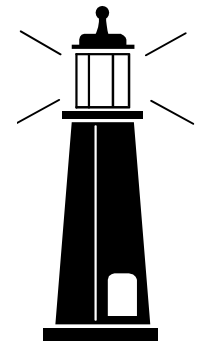


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You Can Do It! Great Students

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 1/2/3 O'Bone.

Beau is a great student because he has made an effort to help out in the classroom. He has helped to tidy up and he is quick to volunteer for most jobs. He has been working well and persisting to complete his work. He has been getting along well with the other class members and he has been a great role model. Well done Beau you have had a great start to the year.



Riley W is a great student because he can be relied on to do his best at all times and he persists to complete his work. Riley sets goals and he works hard to reach his goals. Riley gets along well with everyone and he is always willing to include others in his projects. He is a great role model for other students. I have been very pleased with his effort in class, well done Riley.

Freya is a great student because she is always smiling and gets along well with everyone. She works hard and persists to complete her work. She can be relied on to do the right thing and she has been a good role model for other students. Freya is always ready to lend a helping hand or to take care of someone if they need some help. Well done Freya I have been impressed with your start to the year.

School Fees:

Our school fees for 2014 will remain at \$180 per student. This is payable now. Invoices will go home to families over the next few days. Your child's fees are **important**, as they cover the costs associated with providing the best education for our children. They cover costs such as books, classroom supplies, resources and much more. Please pay your fees at your earliest convenience. You can pay by cash at the office or by internet banking Details near the end of the newsletter.

don't forget to "like" us on facebook for regular reminders and updates -
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Education Maintenance Allowance:

Anyone holding a Health Care Card is still entitled to Education Maintenance Allowance.

Forms are at the Office to be filled in. You can still sign them over to the school to pay for your fees. It is a different process now where if you don't tick to have it signed over to the school the school doesn't receive any of this payment which means you will have to come in and pay fees. **Thank you to those who have already completed the process. They MUST be completed and handed back by Feb 28th – NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

School Council 2014:

Nominations for School Council are currently open.

The timeline for the School Council Election Process is as follows:

Friday 7th February Call for nominations (available from Wendy at the office)

Friday 14th February Nominations close

On or before Friday 21st February

Should nominations exceed the number of vacancies a ballot will take place.
Ballot papers distributed.

Thursday 6th March Close of ballot

Friday 7th March Count of votes and declaration of the poll

Tuesday March 18th School Council AGM

If you have any questions about this process please ring me or come in to see me.

Learning How to Learn Family BBQ:

Thank you to the families who came along to share in their **children's learning** at our LHTL BBQ last Wednesday. It was great to see so many families having a great time and socialising together. There is a display in the main corridor showing some of the things that classes worked on during the Learning How to Learn program.

Subway Lunch Day:

Last Friday we had our first Subway lunch of the year. It was a huge success and we managed to raise **\$140** for our school. A **HUGE** thank you to Tammy & Alyson (Jonah & Dom's mums) who organised the lunch. We will be having Subway lunches on a regular basis throughout 2014, so keep an eye out for dates and information...



Term Dates & School Times:

Term 1 – Jan 30th – April 4th

Term 2 – April 22nd – June 27th

Term 3 – July 14th – September 19th

Term 4 – October 6th – December 19th

8:50 – first bell for school wide reading time

9am – 11am – Literacy Block (Reading and Writing/Spelling)

11am – Recess

11.30 – 1:30 – Numeracy (maths)

1:30 – Lunch

2:15 – 3:15pm – Integrated Studies

3:15 – Home time

*Specialist classes are between 11:30 and 3:15 Tues – Friday.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 28th - Pancake orders due back to school

Tuesday March 4th - Pancake Day

Monday March 10th - Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday March 18th --- School Council AGM

WHAT IS BULLYING??

Bullying is **repeated** verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Cyberbullying refers to bullying that is carried out through information and communication technologies.

Just a reminder to families...

If you have an email address that you check regularly, we can email you the newsletter. It will save paper, save on printing costs and help the environment. Please give your email details to Wendy in the office if you wish to be added to our mailing list.



We have had two new families join our Portland Primary school community over the past few days. Welcome to **Liam, Imogen** and their family and also welcome to **Charlotte** and her family. I am sure you will love your time here as much as we all do!



Cheap Advertising for your Business:

We are seeking sponsorship/advertising for our newsletter for 2014. If you or a business you know are interested in advertising in our school newsletter, please contact Wendy for details or call us on 5523 1911. Your business logo or details will be printed on the back of our weekly newsletter in full colour, for every school week throughout the year.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

Sunday Feb 23rd – Haeleey McDonald

Saturday Feb 24th – Charlotte Von Tunk

Tuesday Feb 25th – Madeleine Alexander

There have been a few reported cases of **Gastro** over the past week. Please remember to keep your child home for 48hrs after they have stopped vomiting. Also remind your child to ensure they do not share food or drink bottles with their peers. Children should also remember to wash their hands thoroughly after going to the toilet and before eating.

This will help to reduce germs spreading.



WINNER WINNER CHICKEN DINNER

The winner of the Art Competition for last week is...

Samantha Bennell

Congratulations Sam – your entry was fantastic! If Sam could be any animal she would be a 'Bearded Dragon'... If you see her in the yard perhaps you could ask her why!!!

Sam gets to have a pick from my prize box... don't forget to read my art blackboard for questions, and submit your response to me on a piece of paper by Friday of that week.

Good Luck!



ART ROOM HELP:

MRS CARTER IS PUTTING THE CALL OUT FOR CLEAN TIN CANS ABOUT THE SIZE OF 400G OR BIGGER. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE DROP THEM INTO THE OFFICE OR ART ROOM ANYTIME.



PORTLAND BMX CLUB

When: 23rd of February

Event: free national sign on day (Come and Try Day) at our local BMX track.

For more info contact

portlandbmxclub@gmail.com

Phone Maddie on 0409618405

BAYVIEW SCHOLARSHIPS 2015

Bayview is offering scholarships to students with ability and promise. Intellectual, cultural and social diversity is enhanced by our Scholarship program providing for a more stimulating environment for all students. Scholarships are awarded to students, regardless of the financial circumstances of their parents, who have an ability to make a significant contribution in a variety of areas to the school community.

Scholarships open Monday 3 February and close 4.00pm Friday 21 March . Applications available on our website or through the School Registrar,

Jill Goldsworthy.

Scholarship information evening held at 7.00-7.30pm on Wednesday 19 February 2014

A: 119 Bentinck Street, Portland, 3305 **P:** 03 5523 1042 **E:** admin@bayview.vic.edu.au **W:** bayview.vic.edu.au

Check out our website- it is regularly updated with information and photos of things that have been happening at our great school.

www.portlandps.vic.edu.au

PORTLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL BANK DETAILS

Parents can now pay directly into the school bank for items such as school fees, camps, swimming,

i-pad payments and new uniforms. Make sure that you identify what you are paying for in the description area so that we know who and where the payment should be allocated.

Please DO NOT pay for fundraiser activities through here.

EFTPOS details. BSB: 063 536 Acc: 1006 1234

Bank: CBA