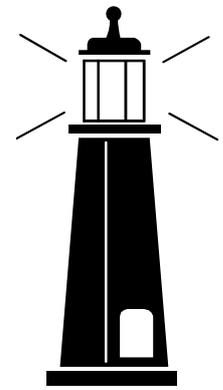


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Children are actively supervised between **8:30am and 3:25pm**. Children who are at school outside these hours will not be actively supervised by school staff.

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 **3/4 Scott**



Cameron Went is a great student because he showed confidence when he participated in an activity where he had lots of teachers watching him doing some language activities. He has been working hard to improve his reading and writing. He is trying to improve his behaviour in and out of the classroom.

Chaska Close Coolwell is a great student because he is working hard to improve his learning and be independent in his thinking. His spelling and reading skills have really improved this year and he is he is more confident in expressing his opinions and giving ideas.

Madeleine Alexander is a great student because she has an inquiring mind and asks questions and reads and researches to find the answers. She writes excellent stories and likes to share her opinions and experiences with the grade.

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.

Uniform:

I have noticed quite a few students pushing the boundaries in terms of uniform. Winter uniform is **GREY SCHOOL PANTS** – track pants are not a part of our uniform unless on a PE/sport day. I have also noticed a lot of students wearing jackets and jumpers that are not uniform. If you need uniform for your child, we have lots of cheap **second hand items available at the office**. If your child is out of uniform for any reason, you must send a note explaining why.

Attendance:

We have noticed with the colder weather, come a lot more student absences. If your child is away for any reason, please call the school to notify us or send a note. If a child is away for more than three days due to illness, you need to bring in a copy of a medical certificate.

Religious Education:

Attached to today's newsletter is a form relating to Religious Instruction in school. There have been changes to the administration of religious education over the past few months, and we are now required to gain permission from parents again. Our program will be the same as it has been, we just need the form returned to say children can/can't participate. There will be no RE this week, to allow time for forms to be returned.

Grade 6 Maths Day:

On Monday we have a team heading to HDSC to compete in the annual Primary School Maths Day. Our team will compete against other schools in a range of numeracy based events. Good luck to Cat, James B, Dakota & Kees.

Music Festival:

Coming up on Wednesday August 20th is the Music Festival. Our children will be performing the songs they have been practising over the past couple of months. Each child will get one ticket for a parent/guardian. If you require additional tickets, there is a waiting list at the office. A note will go out today with information regarding costumes, times etc.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

There are no birthdays this week...

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 5th & 6th – Life Education Van Visits
August 8th – Subway Lunch
August 11th – Grade 6 Maths Day
August 15th – Cycling Event at Foreshore
August 19th – Orange Day
August 20th – Music Festival

Subway Orders are
due no later than
9am tomorrow...
Additional order
forms are available
from the office.

MUSIC FESTIVAL:

The 2014 Music Festival is coming up quickly... Our children will be performing on **Wednesday August 20th**. We have limited tickets available and only 1 ticket per family is allocated due to space restrictions. If you think you may need additional tickets, please place your name on the waiting list at the office. A note will go home with children in the next week with information regarding costumes etc. We will also have a pre-performance at assembly the week before...

Grade 3/4 Camp & Grade 5/6 Camp are coming up next term – families are welcome to start making payments off their child's camp now. If you would like to set up a payment plan, please see Wendy in the office.

School Banking
Day is
THURSDAY...

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.**

Just a reminder to families that lollies, chocolate, flavoured drinks and sports drinks are not permitted at school. If your child has these items in their lunchbox, they will be taken, and returned at home time. It is important to pack **nutritional & healthy options** for your child to eat while at school. Sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, cheese and other healthy options will help your child to sustain the energy & concentration needed to get through a day of school. **Water is always the best option** to drink – it is good for the brain & the body.



At Portland Primary School we value and encourage empathy. To raise awareness of the plight of the orang-utan, our school captains will show a DVD of "Tears in the Jungle" at assembly, August 15th. They will also organise some fund raising activities which include a wear orange day on World Orang-utan Day, Tuesday August 19th, the sale of orange friendship bands, and, a raffle for the pictured toy Orang-utan, "Senang"



To learn more about "Tears in The Jungle" please visit William and Daniel's website www.tearsinthejungle.com . Read the story of two inspirational young Australian boys who were so moved by the plight of the Orang-utan that at ages 10 and 12 they began fund raising to provide rescue, rehabilitation and release as well as securing habitat for this threatened species. Read about how their dream is becoming a reality. You can also view their page on face book.

Please return raffle tickets and money to Wendy at the office as soon as possible, thank you.

Over the next two weeks, as part of our **Safe Schools Program**, grades Foundation, One and Two will hear the story of "**No No The Little Seal**", a gentle story of a little seal who learns to **Stay safe, Say No** and **Tell**. This excellent resource is for 3 to 7 year old children and the book and CD set is also available for borrowing from the Glenelg Regional Library. Your child will be given an envelope of information. Please read this and take some time to talk with your child about the session. Please look at the hand of safety and check the names your child has chosen.



Thank you, Colleen



**SUBWAY ORDERS ARE
DUE TOMORROW BY 9AM**

Orang-utan Raffle

Tickets @ \$1:00 each

Name.....



Class..... \$1:00

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