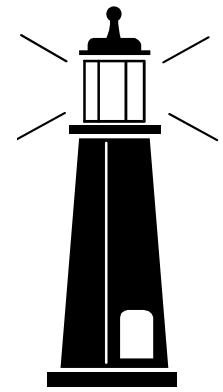


# Portland Primary Pulse



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Children are actively supervised between **8:30am and 3:25pm**. Children who are at school outside these hours will not be actively supervised by school staff.

Portland Primary Banking Details:  
**BSB:** 063 536 **Account:** 1006 1234  
Please ensure you state your family name & what the payment is for.

## You Can Do It! Great Students

The following students will receive their awards at assembly this **Friday** in the MP Room **at 3pm**.  
Everyone is welcome. This week's students are from 5/6 Hamilton



**Marc** is a great student because he is consistently displaying an improved positive attitude towards school. He shows a creative and dramatic flair when presenting his learning, and reflects thoughtfully on his learning. Marc contributes creative ideas confidently to classroom discussions and has greatly improved his getting along skills to be able to solve problems calmly more frequently.

**Erynn** is a great student because she always shows great independent working habits and listens carefully when on the floor. She contributes thoughtfully to discussions and when working in groups always works cooperatively to achieve high standards for the group. Erynn is a positive role model for her classmates at all times and is showing more confidence when using her Ipad to present her learning.

**Catriona** is a great student because she is always a calming influence on the classroom and a positive role model in all areas of school. She constantly searches for new ways to apply her learning and consistently creates engaging means of presenting her learning. Catriona always tries different things when using her Ipad and is extremely helpful to other students particularly when using their Ipads.

## Prep 2015:

If you have a child starting Prep next year, or you know of someone who has a child of school age, please pop in and see Wendy or myself to get an **enrolment pack**. Anyone wanting to have a look around the school can **make a time for a tour**. It is good to have enrolments happening sooner rather than later, as it assists with our planning for grade structure and staffing for next year. There are some rumours going around that our Prep classes for 2015 are full – this is not correct and we do not have a limit to the amount of children we can enrol.

## Winter Series:

Well done to all of the students who represented PPS at the Winter Series last Friday. Thank you to our coaches (Ben Boers & Cassie McMillan) who have dedicated a lot of time to training the players and coaching on the day. Also thank you to Mr Keem and Mr Hamilton who did a great job of organising and running the soccer. Once again our students represented our school in a magnificent fashion.

## School Review:

On Monday we held our school review. This involved two external reviewers meeting with Mrs Carter and a range of other people in our school community to look at our data and discuss the things we are doing well at, as well as setting some goals around what we will focus on for the next 3 years. It was a very worthwhile experience, and we look forward to writing the new strategic plan over the next few months.

## Home Reading:

Please remember that it is **essential** that you are listening to your child read daily. This routine is different for all families, some do it in the mornings, some straight after school, others right before bed. However it works in your household; please remember the importance of home reading in developing your child's literacy skills. For older children, some independent reading time before bed is a great way to incorporate reading into your daily routine. Remember: you cannot be good at something if you do not practise!

# PORTLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL:

"Parents, Teachers, Students and the Community; Working Together for Educational Excellence"

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday July 25<sup>th</sup> Subway Lunch Day  
Friday August 1<sup>st</sup> – Jeans for Genes Day  
August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Life Education Van Visits  
August 19<sup>th</sup> – Orange Day



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We would like to wish the following children a very happy birthday and we hope that they enjoy their day:

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Violet Bamblett

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Kiani Beavis

# EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR TERM THREE:

School Choir  
Music Festival  
AFL Clinic  
Winter Series  
NAIDOC Week Activities  
Meals on Wheels  
Life Education Van  
Runner's Club  
Interschool Basketball  
Footy Day  
Whole school photo day

**Well done** to our soccer players and mixed netballers who took part in the winter series last Friday. It was a great day with our children displaying great sportsmanship, skill and a positive attitude. Way to go!



## STAFF @ PORTLAND PS

**Mr Hamilton**

**Family:** Mum Hilary, Dad Graeme and sister Jessie

**Pets:** 30 minions all aged between 10 & 12

**Hobbies/Interests:** Playing cricket, heckling Mr Keem at football, winding up the staff mates, listening to music, going to the gym.

**Favourite Food:** Seafood - All the food I can see, particularly anything with chicken and satay involved.

**Favourite Holiday Destination & why:**  
Ireland - The people are lovely and friendly, the food and drink is amazing, there are some of the best places in the world to take photos and there are lots of things to see and do.

**Why do you love your job?** My Minions ;) I get to have fun with awesome people and be a big kid all day long :)

**What is the best thing about working at PPS?** We have an awesome community atmosphere where everyone supports each other. You know everybody's name and can have a lot of fun with the students.



**Subway Orders  
Due NO LATER  
THAN 9am  
tomorrow**

**Dim Sims  
@ Lunchtime  
50c Each  
Tuesday & Thursday**

Rugby Tops, Winter  
Jackets and School  
Polo shirts are  
available at the  
office.

Rugby Tops - \$50  
Winter Jackets - \$40  
School Polo - \$ 17

**LOOM BANDS**

**Special Deal**

2 packets for \$2

**They will only be available before school, between 8:30am  
and 8:50am.**

## **School Banking News**

### **CONGRATULATIONS eGrade 123**

For taking out the achievement award for Term 2. The award is issued to the class with the most banking for the term. Well done for a Great Effort.

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of all our students we have raised **\$89.12** for our school through School Banking commissions in **Term 2**. That is in just 5 weeks. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

These funds will go towards school programs and resources

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit each **Thursday**.

# Newsletter for schools & other education settings



**Ahchoo!**  
**Sniff, Sniff!**



## **Asthma and Hay Fever (Allergic Rhinitis) in Spring.**

During Spring time plants, grasses and trees release pollens into the air. As a result, students and staff who are sensitive to pollen may find their asthma and hay fever (allergic rhinitis) symptoms worsening. During days of windy conditions or during thunderstorms more pollen is released into the air. When breathed in these tiny particles penetrate the lungs.

Hay fever is very common during spring and as a result of the strong association between asthma and hay fever, those with both conditions will often experience increased asthma symptoms during this time.



### **Tips to help your students and staff reduce asthma and hay fever symptoms during spring:**

- Ensure Asthma Care/Action Plans are up to date.
- Ensure Asthma Emergency Kits are suitably equipped, accessible and medication is in date.
- Ensure staff are up to date with asthma training & aware of the policy for an Asthma Emergency.

- Be aware of which students have pollen as a trigger for asthma or hay fever.
- Encourage students to be aware of their own symptoms and to seek assistance when needed.

Check the daily Pollen forecast at [melbournepollen.com.au](http://melbournepollen.com.au) and consider planning activities indoors.

For more information on asthma and hay fever please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria. Or visit our website: [asthma.org.au](http://asthma.org.au)

## **National Asthma Week**

**1st - 7th September 2014**

Why not get your school involved in National Asthma Week (NAW) this year!

We can provide you with all you need to develop your own Asthma Information display. Check out our website [asthma.org.au](http://asthma.org.au) for Brochures and other Resources available. Or send us an email with your ideas and we will see how we can help!

Stay tuned for more about National Asthma Week.

