



Portland Secondary College Newsletter

TERM 3 WEEK 8

4th September 2026

Highlights

- **Principal's Report**
- **Library News**
- **Book Week**
- **Hands On Learning**
- **School Production**
- **Music**
- **Student Achievements**
- **School Calendar**
- **Community News and more.....**

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 9th September

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Thursday 17th September

Youth of The Year Public Speaking Competition – Part 1

Friday 18th September

- Year 7 – 12 Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)

Monday 5th October

- Term 4 commences



Portland Secondary College is a Child Safe School

Jo Kindred, Principal



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With just short weeks to go this term, all students are hard at work completing their assessment pieces across all their subjects. On the last Friday of term, September 18th, Parent teacher interviews will be held for all students in years 7 – 12 and I encourage parents to book appointment times on Compass – bookings are now open.

It has been a very busy fortnight around the College. Last Friday the school celebrated a week of Book Week activities with a book character dress up day. Many students showcased their creativity with some great costumes – check out the photos later in this newsletter. Also that day we encouraged those students not coming to school dressed as a book character to come dressed in purple to show support for LGPTQIA+ youth. Over \$220 dollars was raised to support these students in the College.

Also last week we saw our music students both perform and act as stage crew for the Portland and District Schools Music Festival. Over two nights, Tuesday and Wednesday, all the Primary and Secondary schools in the Portland and Heywood District performed a couple of numbers to entertain a large group of over 500 people each night. Our school bands were especially entertaining and was the last music performance for many of our students who complete their Year 12 this year.

Last night the very talented Mission Improbable cast played to a full house and the audience was full of praise. Congratulations to all staff and students involved. 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. There are still a few tickets left for tonight and tomorrow but you will need to be quick. We wish the whole production well and look forward to two more nights of great entertainment.

Our Indonesian trip students are getting excited and have completed their final preparations prior to their trip departing in just over a week. We wish them well and hope they have a great time and we look forward to hearing about their adventures upon their return.

Students will be able to come in casual clothes on Friday the 11th of September as our Student Voice and Agency Committee (SVAC) members raise money for Lifeline's Suicide Awareness program. Dressing in casual on the day will cost students \$2.00 as a fundraiser to support this worthy cause with some of the funds going towards the SVAC student's next project.

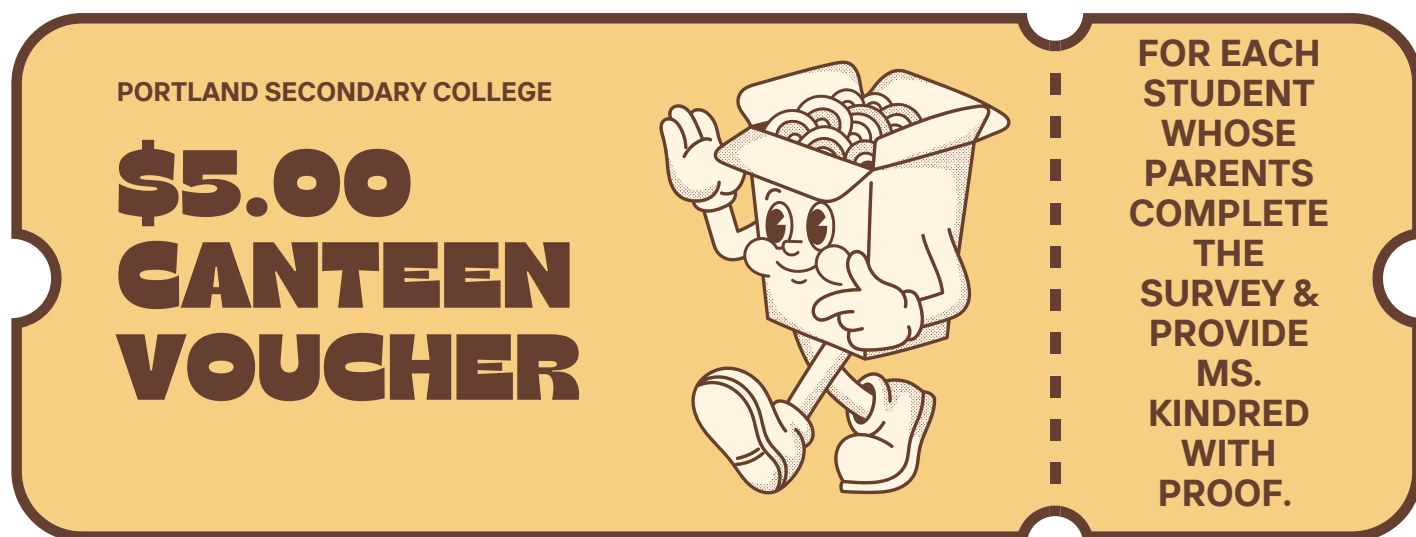
Also in the newsletter this week you can read about Indonesia Independence Day activities, VM Community Projects, Food Technology, Volleyball, Hands on Learning, the National History Challenge and see what Fashion and Fabric Students have been up to lately. Keep an eye on the Calendar – the last two weeks before the end of term will be equally busy.

It's not too late to earn your child a \$5.00 canteen voucher. Our annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education for 2026 is still open. 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** and 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.



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

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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.



Portland Secondary College
Creating the opportunities

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.

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

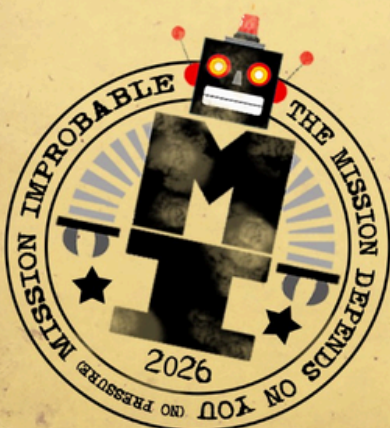
Your mission if you choose to accept it!

WHEN:
Thursday 3rd
Friday 4th
Saturday 5th
of September
7.30pm
Tickets \$10

WHERE:
Portland Arts Centre Glenelg St, Portland

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MISSION IMPROBABLE
THE MISSION DEPENDS ON YOU
2026
(NO PRESSURE)



Opening night was a sell out!

Tickets for our Friday and Saturday performances are available from our General Office or at the door on the night (if not sold out prior!).



Portland Secondary College

Creating the opportunities

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

SEPTEMBER

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- Table Tennis/Badminton

Thursday 10th - 2026 Indonesian Trip Lunchtime Meeting - J11

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Calendar was last updated on 04/09/2026.

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.



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

GRACIE PIERGROSSE – YEAR 9



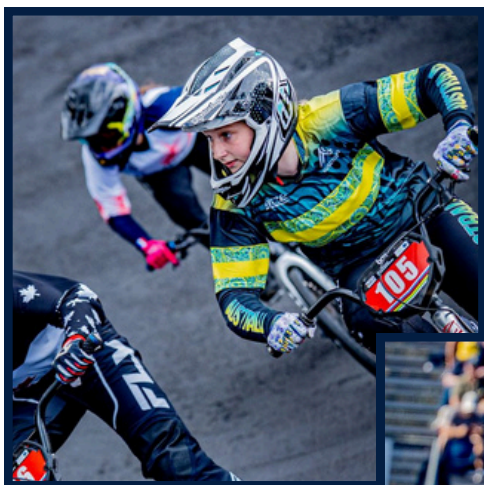
2026 BMX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gracie recently represented Australia at the BMX World Championships in Brisbane, competing against some of the world's best riders.

After earning her place on the national team through her success at the BMX National Titles, Gracie competed against a large field of around 70 riders from around the world. Gracie achieved outstanding results, finishing 15th in the world on her 24" cruiser bike and 25th in the world on her 20" bike.

BMX racing is very fast paced sport, with most races lasting around 45 seconds, leaving little room for error!

Congratulations Gracie on achieving these outstanding achievements on such a big stage!



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.

 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

How do I book

Parent Teacher Interviews?

Via the App

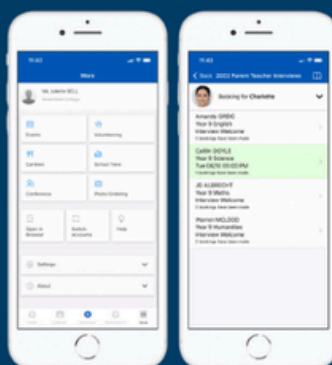
STEP 1

From the Compass home screen on your app, select the menu (top left and click Conferences).

STEP 2

From the list of parent-teacher conference cycles

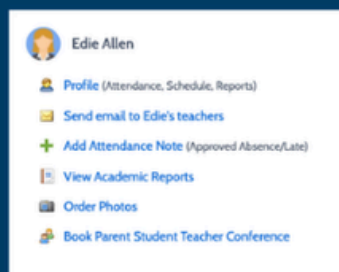
- > Select "2026 Parent Teacher Interviews"
- > Select the student you wish to place a booking for
- > Select the class
- > Click on a time slot to make a booking and confirm



Via the Website

STEP 1

On the home screen, beside the student you wish to make bookings for, click 'Book 2026 Parent Student Teacher Conference'



STEP 2

Select '2026 Parent Teacher Interview'



STEP 3

Your bookings sheet will be displayed and will show your available booking times. Click on a time in the grid to display teachers available for booking at that time.



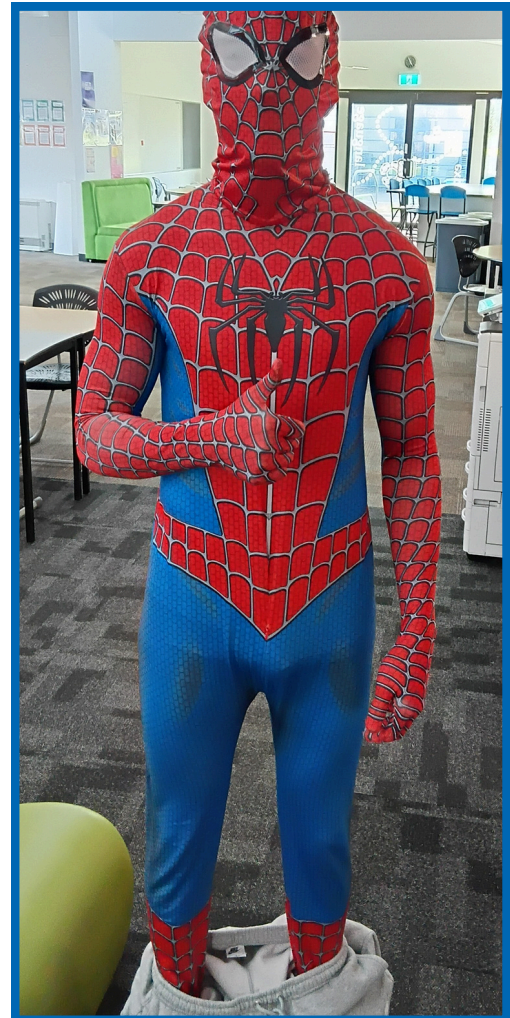
Janelle Collins, Teacher Librarian



BOOK WEEK COSTUME DRESS UP DAY

Last week, we celebrated Book Week, which wrapped up with our annual Book Week Dress Up Day on Friday.

On the same day, we also recognised Wear It Purple Day, which supports and promotes safe and inclusive environments where young people feel seen, valued and supported.









Thank you to Mel and Meg from Glenelg Shire Council and Kayla from Headspace for organising a fantastic Wear It Purple Day at PSC. Students enjoyed a fun and inclusive lunchtime filled with activities and opportunities to connect. Thank you to all the staff and students who got involved and supported a cause that promotes a school community built on inclusion, respect and belonging.



Andrew Prentice – VM VCE Teacher



YEAR 11 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of Year 11 PDS Unit 2: Connecting with Community, our students have been welcoming guest speakers each week, and this will continue through to the end of term.

Students **Koda MacLeod** and **Lucas Arnold** welcomed and interviewed special guest **Neville Mason** from **The Mission to Seafarers Portland**. **Jack Jones** invited **Koorie Engagement Officer Kate Mee**, while **Olivia Bowyer** welcomed **Portland Police Officer Lee-Anne Nelson** to the classroom.



A special thank you to our hosts, **Thomas Compton and Jonah Vella**, for delivering an inspiring, hands-on session that highlighted the vital work of emergency services by inviting our local **Fire Rescue Team**.

It was an incredible opportunity for students to learn about community safety and explore future career possibilities.

Thank you to the Fire Rescue team for giving up their valuable time to come and visit us at
PSC



Students **Chalotte Bryce and Ella Hamada** recently welcomed guest speaker **Adele Chester** from **The Port of Portland** to our Year 11 PD Class.

Adele shared valuable insights about regional industry and career pathways, giving our class a deeper appreciation of our local community connections.

Thank you to Adele for making time to come and visit us at PSC.



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Rebecca Gould, Food Studies Teacher



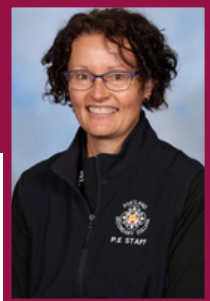
YEAR 11 FOOD STUDIES

Mrs Gould's Year 11 Food Studies class recently whipped up some delicious smash burgers for lunch, followed by a scrumptious brownie for dessert.

Full tummies all round!



Rebecca Gould, PE Teacher



YEAR 8 VOLLEYBALL

Mrs Gould's Year 8 PE class recently hit the court for some volleyball.

Students took on the roles of captains, umpires and scorers, all while Queen Grimhilde watched closely from the sidelines!



Jane McGrory, LOTE Team Leader



INDONESIA INDEPENDENCE DAY

Merdeka! Freedom! PSC Year 7 students helped Indonesia celebrate 81 years of freedom on Friday 21 August with our own Independence Day Festival. Indonesia broke free from colonialism and became an independent nation on 17 August 1945.

Students had a taste of how Indonesian people across the archipelago celebrate this national holiday, including a rope climbing challenge to grab prizes, eating a cracker on a string and other team games.

We also put our own spin on the event by tasting some Indonesian food, dressing up in Indonesian clothing and learning bamboo percussion instruments. Pak Khalif, our visiting Language Assistant, also taught students how to write their names in unique script of Sundanese language.

It was fun, games and an insight into Indonesia's cultural diversity.

Thanks Year 7s for joining in and bringing your enthusiasm to the celebration!





Andrew Prentice – VM VCE Teacher



YEAR 12 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY PROJECT

Staff vs Students Lunchtime Activity 🍉? 🌊🥧

Year 12 student **Bella Nebel** organised a fun afternoon of activities, pitting staff against students in a friendly competition!

"Laughter and cheering filled the grounds during our VCE VM Vocational Major PDS Community Project, where staff and students went head-to-head in an unforgettable lunchtime activity."

The main event kicked off with a fast-paced trivia challenge, followed by a messy watermelon-eating contest. The real highlight, however, was the Trivia Pie Face and sponge-throwing activities, where a wrong answer meant a face full of whipped cream! Both sides brought incredible energy and competitive spirit, making it a huge success and a highlight of the term.

*This event could not have happened without incredible support. A huge thank you goes to Mr Prentice for his leadership and guidance in helping us pull everything together. A special thanks also goes to **Mel and Meg from Glenelg Shire Council** for generously providing the equipment that made our activities possible.*

*We extend our sincere gratitude to all the brave teachers who stepped up to join in the fun: **Mr Prentice, Mr Dawson, Ms Taylor and Mr Payne**. Thank you to everyone who came along to support, compete and cheer. It was a day full of connection, community spirit and a whole lot of fun!" – Bella Nebel*





Dave Storer, Education Support

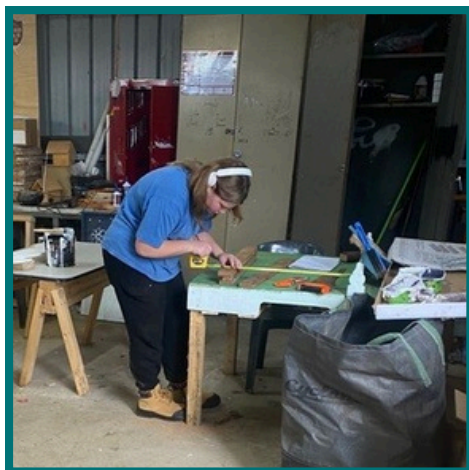


HANDS ON LEARNING

This week in HOL, we sat down and planned what the remainder of the term will look like. Students received their new safety boots, and we discussed the student leaders' morning tea, which will be held on the last day of HOL for Term 3.

Students then got to work planting some amazing native shrubs and continued developing the vegetable patch.

We also installed tribute signage for a very special lady, with more details to come.



Janelle Collins, History Teacher



NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE

The National History Challenge is an exciting contest that encourages students to use research and inquiry-based learning to discover more about the past. Students are the historians. They can investigate their community, explore their own and their family's past and consider ideas throughout history. The NHC encourages the use of primary and secondary sources and offers a variety of presentation styles.

Well done to three of our Year 7 students, **Adelean Harrison, Sophie Tobin and Erin Hollis-Compton** who have submitted their entry for this year's National History Challenge. They put a lot of time and effort into researching and then making a 3D model, which is a "snapshot of the trenches featuring Hill 60".

This is their reflection on their project:

Our project features a horse tangled in barbed wire; a reminder of the sacrifice horses gave to the war. Horses played a vital role in both combat and support operations in World War I. Cavalry units initially conducted traditional mounted charges and reconnaissance missions, though their effectiveness declined on the Western Front due to machine guns, artillery, and trench warfare. Horses were also indispensable for transporting supplies, ammunition and artillery, as they could navigate rough terrain and deep mud more effectively than mechanized vehicles. Horses were also used to evacuate wounded soldiers and maintain communication lines by carrying messages. (National Army Museum). The Australian horse Sandy accompanied Major General Sir William Bridges to Gallipoli, and after Bridges' death became the only horse among 136,000 Australian horses sent overseas to return to Australia after the war. (The Horse Heroes of World War I). Our Australian soldiers returned, our living horses sadly did not.



Emma Thompson, Music Teacher



PORTLAND & DISTRICT SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Last week, 17 students from four PSC bands performed across two nights at the annual Portland and District Schools Music Festival.

We are especially proud of one of our newer bands, which performed in front of a live audience for the very first time. We also thank the seven students who assisted throughout both days as backstage crew, helping with stage sets, audio equipment and general stage preparation for each of the participating schools.

Congratulations to the following students for representing PSC so positively and contributing to the success of this wonderful community event: **Matilda Andrews, Violet Burgess, Robert Clark, Dylan Goodman, Erin McPhee, Andrae McTackett, Lily Meister, Mio Miyazaki, Jack Spencer, Henry Stirling, Georgie Taylor, Henry Von Tunk, Lindsee Wainohu, Mick Kelly, Sammy Molloy, Addi Newton and Nathan Wombwell.**



Sharon Clark, Art Teacher



Year 9 Fabric and Fashion

Our Year 9 Fabric and Fashion students recently took on a high-fashion challenge: creating standout garments for a fictional Gala Event celebrating the influence of print media.

Students worked through the full design process, from researching and brainstorming to sketching their ideas. They refined their concepts to impress an elite audience while blending their own style with references to the history of newspapers and magazines.

The task came with strict rules—each garment had to be made mostly from paper, using only tape, staples, and pins.

By turning everyday materials into runway-ready pieces, students showed remarkable creativity, innovation, and craftsmanship.



Janelle Collins, Teacher Librarian



Library News

Book Week was once again celebrated at PSC with a number of activities, with the book character dress up day again showcasing the ingenuity of students and staff. It was fantastic to see so many excellent character costumes on display around the school.

The winners were picked from those who came to the J Wing at recess for judging, congratulations to the Book Week dress up competition winners:

Junior Category:

Individual – **Alex King** (The Hobbit)

Group – **Billie Cumming, Vaidehi Baniyal & Chloe Hameka** (characters from The Day the Crayons Quit)

Middle Category:

Individual – **Rose O'Flynn** (Emily the Strange)

Group – **Ava Killmister & Molly Hinch** (Men in Black)

Senior Category:

Individual – **Scott Bryce** (The Silver Surfer)

Group – **Will McIntyre, Matilda Andrews, Erin McPhee, Madison Roberts** (Lord of the Rings)

The winners of the CBCA Book of the Year awards were also announced this week, the winners are pictured below. Why not read one and see what you think for yourself?



Happy Reading 😊

Donna Chapman – Numeracy Support
Elley Foster – Literacy Support



HOMEWORK CLUB



Portland Secondary College
Creating the opportunities

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

newsletter@schools.vic.edu.au | 03 5523 1344



READY, SET, GO!

**2 SEPTEMBER
2026**

4:30PM

**JUNIOR PLAYERS
8-15
WELCOME!**

Come and have a hit and
ask questions about the
upcoming season.

**CONTACT CLUB
VIA TEXT ONLY PLEASE** | **0428 271 863**



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**

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

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



HOT SHOTS

8-12 YRS

**START WED
9TH SEPT - 14TH OCTOBER
6 WEEK PROGRAM**

4:30 - 5:15 PM

- STRUCTURED
TRAINING SESSIONS
- PORTLAND LAWN
TENNIS CLUB
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**TO ASK QUESTIONS
ATTEND COME AND
TRY DAY ON
2ND SEPTEMBER**

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

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 AS A TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL!



REGISTER ON **NETBALL CONNECT**



MORE INFO ON FACEBOOK!



NETSET GO STARTS **5TH OCTOBER**



JUNIORS & INTERS START **7TH SEPTEMBER**



11 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!

WHOOPING COUGH

IS ON THE RISE IN OUR COMMUNITY

We are seeing a large increase in cases in Portland and surrounding areas, including schools, kindergartens and daycares.

Please don't ignore a persistent cough – get checked early!

SYMPTOMS

Can start like a common cold but can quickly get worse.

- Runny nose
- Mild fever
- Tiredness
- Persistent or worsening cough
- Severe coughing fits
- Coughing worse at night
- Vomiting after coughing
- Difficulty catching your breath
- High-pitched "whoop" (not everyone gets this)



WHO IS AT RISK?



Babies and young children – especially under 6 months



Pregnant women



People who are not fully vaccinated



People whose immunity has reduced over time



Household members of someone with whooping cough and people who work closely with children and infants

ISOLATION PERIOD

If your child is diagnosed with whooping cough:



Stay home for 21 DAYS

after the onset of the cough OR until they have completed 5 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment.



Unvaccinated children under 7 who have been close contacts may also need to stay home for

14 DAYS

after their last exposure unless they have completed 5 days of appropriate antibiotics.



PLEASE GET CHECKED ASAP!

If you or your child has a persistent, worsening or unusual cough, especially if there has been known exposure to whooping cough, please see your GP as soon as possible. Early diagnosis and treatment can help reduce the spread.

Don't ignore the symptoms. Don't wait for the cough to become severe.

Have concerns or questions?
We're here to help!



Call us today
03 4504 2515



Monday – Friday
8:30am – 5:00pm



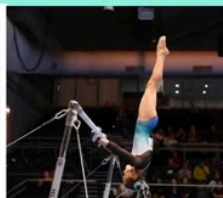
Proudly supporting the health and wellbeing of our Portland community



Are you 14-15yrs old and enjoy working with children?
Do you have a background in gymnastics or dance or maybe you're looking to learn something new!?

We are looking for our next lot of junior coaches to develop for the future and

WE WANT YOU!!



You must be willing to volunteer during the training process and undertake the relevant online course work to receive your Fundamental Coach Qualification when deemed ready by your mentor.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please email:
gymnastics.portland@outlook.com.au

Make your home a haven for a vulnerable child



Mackillop Family Services is calling on the community to make their home a haven for vulnerable children and young people. Throughout the region there continues to be a high demand for foster carers who can provide nurturing care and support for children in their local community full-time, short-term, or on weekends or school holidays.

If you think this is a role that you and your family are ready for, call MacKillop on **1300 791 677** or visit **www.mackillop.org.au/fostercare** for further information or to make an enquiry.



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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

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& 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

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