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Portland Secondary College

Newsletter

TERM 2 WEEK 8

12th June 2026

Highlights

- Principal's report
- Library News
- Careers
- Music
- Public Speaking
- NRW 2026
- Fundraisers
- School Calendar
- Community News and more

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Tuesday 16th**
 - GAT (students doing a Year 12 Unit 3/4 subject)
 - Student Free Day for all other students
 - Staff Professional Practice Day
- **Thursday 18th**
 - Year 10 Immersion Day - Warrnambool
- **Tuesday 23rd**
 - Year 10 Camp Preparation Day
 - Passport2Employment Graduation
 - Year 9 Photography/Outdoor Ed excursion
- **Wednesday 24th - Friday 26th**
 - Year 10 Melbourne Experience
- **Friday 26th**
 - Last day term 2 - finish @ 2:30pm
 - Semester 1 reports released on Compass



Portland Secondary College is a Child Safe School

Jo Kindred, Principal



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With only two short weeks left in the term, all students are hard at work completing their assessments for Semester One. Over the next week staff will be grading all this work and writing student reports with these due to be released on the last day of Term. Both students and staff can then look forward to a two week break from classes.

Once again the past two weeks have been full of activities and opportunities. Students have completed the Attitude to Schools Survey for 2026 this survey - provides us with a lot of data and helps shape our planning moving forwards. It will be a little while before results are available and we will share these with the school community when they do.

The Dental Van has been in attendance at the College for the past week and a number of students have taken up the opportunity for a free check up. Our Senior female VM students attended the Trade and Tech Fit Expo at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre to learn all about possible career paths and our Instrumental and band students attended the Warrnambool Music Eisteddfod, competing in a number of different categories and bringing home quite a lot of awards. Our public speaking team competed in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards with Vaidehi Baniyal from Year 7 winning the event and progressing to the State Finals to be held later in the year. You can read all about our music and public speaking success elsewhere in this newsletter.

We have six students involved in the Future Leaders of Industry Program and they stepped up to the challenge last week when they completed a Master Chef Challenge event and the whole school took part in a winter can fundraising event for United Way. We collected 397 cans of food, some other non-perishable staples and also raised \$133 dollars to go towards this fundraiser which will assist those in need in our local area.

After enjoying the Public Holiday at the start of this week, our Year 10 and year 11 students returned for a week of exams, and also this week we sent out sporting teams to Boys and Girls basketball with some great results. We also had the Year 7 and 8 boys football head out to Hamilton but haven't heard any results as yet.

Next Tuesday, the 16th of June is GAT Day, where all students who are completing a Year 12 subject have to sit two long General Achievement Tests. As we host all the students doing a Year 12 subject from other schools in the area, this day is a study day at home for all students except those sitting the GAT. Staff will be involved in Curriculum Planning and assessment on this day. We wish all those students well in their GAT which is a very important test linked to final exam results in Year 12 subjects.

Due to the cold weather, a number of students and staff have come down with heavy colds and the flu. Students are reminded to make use of the hand sanitizer located around the school to avoid spreading germs. And whilst we acknowledge student attendance is very important, if a student is genuinely ill, they should remain at home until they are no longer contagious. By working together we can keep students and staff productive and healthy.



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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 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Attendance matters! All day everyday!

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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.

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2026 TERM 2 CALENDAR

JUNE

Tuesday 16th - GAT for students doing Year 12 subject (Unit 3 or 4)

- Student Free Day for all other students not sitting the GAT
- Staff Professional Practice Day

Thursday 18th - Year 10 Deakin Immersion Day - Warrnambool

Tuesday 23rd - Year 10 Preparation Day (*students stay home*)

- Passport 2 Employment Graduation
- Year 9 Photography & Outdoor Ed Orienteering excursion - Tower Hill

Wednesday 24th - Friday 26th - Year 10 Melbourne Experience

Friday 26th - Last Day Term 2 - finish @ 2:30pm

- Semester 1 Reports Released

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2026 TERM 3 CALENDAR

JULY

Monday 13th - Student Free Day

- Staff PD Day

Thursday 16th - State Cross Country - Yarra Valley

- Tertiary Tour - Melbourne

Friday 17th - Tertiary Tour - Melbourne



Calendar was last updated on

11/06/2026.

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 & 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.

Elizabeth Paulet – Inclusion & Supported Learning Leader



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) 2026

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process is part of the school census and relates to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

There are four categories of disability included in the data:

- Physical
- Cognitive
- Sensory (ASD)
- Social/emotional (mental health/ADHD)

Teachers provide reasonable adjustments to enable students with disability to access education on the same basis as their peers.

This NCCD information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how we can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that we can review learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

Teachers play an important role in recording the adjustments made for students with disability to be included in learning planning. Adjustments are made in four categories:

- Quality differentiated teaching practice – class wide adjustments
- Supplementary adjustments – provided some of the time
- Substantial adjustments – provided most of the time
- Extensive adjustments – provided all of the time

These adjustments are supported by evidence such as IEPs, (Individual Education Plan) Student Support Group minutes and similar documents.

We included students in this census for whom we are making adjustments and families can see these adjustments on Compass.

Many students manage their learning at school with classroom adjustments however, if a student is struggling to make growth in their learning, speak to your child's mentor around different adjustments.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

BRODY TRICKEY – BASKETBALL



Congratulations to PSC Year 8 student **Brody Trickey** who has been selected to attend the NBA Basketball School Camp Experience in Chicago, Illinois, from 19–27 July.

The week-long program brings together players aged 14–17 from around the world for elite basketball training with NBA coaches, as well as opportunities to meet NBA/WNBA legends and attend WNBA All-Star activities. The camp also includes accommodation, meals, camp gear, and cultural and social experiences in Chicago.

Brody earned selection for the camp after attending a National Trials Selection Day in Melbourne, where participants demonstrated their basketball skills through drills, games, and activities in front of coaches and selectors.

We look forward to hearing about Brody's experience when he returns from this exciting opportunity!



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GAT

All students completing a Year 12 Unit 3 /4 VCE/VM subject are required to sit the GAT (General Achievement Test).


Students WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SIT THE GAT will remain at home for a student free day.


 Tuesday, June 16


 PSC Gym and TTC


 Students to arrive at school by 8:30am and go straight to the PSC Gym foyer or TTC (check your sheet for your location)


 Students are allowed to wear neat (warm) casual clothing

 Section A - 9:00am - 11:15am

 Section B - 1:15pm - 3:00pm

 Break Time Arrangements: 11:15am - 1:15pm. Students are to remain on campus and in the GLC space for the duration of their break

 Canteen: The canteen will be available during the students break. There will be an assortment of hot and cold food available to purchase. No pre-orders, just go in on your break and make your purchase

 Materials you can bring in:

black/blue pens

dark grey lead pencil

sharpener

eraser (remove any cover)

clear pencil case/bag

clear water bottle (max. 1.5 litres, not tinted, label removed, water only, no other drinks permitted)

dictionary (no thesaurus, nor combined dictionary/thesaurus)

scientific calculator (not CAS)

Electronics are not allowed

NO phones

NO headphones/ear buds

NO digital watches/fitbits

If they are bought in, they will be confiscated

A reminder to students who are NOT required to sit the GAT, you have a student free day.

Please contact our general office if you have any questions.



MATHS CAMPS YEARS 9 & 10

There is an exciting opportunity for high ability maths students in Years 9 and 10 to take part in a Victorian Maths Camp.

The free 5 day, 4-night residential camp is an opportunity for students to:

- work with peers and mathematics specialists to solve real-world, team-based problems
- hear from industry experts and professionals working in the field.

There will be 4 camps during 2026. They will be delivered by the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute, based at The University of Melbourne, in collaboration with the Mathematical Association of Victoria. This is a non-school activity.

The camps will take place in Y Discovery Camps across the state. Registration for the first camp during the Term 2, 2026, school holidays is open.

The camp will take place at Lake Dewar Discovery Camp in Myrning from Monday 6 to Friday 10 July 2026.

For more information and to register, refer to: Victorian Maths Camps Application.

If you are interested, please see Ms. Speers if you have any questions.

A promotional poster for Victorian Maths Camps. At the top is the Portland Secondary College logo and name, with the tagline 'Creating the Opportunities...'. Below this is the text 'YEARS 9 & 10' and 'VICTORIAN MATHS CAMPS'. The poster features three logos: AMSI (Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute), The University of Melbourne, and The Mathematical Association of Victoria. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the words 'Respect', 'Success', 'Resilience', and 'Creativity' in white text.

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YEARS 9 & 10

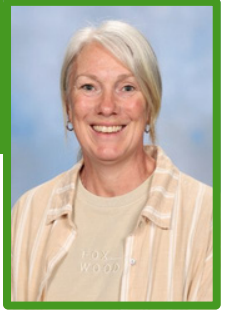
VICTORIAN MATHS CAMPS

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MELBOURNE**

 **THE MATHEMATICAL
ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA**

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715 Health Assessments for Indigenous Students

Dhauwurd-Wurrung Elderly & Community Health Service Medical Clinic has kindly offered to visit Portland Secondary College to conduct free 715 Health Assessments for our Indigenous students.

These assessments are a fantastic way to check in on your child's overall health and wellbeing. They are confidential and will be conducted by Aboriginal Health Worker Paul Roberts. Paul is willing to see female students but will not be discussing any women's business. A female support person is available if requested (please request this on the consent).

Key Details

- Date: Thursday 16th & Thursday 23rd July 2026.
- Location: On-site at PSC (Doctors Pod).
- Duration: Approximately 20-30 minutes per consultation.
- Incentive: Each student who attends will receive a \$50 gift voucher.
- Consent forms: Please complete the consent form that is available via Compass or collect one from our General Office. Forms are to be returned to the General Office no later than 1pm on **Thursday 25th June 2026**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support the health and wellbeing of our Indigenous students, and we strongly encourage participation. Indigenous students are eligible for these health assessments every 9 months.

The graphic is a promotional poster for the 715 Health Check. It features a blue background with a white box in the top left containing the 'PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK' logo. To the right of this is the 'FIRST NATIONS HEALTH' logo, which includes a stylized orange and blue figure. The main text reads 'First Nations 715 Health Check' in white. Below this, a small paragraph explains the check's purpose: 'A 715 Health Check is an assessment that is performed annually to assess a patient's physical, social and emotional wellbeing. The aim of the 715 Health Check is that First Nations patients receive health care and services that are matched to their individual needs.' At the bottom, it says 'Have a yarn today with your Doctor about a Health Check.' The bottom half of the graphic shows a photograph of a family: a woman, two young children, and a man. In the bottom right corner, there are logos for 'phn HUNTER NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES' and the Australian and New South Wales flags. The website 'THEPHN.COM.AU' is listed in the bottom left.



WARRNAMBOOL EISTEDDFOD

On Tuesday 2 June, Year 8 student **Mio Miyazaki** represented PSC at the Warrnambool Eisteddfod, performing on her flute in the novice woodwind category. In a well-contested section against seven other performers, Mio placed **2nd**. Well done, Mio!

This was followed by Mio and her teacher, **Mr Bill Harrower**, competing in the Duet category, which was again highly contested. Mio and Bill placed **1st** in this section.

On Wednesday 3 June, 11 students from Years 8–12 participated in the band sections of the eisteddfod, with our school entering three ensembles.

These students did an amazing job, placing:

1st in Junior Secondary Contemporary Band (**Violet Burgess, Andrae McTackett, Lily Meister, Georgie Taylor and Lindsee Wainohu**)

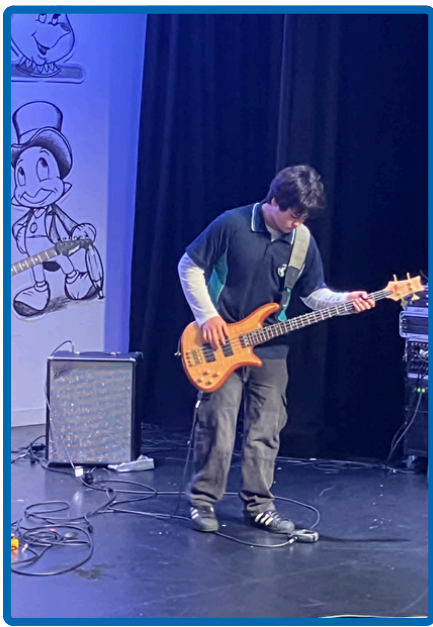
2nd in Senior Secondary Contemporary Band (VCE Class) (**Matilda Andrews, Robert Clark, Erin McPhee, Andrae McTackett, Jack Spencer, Henry Stirling and Henry Von Tunk**)

1st in Open Contemporary Band (**Matilda Andrews, Robert Clark, Lily Meister, Jack Spencer, Henry Stirling, Georgie Taylor and Henry Von Tunk**)

These are fantastic results for our students, and we are all extremely proud of their efforts.

A huge thank you to Ms. Emma Thompson, Mr. Brian Healy, Mr. Jacob West and Mr. Bill Harrower for their support, direction, preparation and encouragement leading up to these performances.





Suzanne Patterson, Koorie Engagement



National Reconciliation Week Celebrations – Treaty

Thank you to Keicha Day and Nathan Lovett-Murray from the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria for visiting PSC to speak with our staff about Treaty in Victoria.

As part of our commitment to being All in for Reconciliation, we value these opportunities to deepen our understanding.

The Assembly has also expressed interest in working with our students in the future, supported by Youth Voice Co Convenor Tarni Morris. We look forward to exploring this further.



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

UNITED WAY WINTER CAN RAISER

WOW! What an incredible effort from the students, families and staff at Portland Secondary College!

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the WinterCanRaiser last week. The challenge was simple - wear casual and bring a can for the privilege!

The school has collected an amazing **393 cans** and non-perishable food items for our Little FREE Pantries and raised **\$133** to donate to the cause.

Every can and item donated will help support individuals and families across our community throughout winter.

These donations will help keep our Little FREE Pantries stocked and available for those who need a helping hand. 🍷 ✨



SUZANNE PATTERSON, Careers/Year 10 Level Leader



CAREERS

“A day in the life of a medical student.”

Year 11 students **Tanesha Leighton, Scarlett McGennisken, Yahra Dela Cruz and Mia McDowell** were recently given the opportunity to experience being medical students for a day at Portland District Health, supported by Deakin University Warrnambool.

Student feedback showed they enjoyed the day and found it fun, interactive and full of useful information. They particularly loved the hands-on activities such as plastering and CPR, as well as the chance to speak with current medical students.



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ELIZABETH PAULET, Public Speaking Coach



PLAIN ENGLISH SPEAKING AWARD

Recently, four students took part in the Plain English Speaking Award. **Akshara Singh, Tate Noonan, Imogen Black and Bella Roberts** competed in a PESA public speaking heat held here at PSC.

Akshara won that heat and has progressed to the State Semi Final, which will be held in Melbourne at the end of term.

Congratulations to Akshara and well done to all participants.



Akshara Singh
Year 10



Imogen Black
Year 11



Tate Noonan
Year 11



Bella Roberts
Year 11

REGIONAL LEGACY PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

PSC students talk their way to State Finals!

Year 7 student **Vaidehi Baniyal** and Year 8 student **Isaac Legg** have won the 2026 Hamilton regional final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award. Vaidehi was announced the winner and Isaac the runner-up, and they have both earned their place in the State Final to be held in Ballarat in September.

Four students represented PSC at the Hamilton Legacy Club today – **Billie Cummins** (Year 7), **Chloe Hameka** (Year 7), Vaidehi and Isaac. A total of 13 students represented local Hamilton schools, including Baimbridge College, Monivae College and The Hamilton & Alexandra College. This was the fifth consecutive year that PSC has participated and progressed to represent the region at the State Final.

Students are required to present a five-minute prepared speech that focuses on the values shared by Legacy. Speeches today explored themes of mateship, mental health, memories, volunteering, social justice, and the role music played during and after war.

Students were then given five minutes to prepare a two-minute impromptu speech on the topic "money makes the world go around". This is not an easy task when you are just 12 years old!



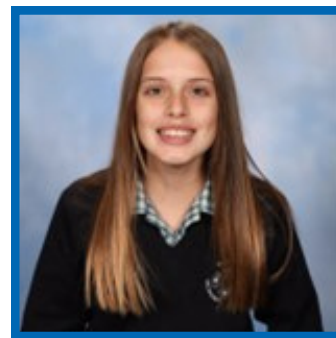
Vaidehi Baniyal
Year 7



Isaac Legg
Year 8



Billie Cummins
Year 7



Chloe Hameka
Year 7

Congratulations to all eight public speakers who have given their Wednesday lunchtimes and after-school time throughout Terms 1 and 2 to learn and practise techniques, develop speech topics and rehearse impromptu speaking.

Public speaking provides opportunities for students to share their voice on issues important to them and develop confidence that prepares them for future employment or study. The ability to speak well is an important skill that can set young people apart in the competitive job and study application market.

Well done to all students, and especially to Akshara, Vaidehi and Isaac, who now continue their preparation for the next level of competition.

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Sue Taylor, Year 11 and 12 Level Leader



YEAR 12 JACKETS

Our Year 12 students have now received their jackets, arriving at the perfect time as the colder weather sets in. Each year, students have the opportunity to submit individual designs, which are then voted on to decide the final jacket.

This year's jacket was designed by **Mykaylah Augoustakis**.



Sue Taylor, Year 11 and 12 Level Leader



YEAR 11 RUGBY JUMPER

Our Year 11 students have also received their senior school rugby jumpers, again arriving at the perfect time as the colder weather sets in.



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...>

A promotional graphic for 'The Push Up Challenge'. The background is a gradient from yellow to orange. On the left, the text 'THE PUSH UP CHALLENGE' is written in bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the text is a photograph of two young men in athletic wear leaning on a grey metal bench outdoors. On the right side, the text 'Portland Secondary College' is written in a black, sans-serif font. Below this is the headspace logo, which consists of a green square containing a white icon of two stylized figures and the word 'headspace' in white lowercase letters. At the bottom right is a black and white QR code.

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Rebecca Gould, PE Teacher



Year 9-12 Basketball

Earlier this week, Ms Patterson and Mrs Gould travelled to Hamilton with 25 PSC students to compete in a round robin basketball competition. PSC entered three teams on the day: a Year 9/10 girls' team, a Year 9/10 boys' team, and a senior boys' team.

The girls played strongly, winning two of their three games. The Year 9/10 boys had an outstanding day, winning all of their matches and progressing to the next stage of the competition. Our senior boys, competing with just five players, also performed admirably, securing two wins.

All students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the day and represented the school with pride, while also enjoying a fun and rewarding experience.

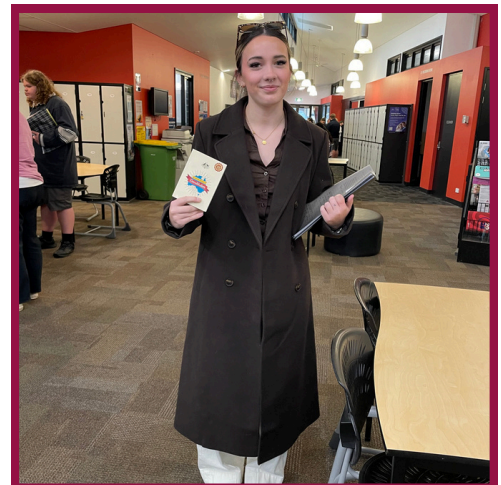


Sue Taylor, Year 11 and 12 Level Leader



FUTURE ME

Our Year 12s stepped into the future for “Future Me” Day—and what an inspiring sight it was! ✨ Students got creative, dressing up as the careers they envision for themselves in 5, 10 years and beyond. From future nurses, tradies, teachers, professional sports players and musicians, childcare workers and everything in between! It was a day full of ambition, imagination, and big dreams!



Montannah Perrett, Education Support



FOOD STUDIES

Another school week brings another busy week in the Food Tech kitchens!

Year 9s - Jam Drops. Year 7 - Fried Rice and Choc Chip Cookies. Year 8 - Pizza. Year 10 - Butter Chicken





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Andrew Prentice, VCE VM Teacher



Trades and Tech Expo

Last week, the Year 12 VCE VM female students travelled to Melbourne for the Trade and Tech Expo, hosted by the Victorian Department of Education.

Sharing a coach with other schools from Warrnambool and Terang—generously funded by Warrnambool Bus Lines—our students engaged with tradies, apprentices and industry professionals.

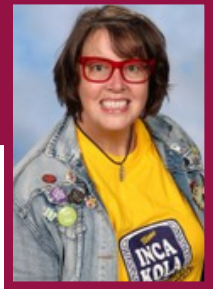
The opportunity provided valuable insight into the breadth of trade and technology career pathways for females, while highlighting study, training and well-paid employment opportunities.

The expo connected students directly with industry, encouraging them to consider a wider range of study and employment pathways and broaden their ambitions.

Students gained hands-on exposure to industries including building and construction, clean energy, engineering, automotive, transport and logistics, gaming, cloud technology and robotics, and more.

A huge thank you to Colin Payne (especially for driving in the dark and heavy rain), and to Matt Porter and Sarah Freeman from the Neil Porter Legacy for making this opportunity possible.





Library News

Don't forget that at PSC everyone has reading for 10 minutes after lunch each day – the library has a variety of books, magazines and graphic novels available for students and staff to borrow – there's surely something for everyone.

We regularly add new titles to the collection, and happily accept requests – just see Ms Collins in the library if there is a book or magazine you would like to see made available to the school community.

As part of the Year 7 program, students have one period of Library and Information Skills each fortnight. As part of this, they have been becoming familiar with the Library web app during their sessions, but some students do not have access due to the parental controls installed. Next term we will be using some of the online resources the school has available via the Library web app, so it would be helpful if all students had access to this. If your student sends a request for access, please allow this.

Recently emails were sent out to parents about overdue items, and while a number have since been returned or reborrowed, there are still a significant amount still needing to be returned. If an item has been lost, it would be appreciated if the library is notified of this, as it may need to be replaced so others can borrow.

As the weather is getting colder, more students are finding the library is a nice, warm spot to spend time, whether reading, studying or playing games. As well as Jenga, jigsaw puzzles and card games, there are also many board games available for students to use during break times.

Reading For Pleasure

"Books are a uniquely portable magic." – Stephen King
"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." – Frederick Douglass
"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – Margaret Fuller

Reading for pleasure is important both for educational purposes as well as personal development.

The National Literacy Trust cites overwhelming evidence that literacy has a significant relationship with a person's happiness and success.

A deep engagement with storytelling and great literature link directly to emotional development in primary children, according to The Rose Review, 2008 Independent Review of the Primary School Curriculum.

Other benefits to reading for pleasure include: text comprehension and grammar, positive reading attitudes, pleasure in reading in later life, increased general knowledge

Reading enjoyment has been reported as more important for children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status

The academic benefits of a strong leisure reading habit are not confined to improved reading ability. Leisure reading makes students more articulate, develops higher order reasoning, and promotes critical thinking, says the National Endowment for the Arts in "To read or not to read", 2007.

There's more!

Reading can help children improve their vocabulary. The more words they read, the more they will know. By improving their vocabulary, they will also improve their writing!

Reading can help children to explore new worlds! They can be transported to other countries, to fictional worlds, to the past, the future and more!

Reading can help them to improve their confidence when speaking! By expanding their vocabulary and seeing how different people express themselves, they will also become more articulate.

Reading will help improve their understanding as they often take on the role of the main protagonist. It can also expose them to a range of new points, reactions and feelings.

As reading will expose them to new things it will help develop their interests. They might suddenly find themselves interested in Japanese culture from reading Naruto, or into science from reading 'Frankenstein'

Being a reader helps children to improve their imagination. Something which will help them to avoid boredom, to be a creative person and to have a life full of fun and adventure!

What Can You Do To Support Reading For Pleasure??

Build a home library! Children who have books of their own enjoy reading more and read more frequently.

Literacy-targeted rewards, such as books or book vouchers have been found to be more effective in developing reading motivation than rewards that are unrelated to the activity.

Give children choice! Allow them to choose what they read and how they read!

Role model! Students' relationships with reading can be influenced by the relationship teachers and parents have with books. Be seen reading!

Supporting a child's love for reading is one of the best things you can do for them. By giving them this gift you support both their educational and emotional needs. To find out more visit your local library or follow the links below.

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Homework Program



Portland Secondary College

Creating the opportunities



HOMEWORK CLUB



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

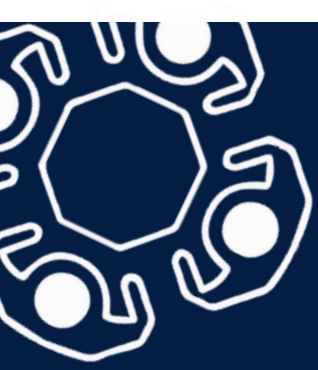
Students are reminded to bring work to complete or a book to read.

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



School Holiday Program on offer **UNDER THE DOME**




**Join us on the
30th June & 2nd July**


**Primary School students
10:00 - 11:30 am**

**Secondary School students
1:30 - 3:00 pm**

 **Drills & Roving Jack
Attack game**

 **Random prizes on offer**

 **Bowls are provided**

 **FREE FREE to participate**

Contact Paul on 0420 931 265 to register

FREE
APPERTIZERS

FREE MOCKTAILS
AND HOT DRINKS

LIVE & Local

Friday 10 July

The Yacht Club,
Portland

5:00 - 9:30 PM

Family Friendly Event.
Must register due to
limited capacity.

Join us for a special evening as we celebrate the amazing participants of Life Hacks: Intro to Hospo! Enjoy free appetizers, mocktails, and hot drinks, served by our talented trainees gaining hands-on experience. The evening will also feature a Battle of the Jams, showcasing the local talent of the young musicians within our Shire.

FREE ENTRY- REGISTER VIA QR CODE, or google
Glenelg Youth Team Eventbrite. Otherwise please
contact us on 035522 2250 youthservices
@glenelg.vic.gov.au to find out more.



LIFE HACKS

FREE WORKSHOPS AGES 14-25

Life Hacks is a free program for young people aged 14–25, offering a series of practical, hands-on workshops designed to build confidence, develop real-world skills, and explore different career pathways. Connect with industry professionals, gain valuable experience, and learn skills you can use in everyday life, work, and study.

SESSIONS AVAILABLE:

Intro to Hospitality

Learn café and customer service skills, gain event experience, and receive a reference for future jobs or study.

Monday 29 June Element Cafe, CASTERTON 10:00am to 1:00pm

Monday 6 July Portland Bayside Cafe PORTLAND
multiple sessions available

Green Spaces

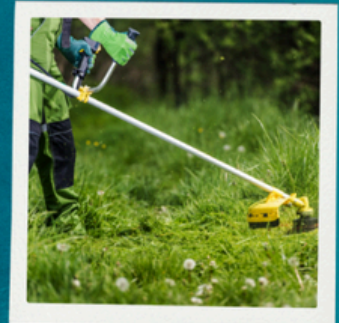
Explore landscaping, conservation, and horticulture through practical outdoor activities and industry insights.

Thursday 2 July 1 Park St 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Simple Mechanics

Learn essential car maintenance skills, from changing a tyre to vehicle safety checks and buying tips.

Tuesday 30 June 9 Fitzgerald Pl 1:00pm – 2:30pm



REGISTER NOW!

Scan the QR Code to register or contact the Glenelg Shire Council Youth Team to find out more. 035522 2250 or email youthservices@glenelg.vic.gov.au



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GLENELG SHIRE

CALL FOR MUSICIANS AGED 12-25 TO ENTER BATTLE OF THE JAMS

FRIDAY 10 JULY 2026



BATTLE OF THE JAMS IS BACK! We only have 3 spots remaining for solo musicians, instrumentalists and bands aged 12-25 to compete for a chance to WIN!

Spots available: 3 SPOTS REMAINING

Think you've got what it takes? Apply via email youthservices@glenelg.vic.gov.au with:

- 🎵 Your name(s) & age(s)
- 🎵 Act name & type (solo, band, instrumental, etc.)
- 🎵 Short bio/description of your act and photo
- 🎵 Contact number



Need a space and instruments to practice?

Come along to Music Mondays!

Scan the QR Code to find out more or call us on 035522 2250

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