT on Movement. By mastering the camera's "blink," students are learning how to control the duration of light hitting the sensor, ranging from ultra-fast captures to Bulb mode for infinite exposures.

The class has experimented with freezing objects mid-air using fast shutter speeds (1/500+) and creating artistic motion through long exposures. To handle bright daylight during these slow-shutter tasks, students have been utilising Neutral Density (ND) filters—essentially sunglasses for the lens—to prevent overexposure while maintaining that signature motion blur.

The creativity has extended into the darkroom, where students have used light-painting techniques to "draw" with torches against the darkness. To put these skills into practice, we have two exciting trips coming up: a compulsory excursion to Bridgewater and an optional after-school session at the Botanical Gardens and Foreshore. Please keep a close eye on Compass for permission forms and specific dates.

With such high-quality work already emerging in our student "sneak peeks," we are now exploring the potential for a formal exhibition toward the end of the term to showcase their best captures.



**Declan's Light Painting**



**Lily & Dylan's Portraits & Framing**

# YEAR 10 PHOTOGRAPHY



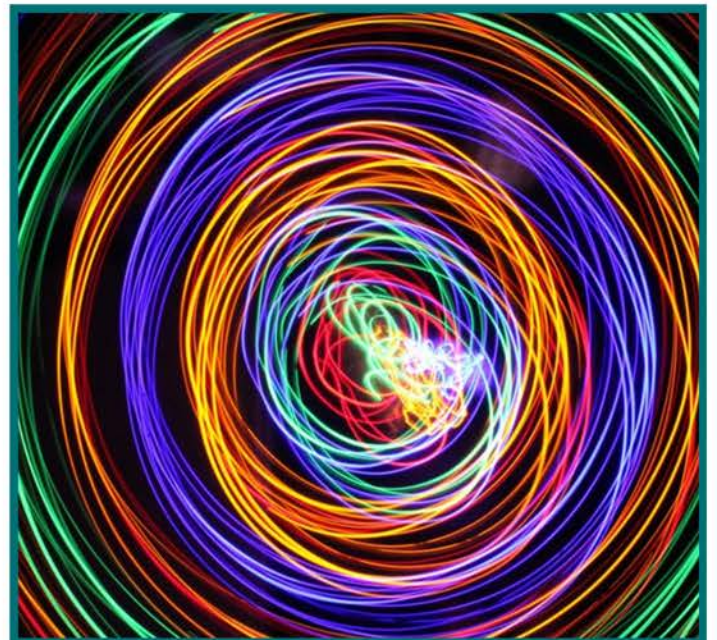
**Bailey's Light Painting**



**Abbey & Jax Movement**



**Iesha & Dylan's Movement**

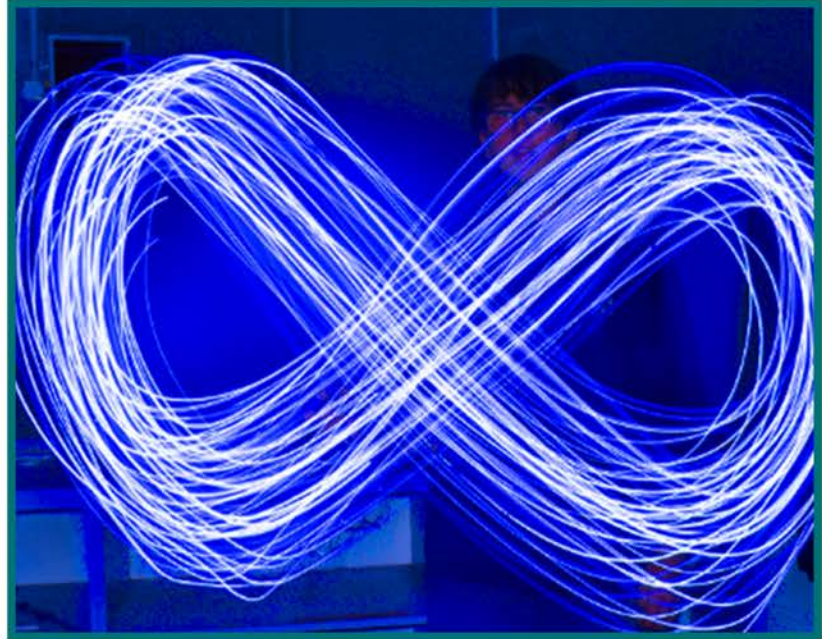


**Isabella's Light Painting**

# YEAR 10 PHOTOGRAPHY



**Clancy's Light Painting**



**Chad and Clancy's Light Painting**



**Lily & Dylan's Movement**



## **YEAR 9 CAMP – GEELONG**

The Year 9 camp to Geelong was a fantastic experience, giving students the chance to further develop important life skills beyond the classroom while strengthening their sense of connection in a fun, supportive and safe environment.

Students took part in a wide range of activities, from tree-top ropes courses of varying difficulty to bowling, mini golf and various walks.

A tour of Gordon TAFE provided valuable insight into future study options and pathways available after school.

Students also participated in a cultural tour of Geelong led by the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, deepening their understanding and appreciation of Indigenous perspectives and the significant contributions of First Nations peoples to Australia.





# SUZANNE PATTERSON, Careers/Year 10 Level Leader



## AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) holds regular information sessions to give students insight into the wide range of careers available across the Navy, Army and Air Force. These sessions are delivered by current serving members who can speak firsthand about lifestyle, paid training and the more than 200 roles on offer.

Our Year 10 students recently heard from Warrant Officer Class 2 Joshua Woo, Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (Australian Army, joined 2000), and Leading Seaman Jack Eastwood, Coxswain (Royal Australian Navy, joined 2020).

Their presentations offered valuable perspectives on service life and the pathways available to young people considering a future in the Australian Defence Force.

We thank them both for their time and valuable insight into a career in the ADF.





## CAREERS @ TAFE

Nine of our Year 10 students took part in an eight-day VET Multi Taster Program at the SWTAFE Portland campus (attending 1 day a week over 8 weeks).

Throughout the program, they explored a range of career and industry pathways and learned about the requirements for future VET certificates, VETDSS courses, or School-Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships.

During their time on campus, our students also took part in hands-on Electro-Technology and Engineering activities, giving them a real taste of what these fields involve.

This experience has helped them build confidence and make more informed decisions about their secondary and post-school options.

Congratulations on receiving your completion certificate: Connor Ashworth, Declan Botica, Ryan Dark, Nick Gurney, Lilly Jones, Harvey Mallen, Jax Pettingill, Skylar Roos and Bailey White.



**Respect**

**Success**

**Resilience**

**Creativity**



# YEAR 9 OUTDOOR ED – SURFING

The Year 9 Outdoor Education surf excursion to Cape Bridgewater was a fun and engaging experience that brought our recent learning about outdoor environments to life. Thanks to the instructors from Go Surf School, students began the session on the sand, where they were introduced to key surfing skills and safety techniques.

Once in the ocean, students showed impressive enthusiasm, giving the activity a red-hot crack regardless of their previous experience. It was fantastic to see several students successfully stand up and ride waves back to shore, demonstrating both resilience and skill development over the course of the session.

As an added bonus, students were treated to a visit from a fur seal playing in the water nearby, reinforcing our goal of exploring ways to connect with our local environment through recreational activities.

Overall, the excursion was a great success, combining skill development, personal challenge, and appreciation of the outdoors.



**Sue Taylor, Year 11/12 Level Leader**



## **SENIOR SCHOOL WELL BEING**

To celebrate the midway point of Term 2, our Year 11 and 12 students were treated to a wellbeing day.

Year 11s enjoyed staying warm and cosy by wearing their pyjamas to school – no stressing about clean uniforms for a day!

Year 12s took on the challenge of bringing their belongings in “anything but a bag.” Hopefully no one at home was left wondering where their washing basket disappeared to







## **HANDS ON LEARNING**

Portland Secondary College endeavours to keep students engaged with their schooling in a variety of ways.

One example of this is a weekly Hands on Project class, which allows students to work on individual and personal projects in a small group setting.

Year 9 student Chaz Hann-Robb has completed a variety of projects during 2026, including some new display shelving.

Chaz created interest in his project by making five hexagonal shapes, which were then joined together.

Students in the Hands on Project classes aim to complete a new project every four weeks – from artworks to upcycling of old furniture to woodwork.



**Andrew Prentice, VM Teacher**



# THE PUSH UP CHALLENGE

Students and staff at PSC are taking on The Push Up Challenge from 3–26 June 2026, and we'd love you to join us or donate in support.

The challenge is to complete 3,307 push ups in 24 days to raise awareness and funds for mental health. This number represents the 3,307 Australians who died by suicide in 2024, which is why we're pushing for better – and we hope you will too.

Too many push ups? No problem. You can choose the half target (1,654) and swap push ups for alternative exercises like squats or sit ups.

It's free to take part, and the app gives you daily targets, Mental Health Facts, progress tracking and access to our team stats.

Visit our Team Page to join Team PSC and push with us.

Use the link provided or click on the QR code to donate 💰👉  
<https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/.../portlandsecondary...>

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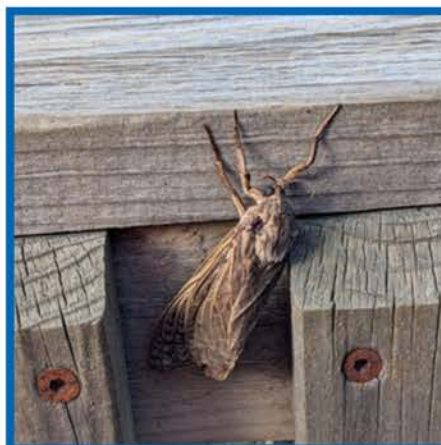
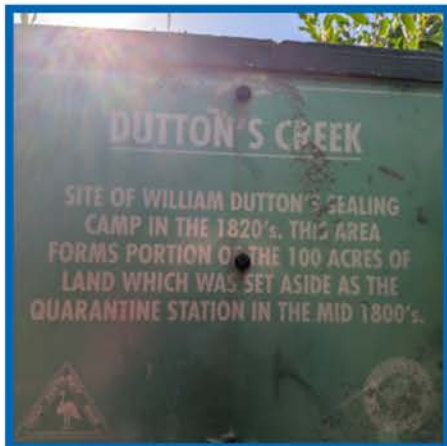
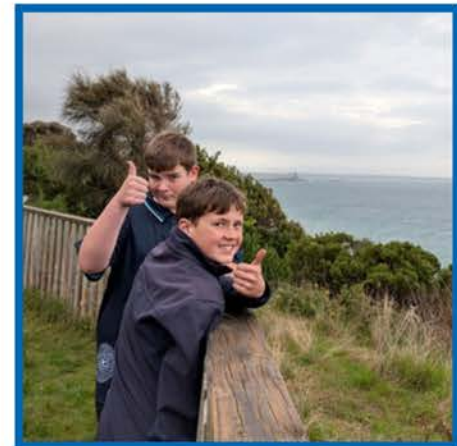
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**Creativity**



## YEAR 8 PE

Our Year 8 PE students have been making the most of our beautiful Portland coastline this term, heading outdoors to explore sections of the iconic Great South West Walk. Their journey along the Bills Walk to Blacknose track and Blacknose to the Quarry, offered students the opportunity to get active, enjoy the fresh ocean air, and experience one of our region's most beautiful outdoor classrooms.







## **GWR CROSS COUNTRY**

In fantastic conditions for running (though not quite as pleasant for those standing and cheering...), 18 PSC runners took to the track in Warrnambool to compete against some of the region's best.

Every runner gave their absolute best and should be incredibly proud of their efforts on the day, regardless of finishing position.

We also had some standout performances, including:

Lucy Colley – 1st place, 12–13 Girls. Lucy not only won her race, she finished more than 10 seconds ahead – a huge margin in a 3000m event.

Max Bott – 3rd place, 12–13 Boys. Max also finished more than 10 seconds ahead of the next runner behind him.

Ruby Rowe – 6th place, 15 Girls. Ruby has qualified for State, along with Lucy and Max.

Congratulations!

Well done to every runner who competed. You represented PSC brilliantly, ran your best, and helped make it a fantastic day to be part of.



**LUCY COLLEY**  
12–13 YEAR OLD GIRLS  
1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE



**MAX BOTT**  
12–13 YEAR OLD BOYS  
3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE



**RUBY ROWE**  
15 YEAR OLD GIRLS  
6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

# Braden Dawson, Food Studies Teacher



## Year 10 FOOD STUDIES

As part of Year 10 Food Studies, students look at the physical and chemical changes that occur while we make food. In this masterclass, the class documented the process of these changes while making loaves of bread; from mixing and fermentation, through to proofing, baking and forming a Maillard reaction. We had all different styles of bread from different parts of the world, and everyone has learned a valuable skill that they can continue to use and experiment with!



Lucy  
Rosemary Garlic Pull Apart Bread



Georgie - Apple Challah



Rose  
Rosemary Garlic Pull Apart Rolls



Oska & Drake  
Homemade Stromboli



Jed & Bella  
Rosemary Garlic Pull Apart Bread



Ella & Emily  
Focaccia



Aiysha & Ada  
Banana Brioche  
Babka with  
Chocolate Hazelnut



Nate & Sammy  
Cinnamon  
Raisin Bread

# Dakota Robinson, Year 8 Level Leader



## LIVE 4 LIFE LAUNCH

Students in Year 8 have a variety of opportunities throughout the year to participate in community programs run by the Glenelg Shire. One of these is the Live4Life initiative, a program supported by PSC that involves a crew of older students who lead activities and engagement days for Year 8s across the Shire, highlighting the importance of teen mental health and wellbeing.

Earlier this month, students took part in the Live4Life Launch Day. With the weather on their side, they enjoyed an afternoon of outdoor activities on the roundabout.

The Live4Life crew were impressed with the Year 8s' engagement, enthusiasm and creative thinking—an excellent reflection of our school values.





## YEAR 11 FOOD STUDIES

The Year 11 Food Studies students have completed their final SAC by making sweet potato parathas.

A sweet potato paratha is a soft, flavourful Indian flatbread made by combining mashed sweet potato with wholemeal flour and spices, creating a versatile dish suitable for breakfast, lunch or dinner.



# Thurston Bassett, Art Teacher



## YEAR 7 ART

This term in Art, our Year 7 students have been diving into the wonderful world of clay, getting their hands messy and their imaginations moving.

Clay has given students the chance to experiment, problem-solve, and bring their ideas to life in 3D.

It's been fantastic to see their creative flair shine as they shape, build, and explore what's possible with this fun, hands-on material.





## YEAR 7 WAFFLES

Our Year 7 students have made themselves right at home in the kitchens, putting their skills to the test by preparing delicious pancakes. Reports from nearby students and staff were unanimous – they smelled amazing!





## Library News



### 10 BENEFITS OF READING

WHY YOU SHOULD READ EVERY DAY



- Improved Focus and Concentration
- Better Writing Skills
- Stronger Analytical Thinking Skills
- Mental Stimulation
- Stress Reduction
- Knowledge
- Memory Improvement
- Vocabulary Expansion
- Tranquility
- Free Entertainment

[globalowls.com/benefits-of-reading](http://globalowls.com/benefits-of-reading)

Reading happens every day after lunch, and is an excellent time for students and staff to take time to read, which has many benefits. The library has a wide range of materials available, whether book, magazine or graphic novel. The library is open at break times each day as well as before school Tuesday-Friday for returns and borrowing.

Among the books in the library are many on the CBCA shortlist – below are the books shortlisted for older readers (ages 12–18) – why not have a read and decide which one you think should win the CBCA 2026 Book of the Year? We regularly add new titles to the collection, and happily accept requests – just see Ms Collins if there is a book or magazine you would like to see made available to the school community.

Happy reading 😊



### 2026 SHORTLIST OLDER READERS



**Imogen Temby, Psychology Teacher**  
**Patrick Ryan, Psychology Teacher**



## YEAR 11 PSYCHOLOGY

Have you ever wondered what the inside of a brain actually looks and feels like? Our Year 11 VCE Psychology students recently found out firsthand when they dissected preserved sheep brains.

This activity followed their learning on brain anatomy, brain functions, and how different structures influence behaviour.

Students made cross-sectional cuts to locate and identify key areas such as the lobes, midbrain, and hindbrain. While textbook diagrams can be colourful and neat, this hands-on experience gave students a real-world understanding of what a brain is truly like. It was exciting to see everything connect and to appreciate just how much our brains do for us every day.



# Andrew Prentice, Football Coach



## Year 9&10 BOYS GD FOOTBALL

The Year 9-10 boys travelled to Hamilton to compete in the Intermediate boy's football tournament against Bayview, Monivae and Good Shepherd Colleges. PSC teamed up with Heywood and District Secondary College for 3 matches.

Our team narrowly lost our first two matches, however after a short substantial lunch and a motivating speech by assistant coach Will Oliver, our boys kicked 7 quick goals to 1 in the final game to end the tournament on a high.

Best players for the day were Zayne Medina, Oscar Elford, Josh Beavis (HDSC), Raf Stringfellow, Tyrell Lovett and Declan Botica.

Huge thankyou to Mick Doherty and Dale Cumming, along with our motivational skills coach Will Oliver for the pre-game speech.





## YEAR 8 FOOD STUDIES

8D recently put their cutting skills to the test in Food Studies as they prepared a colourful, fragrant batch of Honey Chicken Stir Fry.

The kitchen was buzzing as students chopped veggies, cooked chicken to perfection, and brought all the flavours together in the wok.

The end result? A delicious dish that looked as good as it tasted!



**Elley Foster**, Literacy Support

**Donna Chapman**, Numeracy Support

## Homework Program



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*Creating the opportunities*



# HOMEWORK CLUB



**WEDNESDAY  
&  
THURSDAY  
AFTERNOONS  
3:40PM - 4:30PM  
in The HUB**

**Students are reminded to bring work to complete or a book to read.**

**Our Literacy and Numeracy Tutors will be available to help you.**

Students need a pre-arranged way home at or before 4:30pm as the office will be shut.

The schools no phone policy applies.





# 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 | 03 5523 1344

## Glenelg Aboriginal Education Scholarships 2026

Glenelg Shire Council are committed to supporting Aboriginal educational pathways and future aspirations

**Two \$3,000 scholarships on offer**

**Funds support :**

- Course fees
- Course items
- Uniforms
- Tutoring

**Criteria**

- ATSI person 16 - 24 years
- Glenelg Shire resident
- Enrolled to study
- Connection to Gunditjmara Community

**Notice of Extension**

Applications now close:  
**4 June 2026**



Previous recipients L - R  
Riley, Lila & Djakira

Application forms at DWECH, WMAC and Glenelg Shire Council  
Return application and supporting docs by 5pm Friday 24 April 2026

For further information contact **Carol Stewart** at Glenelg Shire Council

 [cstewart@glenelg.vic.gov.au](mailto:cstewart@glenelg.vic.gov.au)  (03) 5522 2200






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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

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## National Reconciliation Week SUNRISE CEREMONY

Wednesday 3 June 2026  
7.30am – 8.15am

Kardermudelar Karweeyn Mirring  
Portland Bay Dance Ground

Glenelg Shire Council invites you to join us to  
reflect, connect and celebrate local reconciliation

All welcome  
Free coffee provided

For further information contact Carol Stewart at Glenelg Shire Council at  
[cstewart@glenelg.vic.gov.au](mailto:cstewart@glenelg.vic.gov.au) or call (03) 5522 2200





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Shadow Assistant Minister for Roads & Road Safety  
Deputy Chair of Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee  
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I wanted to share with you an important initiative that is now open to Victorian students - The 2026 Parliament Prize competition.

The competition invites students in Grades 5 and 6, Years 7-9 and Years 10-12 to create a 90-second Member's Statement video answering the question: "What would you say to Parliament if you were an MP?"

The Parliament Prize is a great opportunity for students to engage with democracy, public speaking and the work of Parliament in a creative and meaningful way.

There are prizes available for both students and schools.

Entries close at 5pm on Friday 12 June 2026.

Full competition details are available at [vicparl.news/parlprize](http://vicparl.news/parlprize).