



Portland Secondary College Newsletter

TERM 3 WEEK 10

18th September 2026

Highlights

- **Principal's Report**
- **Library News**
- **Hands On Learning**
- **Food Studies**
- **R U OK?Day**
- **Student Achievements**
- **Year 7 Scholarships**
- **School Calendar**
- **Community News and more.....**

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday 5th October**
 - Term 4 Commences for Staff & Students
- **Thursday 8th October**
 - GWR Athletics (Ballarat)
- **Friday 9th October**
 - Year 10 Multi Taster TAFE (required students only)
- **Wednesday 21st October**
 - Year 9 & 10 Super 8 Cricket
- **Friday 22nd October**
 - Year 7 & 8 Super 8 Cricket
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- **Monday 26th October – Thursday 18th November**
 - Year 12 Exams
- **Tuesday 27th October**
 - Future Leaders Graduation



Portland Secondary College is a Child Safe School

Jo Kindred, Principal



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The last day of term has arrived and it was wonderful to see many parents and carers taking the opportunity to come in and talk with teachers about their child's learning over the past term. Students have completed a lot of work this term and been involved in a whole range of activities, ensuring the College has been a hive of activity for the past ten weeks. As well as preparing for 2027 with Information Nights and Subject Selection pathway interviews, we have had students involved in a variety of sports including soccer, badminton, table tennis, basketball, cross country and netball across all year levels. Year 7 students participated in a variety of activities to celebrate Indonesia Independence Day and sorted fruit on a weekly basis for the Fresh Fruit program, Year 8 enjoyed a four day camp in Adelaide and participated in Live4Life activities, Year 9 students explored possible careers on Explorer Day and learned how to look after their mates through the Party Ready Program, Year 10 students have participated in a variety of Multi Taster SWTAFE programs and Senior students have participated in the Tertiary Tour, the Future Leaders of Industry program and a number of information sessions regarding life after school. Students from all year levels have been involved in Book Week Activities and dress up day, the Portland and district School's Music festival, the Glenelg Schools' Art Show, the School Production, STEM Challenges, Waste Audits, helped out with Primary School activities and Public Speaking events. We've even had some students creating a banner for the Portland Upwelling Festival – something for everyone.

Time is flying past for our Year 12 students as they begin work on some rigorous revision for their final exams. These students return to the College only briefly in Term 4 before beginning an intensive exam period. All other Year Levels have completed Term 3 assessments and parents can view feedback on Compass if not attending the interviews today.

Our Indonesian trip students completed their final preparations and departed on Tuesday. We wish them well and hope they have a great time and we look forward to hearing about their adventures upon their return.

Thank you to all parents who have completed the Parent Opinion Survey. Your children have certainly enjoyed the \$5.00 Canteen voucher they received. We will share our results with the School Community when they become available.

I urge all students and families to take a break from the screens over the holidays and to enjoy some lovely Spring weather. Stay safe and healthy and we hope to see everybody back ready for Term 4.

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ATTENTION: PSC PARENTS & CARERS

CONTACT DETAILS

Have you recently moved house
or changed your phone number?
Are you emergency contacts up
to date?

Please let us know and we will update
your details so we can keep you up-to-
date!



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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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SCHOOL UNIFORM



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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.



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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 4 CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Monday 5th - Term 4 Commences for Staff & Students
Thursday 8th - GWR Athletics (Ballarat)
Friday 9th - Year 10 Multi Taster TAFE (*required students only*)
Friday 16th - Year 10 Multi Taster TAFE (*required students only*)
Wednesday 21st - Year 9 & 10 Super 8 Cricket
Thursday 22nd - Year 7 & 8 Super 8 Cricket
Friday 23rd - Year 10 Multi Taster TAFE (*required students only*)
Monday 26th October - Thursday 18th November - Year 12 Exams
Tuesday 27th - Future Leaders of Industry Graduation
Wednesday 28th - Year 7 - 10 GD Golf
Friday 30th - Year 10 Multi Taster TAFE (*required students only*)

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd - Year 8 Beach Clean-Up Day
Friday 6th - Year 7 - 10 GD Tennis
Thursday 19th - Year 12 Graduation Dinner
Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th - Year 10 & 11 Exams
Friday 27th - Student Free Day

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st - Headstart - 2027 Year 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12
Wednesday 2nd - Headstart - 2027 Year 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12
Thursday 3rd - Headstart - 2027 Year 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12
Friday 4th - Headstart - 2027 Year 11 & 12
- Bridgewater Day - 2026 Year 7 - 9
Monday 7th - Grade 6 Big Day Out
- Grade 5 Discovery Day
Tuesday 8th - Statewide Orientation Day

Calendar was last updated on 09/09/2026.
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.



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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



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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



SIENNA STONE – YEAR 12

ATC ACADEMY - USA BASKETBALL TOUR

"My trip to America was an amazing experience that I'll remember for a long time. We travelled and played in Louisville, Kentucky, before continuing through Chicago, Bloomington and Indianapolis, with basketball being a huge part of the trip.

One of my favourite parts was watching the WNBA game between the Indiana Fever and Seattle Storm and getting to see professional women's basketball live.

We competed in the Run for Roses Tournament, which we won, and then played in the Nike Tournament of Champions, where we made it to the Grand Final but unfortunately lost. I got to play in front of hundreds of college coaches, and we played 15 games in total. We also attended a training camp in Indiana and visited Indiana University and Butler University, which gave me great insight into the college basketball experience. Indiana University has over 80,000 students.

The trip taught me a lot about basketball, independence and pushing myself outside my comfort zone. It also made me even more motivated to pursue basketball in America in the future.

I would definitely recommend an experience like this to other students. It was an incredible opportunity to develop as a player, experience a different culture, and make great memories with my teammates." – **Sienna Stone**



Photos: Courteous of ATC Academy

Student Achievement



AKSHARA SINGH – YEAR 10

PUBLIC SPEAKING - LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR COMPETITION WINNER

If you were given one million dollars to improve our community, how would you spend it?
What's your view on the U16 social media ban?

These were the impromptu two-minute speech topics given to speakers **Bella Roberts** and **Akshara Singh** at the Lions Youth of the Year Award last night, held at Legacy Lodge.

In addition to delivering two impromptu speeches, the students prepared a five-minute speech on a topic of their choice, submitted detailed résumés, and were interviewed by Lions members throughout the afternoon.

Both students represented our school exceptionally well, presenting thought-provoking ideas with confidence and clarity.

Akshara Singh was awarded Youth of the Year and will go on to represent our school at the regional public speaking heats in March 2027. Her speech, *The Loneliest Generation*, explored how young people today are more connected online than ever before, yet often struggle to build genuine face-to-face relationships.

If public speaking is something you would like to have a go at, speak to Miss Temby or one of our public speaking team members.



Student Achievement

2027 YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS

Earlier this year, we invited Grade 6 students from Portland and district primary schools to apply for our 2027 Year 7 Scholarships. We are pleased to announce that the following students have been successful in securing a scholarship at PSC for next year. We look forward to welcoming them all to the PSC community in 2027.



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Congratulations

**2027 LEADERSHIP
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**
**Evelyn
Richardson**

*"I'm looking forward to a new and
challenging chapter. Making new
friends, seeing old friends, and
studying Food Technology."*



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Congratulations

**2027 SPORTS
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**
Jake Lacey

*"I'm looking forward to meeting new
people, trying new things that PSC
has to offer and making the most
of new opportunities. And of
course I am excited about sport
and PE!"*



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Congratulations

**2027 ACADEMIC
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**
Phoebe Boersma

*"I'm excited to make new friends,
experience new opportunities
and take on the academic
challenges of high school."*



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**2027 LEADERSHIP
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**
Cole Cruse

*"I am so excited to cook with my
friends and do PE with
them! I will love trying new
classes and meeting new people."*



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Congratulations

2027 LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Remy Rogers

"I am looking forward to most things at PSC including Woodwork, Technology, Art, Maths and Science (and everything else!)."



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Congratulations

2027 SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Tully Carter

"I am looking forward to representing PSC at different sporting events. I am also looking forward to leadership opportunities, making new friends and all the different classes."



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Congratulations

2027 ART SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Hollie Vincec

"I am looking forward to meeting new people and learning new things and having fun!"



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Congratulations

2027 LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Clara Johnston

"I am really looking forward to trying new classes, making new friends and meeting new teachers."



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Congratulations

2027 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Sydney Kivisalu

"I am really looking forward to sports, making new friends and having lots of new opportunities."



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Congratulations

**2027 COMMUNITY
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

Dolly Buchner

"I'm most looking forward to
exploring new subjects,
especially cooking classes, and
discovering what I enjoy the most."



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Congratulations

**2027 ART
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

Pippa Brown

"I am looking forward to starting
school at PSC because I will get
to meet new people. I am also
excited about trying new subjects
and activities."



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*Congratulations
to you all!*

**We look forward to
welcoming you all to PSC
in 2027**

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Sam Wells, Outdoor Ed Teacher



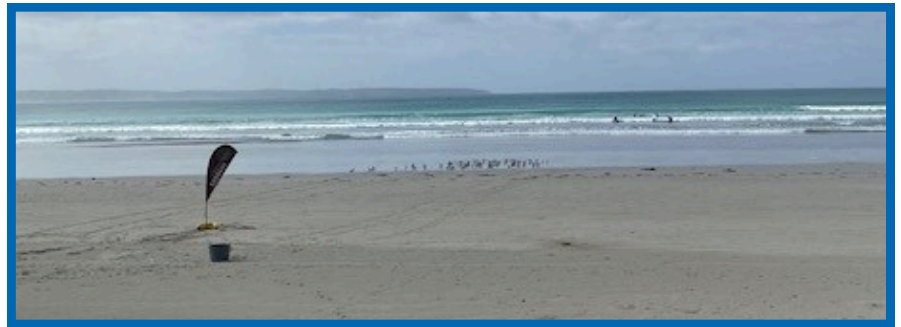
YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION – SURFING

Students from this semester's **Year 9 Outdoor Education** participated in a surfing lesson at Cape Bridgewater recently. This excursion provided students with an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the water safety knowledge and skills they developed through the Surfers Rescue 24/7 program earlier in Term 3.

Students were provided with wetsuits and surfboards by the Go Surf School before taking part in a warm-up and safety briefing on the beach.

Once in the water, students enthusiastically embraced the challenge of learning to surf, applying their understanding of ocean conditions and surf safety in a practical setting.

It was fantastic to see many students successfully stand up on their boards, with several demonstrating some 'gnarly' surfing skills. The lesson provided a great opportunity for students to build confidence, challenge themselves, and enjoy the unique coastal environment of Cape Bridgewater



Imogen Temby – VM VCE Teacher



LEGACY JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD – STATE FINAL

Congratulations to PSC Year 8 student **Isaac Legg**, who has been named the **Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award State Champion!**

Isaac was victorious in a field of 11 competitors, all who represented themselves and their schools to an exceptionally high standard.

As State Champion, Isaac has now earned a place at the National Finals, which will be held in Ballarat in November.

Fellow student, Year 7 **Vaidehi Baniyal**, also competed at the State Finals today, delivering an outstanding performance and giving the judges plenty to consider during their deliberations.

Congratulations, Isaac. We look forward to following your journey to the National Finals and wish you all the best in your preparation.

A big thank you to coaches Elizabeth Paulet and Ms Imogen Temby for the time, dedication and expertise they have invested in our public speaking team in the lead-up to these big stage events.



*Pictured above with Isaac:
Legatee Allan McKinnon,
Ballarat Legacy, Co-Ordinator
of Public Speaking Events and
Legatee John Graham,
Hamilton Legacy, Co-Ordinator
of Public Speaking*

Sue Taylor, Year 11 and 12 Level Leader



SENIOR SCHOOL SILLY SOCKS DAY



Tom Nieuwerkerk, Teacher



BADMINTON & TABLE TENNIS

Some of our **Year 7 and 8 students** travelled to Hamilton recently to compete against fellow South West regional schools in the Badminton and Table Tennis tournament. The team competed really well throughout the day, showing fantastic resilience and making sure to have plenty of fun along the way.

It was great to see students supporting their teammates and going above and beyond by offering to umpire games in between their own matches.

Congratulations to **Harry Barton** and **Troy Carlyon**, who took out the boys' badminton doubles!

A big thank you to Liam Doyle for driving the bus and keeping the team's energy up all day. A brilliant effort from everyone involved.



Rebecca Gould, Food Studies Teacher



YEAR 11 FOOD STUDIES

Mrs Gould's **Year 11 Food Studies** students recently prepared a delicious meal of cheesy schnitzels with pressed Parmesan potatoes, all while dressed in their crazy socks.



Michelle Cables, Student Services



R U OK? DAY

Last week PSC recognised **R U OK? Day** with lunchtime activities and displays located at Student Services. Our **Student Services** team, along with **Headspace**, are available to support anyone who may need to have a conversation about their mental health.

R U OK? Day is an important reminder to check in with those around us and have meaningful conversations. At PSC, we recognise this day to promote a caring and inclusive school community where everyone feels seen, heard and supported. By asking, listening and connecting, we can all help support the wellbeing of others. ❤️

Congratulations to **Jasmin Brewer** who was the winner of the M&M jar competition. There were 146 yellow M&Ms in the jar and Jasmin was the closest with a guess of 143!





LIBRARY NEWS

Every day after lunch the whole school has **Reading Time**.

Reading has many benefits, many of which are outlined in the infographic. One of the findings of a study showed that reading for just six minutes slows your heart rate, eases muscle tension and alters your state of mind – so if everyone took a book or magazine to class after lunch and read for all of Reading Time, there would be a much more relaxed group of people once that time was up! Take a closer look and check out some of the other great ways that reading can help make you healthier.

The library has a wide range of reading materials available for loan – picture books and graphic novels, magazines, novels, autobiographies and biographies and a wide range of non-fiction books.

Any student is welcome to make suggestions for purchases to add to the library collection, and it is great that so many students have done so. We have added many new requested titles to those available for borrowing from the library year. Why not ask your student what they are currently reading?

Year 7 students have been visiting the library regularly this term, and learning more about effective web searches. They have also been using some of the resources available via the Library web app. However, some students do not currently have access due to parental controls. If you have received a request, please grant your student access to this.

You can find the Library web app link under the star menu on Compass. Log in via the blue 'Login via SSO' button and using your @schools email address and password only if prompted.

You can also see what resources you currently have on loan. There are many students with overdue books or magazines. It would be great if these were located and returned to the library early next term. Emails will be sent out to parents at the start of term for resources that are significantly overdue.

😊 Happy reading

Andrew Prentice, VM Teacher



VCE VM PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of **Year 11 PDS Unit 2** – Connecting with Community, our students have been welcoming guest speakers, with one more session to finish off the term coming later this week.

The students would like to thank retired **Detective Senior Sergeant Jason Von Tunk** for visiting our VM PDS students and sharing insights into his career pathway, his connection to the Portland community, and his experiences in the police force.

Thank you also to **Connor Anderson** and **Tom Hegarty** for hosting this engaging session.



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VCE VM PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our **Year 12 PDS Community Project** hosted a warm and supportive R U OK? Day Breakfast for our fellow Year 12 students. It was a fantastic opportunity to foster connection, check in with one another, prioritise mental health, and enjoy a delicious, cooked breakfast. Special thanks to Mr Prentice for his invaluable guidance and support.



— Lou-Lou Flannery & Brianna Dark



VCE VM PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our VCE VM PDS students recently welcomed **Anna Impey** from **Portland Aluminium** as a guest speaker.

Anna shared insights into how regional industry connects with community support networks and local initiatives.

Her session, hosted by Jaron MacLeod, inspired students to gain a deeper understanding of corporate social responsibility while discovering how transferable skills such as empathy, leadership, and collaboration can foster meaningful community connections.

Thank you to Anna for taking the time to visit PSC!

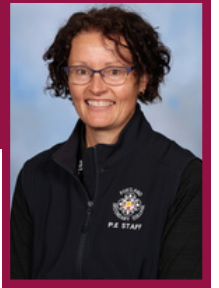


Thank you!

Thank you to all the members of our community organisations who visited our Year 11 VCE VM Personal Development class throughout Term 3. Your contributions to our class discussions have been meaningful and informative, providing valuable learning opportunities for our students.

- Mitch Ridell – Portland Boxing Club
- Casey Eichler – Portland District Health
- Lee-Anne Nelson – Victoria Police
- Neville Mason – The Mission To Seafarers – Portland
- Fire Rescue Victoria
- Adele Chester – Port of Portland
- Jason Von Tunk – Victoria Police
- Anna Impey – Portland Aluminium

Rebecca Gould, PE Teacher



YEAR 8 VOLLEYBALL

During their PE lessons this term, **Year 8s** have been learning the skills involved with volleyball and playing tournaments with their allocated teams. Each team chooses a captain and teams umpire and score each game. Once regular classes are complete, a play off takes place. The winner of this play off between 8A and 8B was the mighty, all conquering Yellow team. Their rivals? From the super pool of 8C and 8D came the smiling assassins the Red team.

The day the two teams collided was like no other. Students and staff lined the gym and filled the mezzanine, cheering for their class mates. In an epic match, umpired and scored by their peers, the giant killing Yellow stood victorious on the podium.

Congratulations to all MVP winners and runner ups, and all of the team captains that warmed up their team and undertook captain type duties during the games. It was fabulous to see and hear the great fair play amongst the teams during both the tournaments and the grand final.

Well done to all the students that stepped up and scored/umpired too, you have been valuable contributors for the term.

Overall, it was a very successful term for all Year 8 students!





HANDS ON LEARNING

What a great Term 3 our **Hands on Learning** students have had, achieving their goals and completing some fantastic work around the campus.

Students received their new work boots, cooked BBQs, and celebrated several birthdays throughout the term.

They also assisted the senior school in resurrecting the chicken coop.

On their final HoL day for Term 3, the students hosted a morning tea for their Year Level Leaders, where they had the opportunity to showcase the work they had achieved throughout the term. They explained how the Hands On Learning program has supported them during the year so far and shared their plans for Term 4.

Term 3 was wrapped up with an afternoon of celebrations, games, and time spent together reflecting on all their hard work.





Jane McGrory, LOTE Teacher



2026 INDONESIA STUDY TOUR

On Tuesday afternoon, our **2026 Indonesia Study Tour students and staff** departed Portland for Melbourne, where they stayed overnight before travelling to Indonesia to learn about marine environments, sustainability and Indonesian culture.



2026 INDONESIA STUDY TOUR

Twenty-five excited students and staff departed for Indonesia on Wednesday, embarking on what promises to be the trip of a lifetime.

Over the next 13 days, the group will experience an action-packed itinerary showcasing the incredible marine ecosystems and rich cultural diversity of Indonesia.

The journey begins in Flores, where students will visit the coral reef rehabilitation project that PSC has supported since 2024. Students will have the opportunity to contribute to reef restoration efforts and see firsthand how funds raised through the Container Deposit Scheme have helped a local organisation restore biodiversity to damaged reef systems.

While in Flores, the group will explore some of the region's natural wonders, including encounters with Komodo dragons, manta rays, sea turtles and an astonishing variety of tropical fish. The tour then continues to Bali, where students will learn about the importance of mangrove ecosystems, turtle conservation programs and other environmental initiatives.

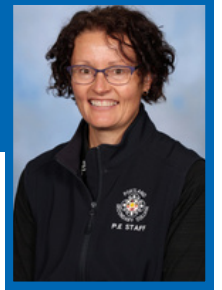
Beyond the environmental focus, students will also gain valuable insights into Indonesia's cultural heritage. Visits to local villages in Flores and traditional craft workshops in Bali will provide opportunities to learn directly from local communities. Of course, the trip would not be complete without exploring Indonesia's food culture, with plenty of opportunities for culinary adventures along the way.

This study tour promises to be an unforgettable learning experience, combining environmental awareness, cultural understanding and adventure in one extraordinary journey. We look forward to telling you all about it when we return on 28 September!



2026 INDONESIA STUDY TOUR





YEAR 11 FOOD STUDIES

What do you do to avoid food waste in a school kitchen? You bring in the big guns...

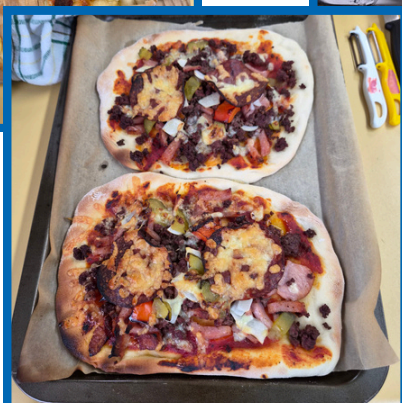
Year 11 Food Studies!

After exploring food citizenship and learning that Australians waste approximately 312 kg of food per person each year, we decided to be proactive in using ingredients that might otherwise go to waste.

Choosing from a variety of foods, including beef mince, chicken, salami, pizza meat, and a wide selection of vegetables, students set about creating ways to make the most of the available leftovers. Before long, knives were chopping, dough was being kneaded, and the wonderful aromas of the Maillard reaction were wafting through the kitchen.

Six different students, six different approaches to using the ingredients, and six very tasty meals.

Well done to our students for their creativity, innovation, and commitment to reducing food waste while helping to make a small contribution towards reducing the billions of kilograms of greenhouse gas emissions produced annually.



Donna Chapman – Numeracy Support
Elley Foster – Literacy Support



HOMEWORK CLUB



Portland Secondary College
Creating the opportunities

HOMEWORK CLUB

TERM 4

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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HOT SHOTS

4-8 YRS

START WED
21ST OCT - 25 NOVEMBER
6 WEEK PROGRAM

3:45 - 4:15 PM

- STRUCTURED TRAINING SESSIONS
- PORTLAND LAWN TENNIS CLUB
- ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED
- \$10 A SESSION GROUP TRAINING

CONTACT VIA TEXT ONLY | **PORTLAND LAWN TENNIS CLUB**
0428271863

Secure Your Spot!
Contact Kellie to add your child's name to the list. Full details will be shared closer to the start date.

VOCAL COACHING AND STAGE PRESENCE WORKSHOP

- ◆ Welcoming, all skill levels
- ◆ Easy warm-ups to ease nerves
- ◆ Simple breathing techniques
- ◆ Vocal exercises for tone & control
- ◆ Performance tips (presence & authenticity)
- ◆ Confidence-building activities

Monday 21 September
12:00pm - 1:30pm
FREE | AGES 12-25
Facilitated by:
DANIELLE STEARMAN
Register via QR code or contact
youthservices@glenelg.vic.gov.au
to find out more

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Free Activity

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keyrings

11.00am - 12.00pm

Ages 5+

Portland Library
Tues 22 Sept

Casterton Town Hall
Wed 23 Sept

Heywood Library
Thur 1 Oct

Bookings Required.
Call 5522 2265 or visit your local branch.

GLENELG LIBRARIES **GLENELG SHIRE**

*Children under 12 years must be supervised by a parent/guardian

MAKE YOUR OWN

TOTEBAG

11.00am - 12.00pm

Free Activity

Portland Library
Friday 2 October

Ages 5+

Bookings Required.
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Free Lesson



Want a **FREE**
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Did you know
your P-plate driver faces
their greatest crash risk in
the first 6 months of driving?

Discover ways to reduce
their risk with a
FREE driving lesson.

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Help your learner get on the road with a free driving lesson!

The myLearners Free Driving Lesson program offers a FREE 60-minute Lesson with a professional driving instructor for learners aged 16–21 who have completed 10–50 hours of driving practice.

The lesson is taken alongside their supervising driver, helping both the learner and supervisor build safer, more confident driving habits together.

This program supports families by making the learning experience more positive and less stressful. It aims to reduce crash risks for young drivers, strengthen supervising skills, and encourage safer driving behaviours early on all at no cost to participants.

Find out more go to - <https://mylearnersdrive.com.au/>

Scan QR Code



What's On at Portland Neighbourhood House

40 Waratah Crescent, Portland

Community Activities and Classes for Sept-Oct 2026

1



SafeTalk Suicide Alertness Training - FREE Community Training

A 4-hour workshop designed to help participants recognise and respond to signs of suicide risk.

Wednesday, 16 September 2026
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Portland Neighbourhood House
Free
RSVP name and phone number to: pnh@kyeema.com.au or text 0455 282 325

2



Tai Chi for Arthritis

Improve balance, flexibility, and wellbeing through gentle exercise.

Every Friday
10:00 am - 11:00 am, arrive at 9:50 am for a prompt start
Narrowong Mechanics Hall
\$10 per session
Term Dates: Current term ends Friday, 11 September 2026. Classes resume Friday, 9 October 2026.

3



Healthy Ageing Hub: My Aged Care registration and assessment sessions.

Free 30 minute appointment sessions to assist people register and apply for their My Aged Care assessment online; your first step to gain government supports in the home.

Thursday September 24th
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Neighbourhood House, 40 Waratah Cres, Portland.
Free. Booking essential: Call Carolyn on 0493 898 243 or register at healthyageinghub@kyeema.com.au

4



GRowEAT Program for Children (Ages 8–12)

A free after school weekly program focused on growing, cooking, and learning about healthy food.

Fridays during Term 4
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Portland Neighbourhood House,
Free + Places Available: 10 spots only
Bookings: Call or text (Mon–Wed) 0455 282 325 or email pnh@kyeema.com.au

5



Friday Crafters

Enjoy a relaxed and friendly crafting session with the local community. Led by the amazing Vicki Goyen.

Every Friday.
10:00 am - 2:00 pm, come and go as it suits you
St Stephen's Anglican Church Hall, Percy Street, Portland, driveway opposite BFF Studio
Gold coin donation
Contact: Vicki on 0437 488 366 (call or text)

6



Good Things - Computer skills

Learn the joys of computing for beginners. Stay tuned for dates in October 2026. Information on Facebook.

Tuesdays
10:00 am - 12:00 pm,
Glenelg Libraries - Portland
Free
Call or text Mon–Wed 0455 282 325 to book.

Building a stronger, kinder community together.

Find us on Facebook



Join the **GROW EAT**
After School
Program for kids
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6



GROW EAT FREE After School Program

Day: Fridays in Fourth Term

DATES: 9th Oct, 16th Oct, 23rd Oct, 30th Oct & 6th Nov and 13th Nov

Where: Neighbourhood House, 40 Waratah Crescent, Portland

Time: 4.00 pm - 5.30pm

GROW it, PICK it, COOK it, and EAT it!

What is it?

A fun, free after-school program where kids (Grades 3-6) cook and eat a meal, plant vegetables and other fun stuff.

What will my child do?

- Cook & eat simple, yummy meals
- Plant seeds and watch them grow
- Get outside and dig in the garden
- Harvest veggies they grew themselves
- Play other fun activities
- Take plants and recipes home

Limited spots available! CALL OR TEXT KERRY 0428 234 294 WK HOURS
or email pnh@kyeema.com.au

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Are you passionate about Customer Service?
Do you consider yourself an all rounder?

We are currently looking for exceptional candidates to join our team in all departments at Woolworths Portland

Think you're the right fit?

Apply Now!

Please use the QR code below to submit your application



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PORTLAND LITTLE ATHLETICS

REGISTRATIONS OPENING SOON

Start Date: Thursday, 15th October 2026

Warm-Ups: 5:00 PM **Events Start:** 5:15 PM

Schedule: Thursdays during Term 4 2026 and Term 1 2027

Venue: Nelson Park, Portland

Ages: U6 - U17 (Participants must be 5 years old by 31st Dec to register)

Returning Members: You will shortly be receiving an email with a link to register.

New Members / Trial Athletes: New members are eligible for two free trial sessions.
Please visit lavic.com.au/membership to join.

Parents/Guardians: You are required to supervise your children throughout the sessions.
We need your help to ensure our events run safely and smoothly. Tasks may include measuring, recording, and assisting children with their events and Canteen duty.
We will provide support and guidance.

Our focus is on personal bests (PBs) and teaching participants how to run, jump, and throw. We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact: portland@lavic.com.au

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& FITNESS**

CREATIVE UPRISING

Are you aged 16–25 and living in Corangamite,
Glenelg, Moyne or Warrnambool?

Help shape the future of arts, culture and creative
opportunities across southwest Victoria!

Join the Creative Uprising crew to:

- be part of a cool new project
- connect with other young creatives
- build networks, skills and confidence
- help arts initiatives be more youth-friendly
- work collaboratively across the region

Be
PAID
to take part!

Expressions of Interest close Sun 11 Oct 2026!



Learn more and
apply!

Email sw@rav.net.au or
contact your local
Council if you have any
questions.



Young creatives at RAV's Creative Exchange, July 2026. Photograph: André Elhay, Warrnambool City Council.
Original artwork/title graphic by Kyra-lee Marie Martyn O'Brien.

Want to support your teen with anxiety or depression?



What is *Partners in Parenting*?

- Evidence-based, online program designed to help build your skills and confidence to support your teen's mental health
- Covers parenting challenges such as communication, managing strong emotions, boundaries, conflicts, and staying involved in your teen's life while they navigate their independence

You will:

Receive **one of two versions** of Partners in Parenting:

- Self-guided version (explore the online program at your own pace)
- Peer-guided version (paired with a 'PiP Coach' who has lived experience of caring for a teenager with mental health challenges)

You may be eligible if you:

- are an adult caring for a teen aged 12-17 years
- are concerned about your teen's anxiety or depression
- can read, write, hear, and speak English
- have regular internet access
- live in Victoria

You will be asked to:

- Complete some surveys at 3 time points over 12 months
- Complete up to 10 online modules, weekly
- If you receive the peer-guided version of the program, complete up to 10 online coaching sessions with a PiP Coach
- All parents and teens who complete surveys will receive e-gift vouchers (up to \$80 for parents, up to \$45 for teens)



p2p.partnersinparenting.com.au/



Spots are filling fast for FREE program access in 2026 for
parents/carers

who want to support their teen's mental health!

Partners in Parenting (PiP) is an evidence-based, online program
designed to help

parents and carers build skills and confidence in supporting their
teenager's mental

health. More than 5,000 families across Australia and the UK have
already benefitted
from the program!

Monash University researchers are running a study with two versions
of the program,

PLUS parents/carers get \$40 e-gift vouchers for completing surveys
after the program.

Sign up now to secure your spot.

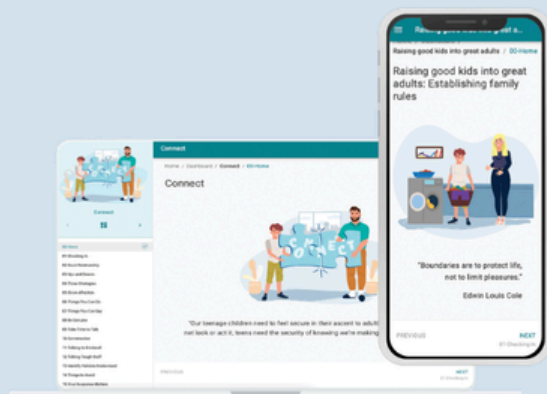
Register here: <https://redcap.link/monash-p2p>

Learn more about Partners in Parenting here:

<https://p2p.partnersinparenting.com.au/>

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Partners in Parenting



Contact
pip-p2p@monash.edu



MONASH
University

MUHREC Ethics ID: 46221



Volunteers helping students thrive

Can you spare just 1 hour a week to support local students?

Would you like to make a difference to a child's life by providing vital literacy or numeracy support in the classroom, under the direction of a teacher? We are looking for volunteers to spend time listening to a child read, one to one or in small groups or to support and reinforce numeracy strategies - essential life building blocks.

SEEKING CLASSROOM LEARNING SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS AT:
PORTLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
PORTLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL
PORTLAND SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
BOLWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

**For more information contact:
EdConnect Area Manager
Beth Jennings
E GeelongAM@edconnect.org.au**

P 0498 015 323

edconnect.org.au



The EdConnect Learning Support Program in the Glenelg Shire is delivered by EdConnect in partnership with the Alcoa Foundation

HARROW BY NIGHT SOUND & LIGHT SHOW

Based on the history of the township of Harrow, Victoria circa 1850's, the Harrow by Night Sound and Light Show is run entirely by an enthusiastic band of volunteer townsfolk who have entertained thousands of visitors since 1996. This hilarious live theatre show includes a lovely two course meal at the historic Hermitage Hotel, live bush band and all manner of historical characters... bushrangers, mounted troopers, Major Mitchell, local undertaker, the town Doctor and Midwife and ladies of the night. One is never sure who will appear from the grave. The show also includes a tour of significant points of interest in Harrow and takes place in various venues down main street.

**\$75 Per Person
including 2
course meal &
live show**



2026 Dates
Oct 10 & 24
Nov 7 & 21
Dec 5



Bookings online at
trybooking.com.au/harrowsoundandlightshow
P: 0455 881234 | E: discover.harrow@gmail.com
W: harrow.org.au

Energy Jobs Forum

With more than 2000 jobs in renewable energy and transmission, South West Victoria is at the heart of Victoria's energy jobs boom.

EXPERT SPEAKERS

Understand the emerging opportunities
Insights from government, education and industry

ENERGY JOBS EXPO

Current employment opportunities
Apprenticeship and traineeship programs
Career trajectories from entry-level to specialist roles



Thursday 8 October, 3:30pm
South West TAFE Portland Campus
154 Hurd St, Portland 3305

Register at jacintaermacora.com.au



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Portland Panthers Soccer Club JUNIOR SUMMER COMP + **Mini ROOS**

**COME & TRY
+ SAUSAGE SIZZLE!**
TUE 13TH + 20TH OCT

AGE: 5-14 TUESDAYS 4:30 - 6PM

COMP DETAILS



10 weeks @ friendly
(term 4 & term 1) society reserve

27th Oct - 24th Nov Registration Fee:
2nd Feb - 2nd March \$50 or \$5 p/w



Contact: Portland Panthers [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/portlandpanthers) [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/portlandpanthers)

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Supporting each other, one small act at a time.

