



Portland Secondary College Newsletter

TERM 3 WEEK 7

24th August 2026

Highlights

- **Principal's Report**
- **Library News**
- **Sport**
- **Hands On Learning**
- **School Production**
- **Fresh Fruit Program**
- **Student Achievements**
- **School Calendar**
- **School Uniform**
- **Community News**

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday 24th – Friday 28th August**
 - Book Week
- **Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th August**
 - Music Festival
- **Friday 28th August**
 - Book Week Dress Up Day
 - Wear It Purple Day (supporting LGBTQIA+ Youth) \$2 donation
- **Tuesday 1st September**
 - Year 7 & 8 Boys & Girls Basketball – Hamilton
- **Wednesday 2nd September**
 - 2027 Year 7 Scholarship Recipients Afternoon Tea
- **Friday 4th September**
 - Future Leaders Budj Bim A Day On Country



Portland Secondary College is a Child Safe School

Jo Kindred, Principal



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 3 is well underway and as usual, there have been many opportunities for students to get involved in a whole range of activities and sports as well as completing work in their lessons.

Over the past fortnight, students have competed in the University of Newcastle STEM Challenge held at Deakin University in Warrnambool, competed in Basketball in Ballarat, conducted a waste audit with Resourcesmart Schools, attended VCE VM placement interviews, travelled to Hamilton to compete in Girls Netball, filled up the Little Pantries letterboxes all over town as part of Active Volunteering and attended a number of TAFE Taster Programs run by SWTAFE.

Our Indonesian trip students are getting excited and have completed their final parent meeting and their swim assessments prior to their trip departing in just over three weeks. Today these students are having a big cook up of Indonesian food as a fundraiser in order to purchase some goods for some of the poorer Primary Schools they will visit as part of their trip. Last Friday the Indonesian classes celebrated Indonesian Independence Day with students partaking in a whole range of fun activities.

Coming up this week we have the Music Festival happening on Tuesday and Wednesday nights where all the schools in the district come together to present some numbers for the entertainment of parents and families. Basketball tryouts are on all week and the production crew are really amping up their rehearsals.

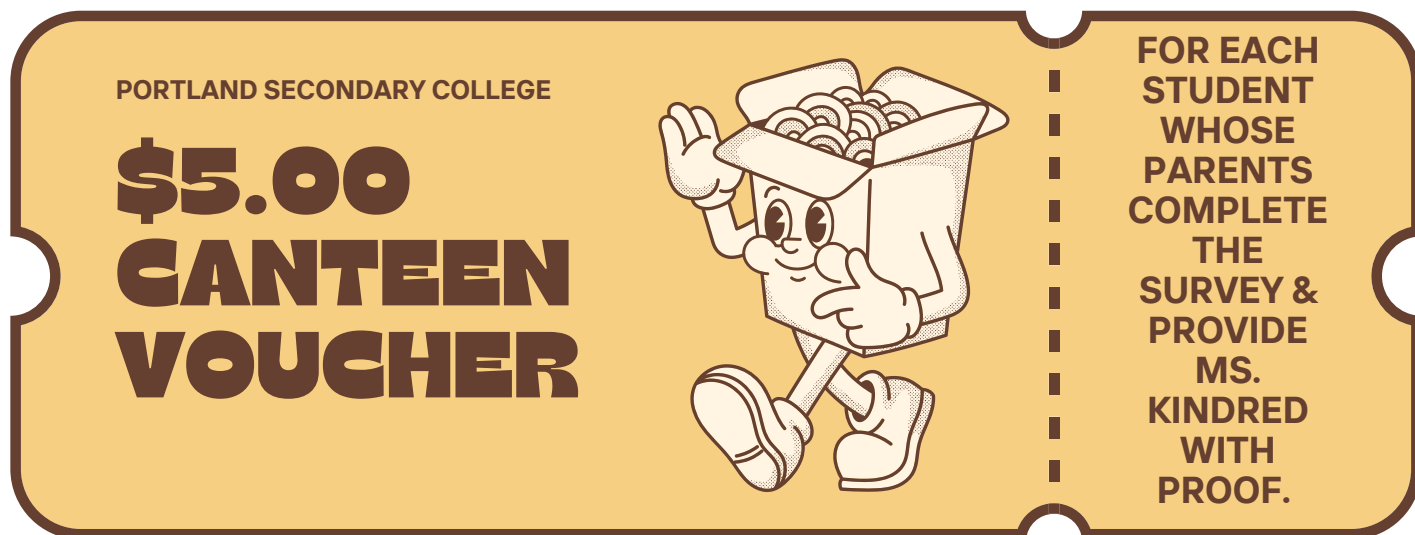
It is time to start getting ready for Book Week. Book Week will be celebrated this week with Book Dress Up day to be held on Friday the 28th of August. Students will be able to come in casual clothes that day – either dressed as a specific book character or in purple as we are also showing our support for LGBTQIA Youth. Dressing in casual on the day, preferably in purple, will cost students \$2.00 as a fundraiser to support these students in our College.

Our annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education for 2026 has begun. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

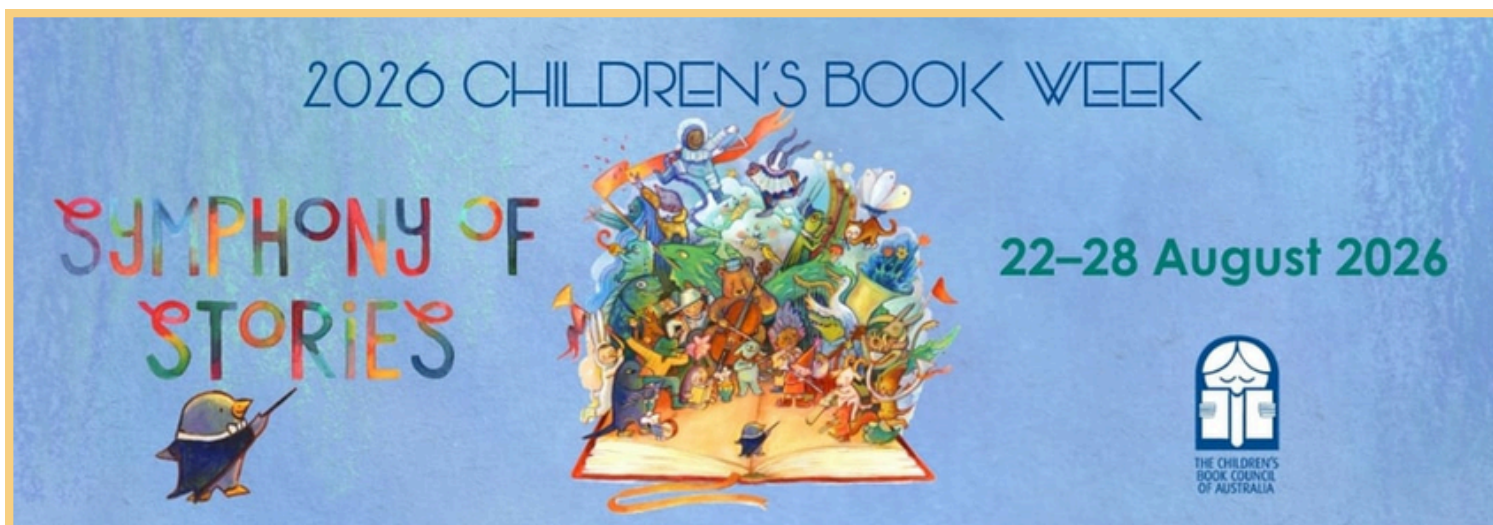
The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is open online from Monday 17th of August to Friday 18th of September 2026. All families are invited to participate in the survey. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

As an incentive for parents to complete the survey, PSC will provide students with a \$5.00 canteen voucher for each completed survey. Parents are asked to take a screen shot of the 'finished screen' when they have finished the survey and email that to Joanne.Kindred@education.vic.gov.au indicating their child's name. Ms Kindred will then give your child a \$5.00 voucher for the Canteen.

We really do value your feedback so please take the time to complete the survey when it opens. Log on information for the survey is available on Compass.



Tickets are on sale now for the much-anticipated Mission Improbable, Portland Secondary College's School Production. Held on Thursday the 3rd of September, Friday 4th of September and Saturday the 5th of September, tickets are on sale now for just \$10. You can get your ticket from the General office at school or at the door on the night, but they are already selling fast so my advice is to get in early. We wish the whole production well and look forward to a great night's entertainment.



Respect

Success

Resilience

Creativity



H5 BIRD FLU



Cases of H5 bird flu have been confirmed in birds across Australia, including in south-west Victoria.

Our school has steps to follow if sick or dead birds are found at or near our school.

If you see a sick or dead bird at or near the school, please let us know. If you find a sick or dead bird in the community, the advice from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is to:

1. Avoid contact and keep your distance
2. Record date, time, location and take photos
3. Report it to using an online form or through the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline: 1800 675 888.

For current information about reporting, refer to DEECA's [H5 bird flu page](#).

For more information, you can check out these [bird flu resources from the Australian Government](#).

ENQUIRE NOW

Portland Secondary College

144 Must Street, Portland

Phone: 03 5523 1344

Email:

portland.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Heywood & District Secondary College

23 Gorrie Street, Heywood

Phone: 03 5527 1067

Email:

heywood.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Bayview College

119 Bentinck Street, Portland

Phone: 03 5523 1042

Email:

school.contact@bayview.vic.edu.au



Portland Secondary College

Creating the Opportunities...



Bayview College

Thinking about secondary school for next year? Before sending your child out of town, take the time to visit your local schools. You might be surprised by the programs, opportunities, and support available right on your doorstep. Strong schools start with strong community connections — check them out and see what's possible locally.



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Creating the opportunities

SCHOOL UNIFORM



PE UNIFORM



UNIFORM POLICY

Uniform Reminder for Students and Parents/Carers

A friendly reminder to students and parents/carers that Portland Secondary College has a uniform policy that all students are expected to follow. This policy can be found on the College website or in your child's student planner.

- ✓ **Students attending PSC are expected to wear the full College uniform at all times.**
- ✗ **Hoodies and tracksuit pants are not part of the College uniform and should not be worn to school.**

If students require extra warmth, they may wear a white, black or navy long-sleeved top underneath their College T-shirt.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure their child attends school in the correct uniform each day. Your support in this area is greatly appreciated and assists staff by reducing the amount of uniform monitoring and follow-up required.

Uniform items can be purchased from Squidlydids, located on Percy Street, Portland. A full list of approved uniform items is available on their website:

<https://www.squidlydids.com.au/.../portland-secondary.../>

If you require assistance with purchasing uniform items, please contact our general office.

Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining the high standards and positive presentation of Portland Secondary College.

2026 SCHOOL PRODUCTION

3/9/2026
S.M.E.C.T.O.R
??? HQ is located on
attached map
37°50'24"S 145°01'48"E

PRINCIPAL'S
OFFICE

* use stealth training

Principal's
Office

Music
Classroom

Main Entrance

IT
Classroom

Staff
room

Corridor

Reception
office

ATTENTION
Important
Information

An original play by Ashley Elijah

Tickets available at the PSC
General Office or available at
the door on the night

TOP SECRET

Portland Secondary College Presents

MISSION IMPROBABLE

Your mission if you choose to accept it!

WHEN:

Thursday 3rd
Friday 4th
Saturday 5th
of September

7.30pm

Tickets \$10

WHERE:

Portland Arts Centre Glenelg St, Portland

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Tickets available to purchase from our General Office or at the door on the night.

2026 SCHOOL PRODUCTION REHEARSALS





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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!

Respect

Success

Resilience

Creativity

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 3 CALENDAR

AUGUST

Monday 24th - Friday 28th - Book Week

Tuesday 25th - Music Festival *(for required students only)*

Wednesday 26th - Music Festival *(for required students only)*

Friday 28th - Book Week Dress Up Day

- Wear It Purple Day *(supporting LGBTQIA+ Youth)* - \$2 donation

- Year 10 Multi Taster TAFE *(for required students only)*

Monday 31st - PSC School Production Rehearsal Day *(for required students only)*

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st - Year 7 & 8 Boys & Girls Basketball - Hamilton

Wednesday 2nd - 2027 Year 7 Scholarship Recipients Afternoon Tea *(invited guests only)*

Friday 4th - Future Leaders Budj Bim A Day on Country *(for required students only)*

- Year 10 Multi Taster TAFE *(for required students only)*

Tuesday 8th - Table Tennis/Badminton

Wednesday 9th - Legacy Public Speaking State Final - Ballarat

Thursday 10th - 2026 Indonesian Trip Lunchtime Meeting - J11

Friday 11th - Year 10 Multi Taster TAFE *(for required students only)*

- Future Leaders Industry Tours *(for required students only)*

Wednesday 16th - Future Leaders Public Speaking *(for required students only)*

Friday 18th - Year 7 - 12 Parent Teacher Interviews *(no classes)*

Calendar was last updated on 18/08/2026.

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



PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST 2026

WEAR
PURPLE
SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT!

Wear It Purple Day is an annual national day of significance in Australia held on the last Friday of August.

It supports LGBTQIA+ youth, promotes safe and inclusive environments, and lets rainbow young people know they are seen, valued, and supported.



2026 THEME: "COLOURS OF COURAGE"

WEAR PURPLE
FOR WEAR IT PURPLE DAY



\$2

OR

PAY \$2 IF YOU ARE
WEARING PURPLE
(ANY ITEM)

COME AS A
RECOGNISABLE
BOOK CHARACTER
FOR CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2026



NO PAYMENT REQUIRED IF YOU
COME AS A RECOGNISABLE
BOOK CHARACTER.



WEAR IT PURPLE DAY
ACTIVITIES AT LUNCHTIME

The GSC Youth Development Team will be running fun, inclusive activities at lunchtime!



YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT
TEAM

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.



PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE

PSC STUDENTS: YOUR SAFETY IS #1...

- ⬆️ Students must cross the road at designated crossings where available
- ⬆️ Students need to practice the “Stop, Look, Listen, Think” rule, no matter what age they are
- ⬆️ Students must stick to footpaths when possible
- ⬆️ Students should minimize distractions, such as using mobile phones and headphones while crossing the road
- ⬆️ Students must walk their bikes and scooters across the road and must not ride in and out of the traffic
- ⬆️ Students must not walk in and around the bus loop area
- ⬆️ Students must not run/walk in amongst moving traffic. You must cross the road at a safe place when the road is clear of traffic
- ⬆️ Students must not run/walk/ride through the staff car park



PORTLAND SECONDARY COLLEGE

STUDENT SAFETY IS IMPORTANT

- ⬆️ Drivers must be alert, watching for school zone signs, traffic signals and potential hazards such as student movement and opening car doors
- ⬆️ Drivers must obey the 40km speed limit in school zones that are in effect between 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm weekdays during Victorian school terms
- ⬆️ Drivers must avoid distractions, such as using mobile phones
- ⬆️ Drivers must park in designated areas and avoid parking on driveways, footpaths and grass areas
- ⬆️ Drivers must be aware of school busses pulling out into traffic and students getting on and off busses
- ⬆️ Drivers must use designated drop off and pick up areas
- ⬆️ Drivers are not permitted to park in the staff car park and are only to park in the visitors car spaces if attending the General Office

Student Achievement

MATILDA ANDREWS – YEAR 12



2026 Victorian Short Course Country Championships

Congratulations to Matilda on recently competing in the 2026 Victorian Short Course Country Championships, held in Traralgon, Gippsland.

It was another outstanding performance in the pool from Matilda, who achieved some fantastic and impressive results!

50m Breaststroke – 23rd in the State with a time of 40.56

50m Butterfly – 27th in the State with a time of 36.05

50m Backstroke – 28th in the State with a PB and new time of 39.26

Congratulations, Matilda!

Pictured with Matilda is her former Portland Swim Club Coach, Paige Clay. Paige supported Matilda throughout the event, and Matilda is extremely grateful for her encouragement and guidance.



Kirsten Mitchell, Assistant Principal



2027 YEAR 9, 10 & 11 PATHWAYS

SAVE THE DATES

Parents/Guardians and students, please note the following important dates regarding subject pathways for 2027.

It is important that students and families attend interviews and information sessions to stay informed and make well-considered subject choices.

With our Pathway Information Night now complete, attention now turns to the next step in the subject selection process.

 Monday 7 September – Students receive their 2027 subject choices via student email. Any changes or clashes must be addressed during that week in consultation with parents/guardians.

 Friday 18 September – Parent/Teacher Interviews (Years 7–12, 2026). Interviews will be available to book on Compass from Monday 31st August.

Questions can be directed to:

Assistant Principal Ms Kirsten Mitchell – Kirsten.Mitchell@education.vic.gov.au

Assistant Principal Mr Colin Payne – Colin.Payne@education.vic.gov.au

 General Office: (03) 5523 1344

Respect

Success

Resilience

Creativity

Donna Chapman, Numeracy Support



FRESH FRUIT PROGRAM

This semester, our **Year 7 HUB students** have taken on the important responsibility of organising and distributing fresh fruit every Tuesday.

The fruit, supplied by **Admellas Fruit n Veg** and generously donated by the **Portland Aluminium Smelter**, is delivered to our school each week. During Numeracy sessions, students work together to sort, unpack, count and distribute boxes of fruit to 18 schools across our region.

Through this hands-on task, students are demonstrating our school values of Respect, Resilience, Success and Creativity. They are developing real-world skills in teamwork, organisation, time management and problem-solving, while also seeing Numeracy in action.

The Year 7 HUB students are proud to be part of such a valuable community program. Well done, everyone!



Kirsten Mitchell – PE Team Leader



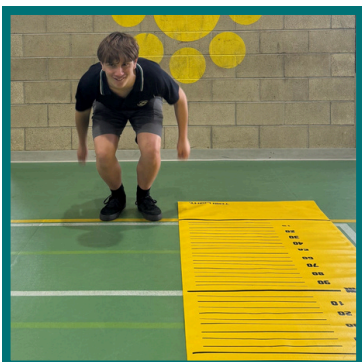
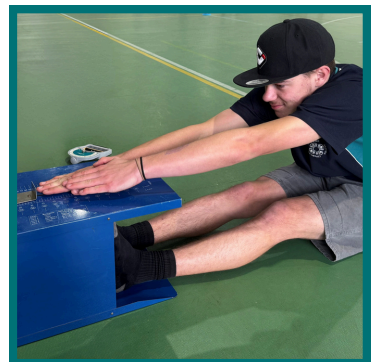
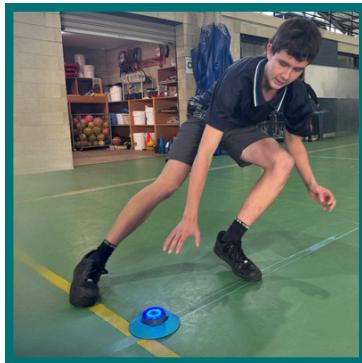
METS PERFORMANCE CONSULTING

This week, some of our PE students had the opportunity to benefit from the expertise of **METS Performance Consulting**, participating in a range of activities and experiencing highly sophisticated sports technology.

Both sessions were very well received and resulted in a range of collected data that we can continue to use in our classes over the coming weeks.

Our **Year 11 classes** participated in Acute Responses To Exercise. During this session, students applied their classroom learning by collecting and analysing primary cardio-respiratory data during a 30–45-minute game. Data includes heart rate, VO_2 , ventilation, respiratory rate, tidal volume, and core body temperature. Students then analyse the acute responses to exercise and explore thermoregulation back in the classroom.

Our **Year 10 classes** participated in Sport Science Experience Day. Students participated in a fitness testing battery using a range of sport science equipment, including reaction time pods, force plates, and light gates.



Braden Dawson & Suzanne Patterson



NATIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

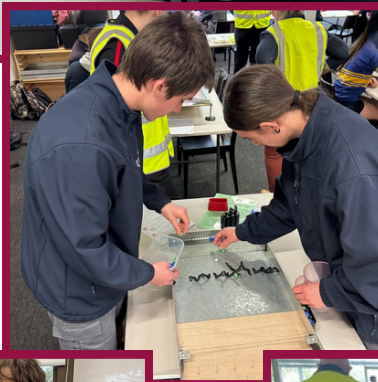
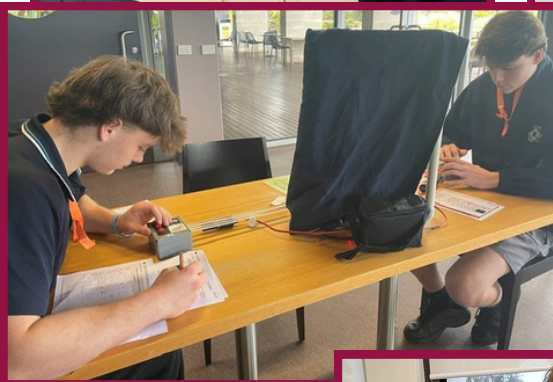
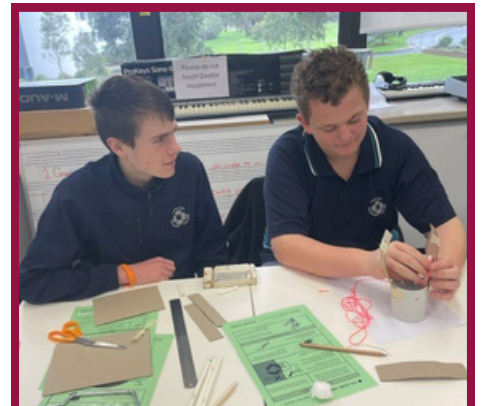
A group of Year 10 students recently competed in the University of Newcastle's National Science and Engineering Challenge at Deakin University in Warrnambool.

7 schools from the area competed for a chance to represent the Great South Coast in Melbourne.

The day consisted of multiple STEM challenges such as bridge building, designing an eco-habitat, creating a custom alphabet cipher and optimising a city's power grid.

Overall, our students made an amazing effort, coming among the top 3 teams in half of the activities. Unfortunately, PSC narrowly missed out on the trophy, losing to King's College by only 6 points (out of a total of 1600).

Ms Patterson and Mr Dawson were incredibly proud of the Year 10s displaying our school values throughout the day and look forward to competing again next year.



Suzanne Patterson, Careers



MOCK INTERVIEWS

Some of our Year 11 Vocational Major (VM) students at PSC recently participated in mock interviews as part of their Work Related Skills coursework.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our local community partners, including Westvic Staffing Solutions and Head Start.



Guy Sevier from
Head Start



Kim Cameron from
Westvic Staffing Solutions

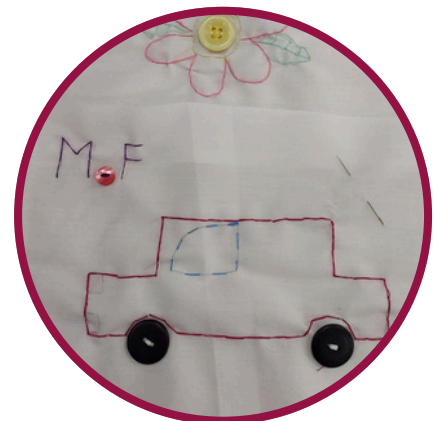
Karen Mizzi, Technology Technician



YEAR 8 TEXTILES

Our Year 8 Textiles class has been working hard on their hand-sewing tasks. All students learn how to sew a backstitch, running stitch and blanket stitch, as well as how to sew on a button. Once they have mastered these skills, they move on to designing and creating a picture using the four techniques they have learned.

Many students embrace the creativity that comes with hand sewing and take great pride in their work. Once this project is completed, students will move on to developing their skills using sewing machines.



Sue Taylor, Year 11 & 12 Level Leader



HANDS ON LEARNING

CHRISTMAS IN....AUGUST!?

July was so busy for our Year 12 students that their Christmas in July celebrations ended up becoming Christmas in August!





HANDS ON LEARNING

At HOL, each day begins with a group catch-up and planning session, where students prioritise tasks and organise lunch and morning tea. Throughout the day, they work independently while supporting peers through collaboration, problem-solving, and teamwork.

Semester 1 2026:

Students got to know each other and the HOL staff while learning about respect, different perspectives, and program expectations. They then planned and designed individual projects before beginning construction, including birdhouses, game boards, collapsible seats, and a sign for Joy's Garden, which will feature in the memorial garden honouring former teacher Joy Hollis.

Semester 2 2026:

The HOL team has been busy designing and building toolboxes, achieving some fantastic results. They have also assisted the Year 12 VM classes with restoring the chicken coop and have begun planning improvements to the HOL area, including fencing, an orchard, upgrades to the vegetable patch, and a sensory garden in collaboration with the LSR crew. These projects have helped students develop their consultation, collaboration, and teamwork skills.



Janelle Collins & Suzanne Patterson

YEAR 9 & 10 GWR BOYS BASKETBALL



Dark and early on Thursday, 13 August, our Year 9 and 10 boys' basketball team headed to Ballarat to compete in the GWR Basketball Competition.

Despite losing their first game of the day against Trinity College, the boys fought back with wins against Edenhope and Emmanuel College, Warrnambool. Their victory over Emmanuel College came in a hard-fought match, finishing with a score of 29-21 (possibly because Ms Collins said she wouldn't drive them to KFC unless they won!).

PSC finished at the top of their pool, earning a place in the grand final. Unfortunately, they were defeated by Ballarat High School. Finishing as runners-up was a fantastic achievement and a testament to the team's determination and effort throughout the day.

Thank you to **Clayton** for refereeing, **Ducati** for scoring, Ms Collins for driving the bus, Ms Patterson for coaching, and Ms Frazier for her support throughout the day.



Aliera Jaeger & Mollie Reed



YEAR 7 – 12 GIRLS NETBALL

Our Year 7 to 12 girls' netball teams recently travelled to Pedrina Park in Hamilton to compete in the Netball Championships. Unfortunately, the day was very cold and wet, but that did not stop our girls from giving it their all throughout the competition.

Our junior Year 7 and 8 teams had a mixture of results, recording wins, draws and losses across the day. Standout players from the Year 7 team were **Milla Rietman** and **Chloe Miles**. For the Year 8 team, two Year 7 students who played up an age group, **Arley Trickey** and **Lexie Elford**, were named among the standout performers.

Our middle school Year 9 and 10 Team 1 won all but one of their games, with their only loss coming against Monivae. **Olive Watt** and **Ayda Wiseman** were standout players for the team. Team 2 came away with one win against Heywood, with **Ellie Bott** and **Taya Pass** named as standout performers.

The senior girls faced some tough competition but fought hard all day. **Jayla Ryan** and **Tanesha Leighton** leading the way on the court.

Congratulations to all who represented PSC on the day.



Janelle Collins, Teacher Librarian



Library News

Don't forget that Reading happens every day after lunch, so make sure you take along something to read at this time – lots of variety is available!



BOOK WEEK
DRESS UP DAY
FRIDAY 28TH
AUGUST

Book Week is next week and dress up day is on Friday 28th August. We're looking forward to seeing lots of students and staff dressed up as book characters showing off their costumes at recess in the J Wing. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed.

As well as the dress up day, we will be having various other activities during the week, such as a 50 word story competition, lucky borrower prizes, mini movie with popcorn and others. Keep an eye on Compass for details.

50 word story competition

A 50 word story is a piece of fiction written in exactly 50 words. That doesn't mean "roughly" 50 words; it doesn't mean "as close to 50 words as possible"; it doesn't mean 50 words or fewer. It means exactly 50 words.

As with any other form of fiction, a 50-word story should have a beginning and an end, a plot and character development (even if they are only implied), and a theme, meaning, or purpose of some sort. Many 50-word stories are built around twists or climactic moments.

Get started on your 50 word story now and enter it by Wednesday 25th August – you can either hand it in to Ms Collins in the library or send it via email. Junior, Middle and Senior school prizes to be won!



During Book Week the winners of the CBCA awards will be announced, we have all the shortlisted available for borrowing, many in multiple formats, so why not have a read and decide on the one you think should be the winner?

😊 Happy reading!

Donna Chapman – Numeracy Support
Elley Foster – Literacy Support



HOMework CLUB



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HOMework CLUB

TERM 3

Every Wednesday - Mrs Donna Chapman
& Mrs Elley Foster

Every Thursday - Mrs Donna Chapman

Time: 3:40pm - 4:30pm

Location: The HUB

Students are reminded to bring work
to complete or a reading book

Students need a pre-arranged way home
as the office will be shut (no phone use)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Respect

Success

Resilience

Creativity

PORTLAND Community News

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WARRNAMBOOL COASTER

ART SHOW 2026 OPENING PARTY!



PRIZES DONATED BY -

The F Project | One Day Studios | Library Cafe |
Henna Street Picture Framers | Blarney Books |
Warrnambool City Youth | Collins Booksellers |
WEEDS | Day Kitty | Shi Ra Ya Sushi |
My Crafternoons | Emma Stenhouse |
Hotel Warrnambool |
and many more AMAZING
local businesses.

SATURDAY
22ND AUG
2PM-8PM
@ THE
F PROJECT
224 TIMOR ST. WARRNAMBOOL



COASTER ART SALES

(CASH ONLY / NO HOLDS)
MUST BE PAID ON THE
DAY OF PURCHASE

ART WORKS CAN BE
PICKED UP FROM
THE 16TH SEPT
@ THE F PROJECT

EVENT SOUND TRACKED BY ØD - SWIM

Young Creative Musicians & DJ's
launching their new 'Submerged 26'
Compilation of South-West Electronic
Sounds live in the F Project Laneway.



— LOCAL SCHOOLS —

ART EXHIBITION

All local schools are joining together to showcase
a spectacular community exhibition of student artworks.

OVER 260 2D & 3D ARTWORKS ON DISPLAY

EXHIBITION DATES & TIMES

THURSDAY	11TH SEPT:	1:00PM – 4:00PM
FRIDAY	12TH SEPT:	9:00AM – 4:00PM
SATURDAY	13TH SEPT:	10:00AM – 3:00PM
SUNDAY	14TH SEPT:	10:00AM – 3:00PM
MONDAY	15TH SEPT:	9:00AM – 1:00PM

📍 **VENUE: PORTLAND DRILL HALL**



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Parents, students, and community members are invited to come along
and celebrate the creativity and talent of our young artists.

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MONDAY NIGHT NETBALL!

FUN, FRIENDS & NETBALL!



REGISTER AS A TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL!

AGES: **NETSET GO 5-10** | **JUNIORS 9-13** | **INTERS 12-17**

NETSET GO

FOUNDATION SKILLS & FUN FOR OUR YOUNGEST PLAYERS!

4.30PM
VNA ONLY

JUNIORS

BUILD SKILLS, MAKE FRIENDS & PLAY TOGETHER!

5.30PM
VNA + \$80

INTERS

TAKE YOUR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL & COMPETE WITH PRIDE!

TO BE CONFIRMED
VNA + \$80



REGISTER ON NETBALL CONNECT



MORE INFO ON FACEBOOK!



NETSET GO STARTS 5TH OCTOBER



JUNIORS & INTERS START 7TH SEPTEMBER



11 ROUNDS + FINALS



FINALS ON 14TH DECEMBER

BE PART OF PORTLAND'S NETBALL COMMUNITY - REGISTER BY SEP 5!



Woolworths

NET SET GO!

LET'S PLAY!

LEARN. LAUGH. LOVE NETBALL!

NetSetGo is all about building skills, confidence and having fun! Perfect for kids who love to run, play and make new friends.

AGES 5-10

NET - BEGINNERS & GO - EVERYONE ELSE!



LEARN THE BASICS THROUGH FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES



BUILD CONFIDENCE, TEAMWORK & COORDINATION



MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE A BLAST



SUPPORTIVE COACHES & POSITIVE VIBES



PAY VNA ONLY INCLUDES FREE T-SHIRT & BALL



STARTS 5TH OCT
COME & TRY 7TH SEP



10 WEEKS
4.30PM



SEE FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO!

BE PART OF PORTLAND'S NETBALL COMMUNITY!

Carers Connection Community Scarf Project

Help Us Knit a Community of Care

We warmly invite carers, family members, friends, and community members to contribute to the Carers Connection Community Scarf Project as part of Carers Week 2026.

Together, we will create one giant scarf made from individual knitted sections. Each piece represents the unpaid carers across South West Victoria. The combined length will be a powerful visual reminder of the many people who provide care, support, and compassion every single day.

How to Get Involved

- Knit a section approximately 15 cm wide
- Any length you'd like to contribute
- Any colour, pattern, or style is welcome

Community Display

The completed scarf will be proudly displayed during Carers Week, 11th to 18th October to raise awareness and build understanding of the valuable role carers play in our community.



This is an inclusive project where everyone is welcome to participate, regardless of age, ability, experience, or whether you identify as a carer yourself. Together, let's create something meaningful that recognises and celebrates the caring hearts that strengthen our community every day.

For more information email:
tmckendry@mpower.org.au
or call Carers team on (03)5561 8111

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U16 TEAMS

MAKE MATES
& HAVE FUN

LEARN, GROW
& PLAY

GREAT COACHES
& SUPPORT

WOOLIES BLAST
Info to come

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!



PEDRINA PARK, HAMILTON

INTERESTED PLAYERS PLEASE CONTACT JAMIE LOGAN 0400 620 954
OR DM A MESSAGE ON FACEBOOK

PORTLAND BLUE LIGHT DISCO

FRIDAY, 4TH SEPT

Portland Civic Hall
30 Bentnick Street, Portland
Contact: LSC Lee-Anne Nelson
03 5522 1500

PURCHASE TICKETS AT

[https://events.humanitix.com/
blue-light-disco-4th-sept](https://events.humanitix.com/blue-light-disco-4th-sept)

Portland Blue Light
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JOIN OUR OPEN NIGHT



Explore our campus • Meet our teachers & industry experts
Discover courses & career pathways • Enjoy a free BBQ
Experience the new South West Tech School

Warrnambool Campus • Timor St
Thurs 17 Sept • 4-6pm

Register at swtafe.edu.au
or call 1300 648 911

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The Michael Schmaedicke Scholarship

Helping young people from single-parent households to succeed in tertiary education.

Scholarships Available

Up to \$30,000 to help young people from single-parent households succeed in tertiary education.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Education can change a life.

For some young people, the decision to continue into tertiary education isn't about ambition.

It's about affordability.

Course fees, textbooks, technology, transport, housing and everyday living costs can place higher education out of reach, particularly for young people from single-parent households who often face additional financial and practical barriers to pursuing further study.

The Michael Schmaedicke Scholarship has been established through a generous bequest from the late Mr Michael Schmaedicke to help remove those barriers.

The scholarship provides **financial support of up to \$30,000** over a maximum of three years, alongside mentoring and ongoing support from Youth Off The Streets, helping young people focus on building a positive future through education.

What does the scholarship include?

- Up to \$30,000 over three years towards tuition and course fees, plus approved educational and essential living costs that support the recipient's tertiary education goals.
- Optional mentoring support with professionals from a range of industries.
- Ongoing guidance and check-ins from the Youth Off The Streets Scholarships team throughout the recipient's scholarship journey.

Who can apply?

Applicants must:

- be 21 years of age or under at the time of application
- come from a single-parent household
- have a defined tertiary education goal
- demonstrate potential to benefit from the scholarship and achieve their educational goals

Applicants don't need to be enrolled in a tertiary course when they apply for the scholarship. However, they need to show clear intent to pursue higher education and have a realistic pathway planned to get there.

KEY DATES

Applications open: 30 July 2026

Applications close: 31 August 2026

Successful applicants will be notified following assessment by the selection committee.

A scholarship with a specific purpose

The Michael Schmaedicke Scholarship is independent from Youth Off The Streets' National Scholarship Program, with different eligibility criteria and separate funding through a dedicated one-off bequest from the estate of Michael Schmaedicke.

The scholarship has been dedicated specifically to young people from single-parent households pursuing tertiary education.

Know someone who should apply?

If you work with, teach, mentor or support a young person who may be eligible, we encourage you to share this opportunity.

Nominations must be made by the young person themselves; however, assistance in completing the nomination is encouraged and is your opportunity to help a young person follow their dreams.



Community Mental Health Event: Youth Voice Survey

Hey there! We are planning a local community event focused on youth mental health, and wellbeing for adults who care for, teach, coach, or support young people. The theme to the event will be determined by the young people within our community. If you are aged between 12-25 years we would love to hear from you.

The survey is 100% anonymous. It takes less than 5 minutes, and closes on Wednesday, August 26.

Survey link: Community Mental Health Event: Youth Voice Survey – Fill out form

Thanks for helping us build something meaningful!

Share with your friends.