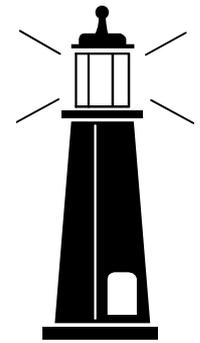


# Portland Primary Pulse



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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 5/6 Hamilton.

**Renee** is a great student because she shows great working habits either in a group or independently. She can be relied upon to complete jobs reliably and is always a calm and composed member of the classroom. Renee contributes to class discussions thoughtfully and is always organised with her things. Well Done Renee!



**Charlie** is a great student because she always has creative ideas to contribute to the class and is always organised with her things to begin learning. She explains her ideas in great detail and often thinks outside of the box to come up with original ideas. Charlie demonstrates her leadership skills by being an excellent role model for others. Well Done Charlie!

**David** is a great student because of the improvement in the effort and attention he puts towards his schoolwork. He is making sure he is organised with his things in the morning and is ready for learning. David contributes creatively to class discussions and is an excellent role model for younger students in the way he looks after them when they need it. Well Done David!



### 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.



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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 28<sup>th</sup> – NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

## Sports News:

Congratulations to our students who participated in the interschool swimming last week. Mr Keem reported that all of our students gave 100% in their events, and the training and practice that had gone into it was very evident.

### Athletics:

Our athletic sports are coming up very quickly on March 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help out on an event on the day, please let the office or Mr Keem know ASAP. We need parent helpers to make the day run smoothly. More information to come over the next two weeks.

### Touch Footy Gala Day:

On Monday Mr Keem will be taking a mixed touch football team to the Gala Day. Last week our senior classes participated in a Touch Footy Try It session. Notes for those students playing will have already gone home with information about what the children will need.



## Portland Primary School:

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

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Pancake orders due back to school  
Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> - Pancake Day  
Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> - Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> --- School Council AGM

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.



## 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.

Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> – Jaiden Scorgie

## GRADE 5 PARENTS

Next Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having our iPad Lease Information Evening. This is for all parents of children in Grade 5. Notes went home yesterday with the details. Please see Mr H with questions.



## WINNER WINNER CHICKEN DINNER

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

Carliah Riley

Carliah 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. THANKS!



# FACEBOOK...

Please refrain from talking about the school on Facebook... it can have a negative effect on how people view our great school – please remember it is a public forum and what you post can be seen by **hundreds** of people. As a school community we should be working together to improve the perception of the school, and posting school related issues on Facebook can have a negative effect on this. If you have an issue, please come in and see me. Writing things on social media that are not factual or correct can also be deemed as defamation.

Also a reminder, if your child has a Facebook account, to monitor how they are using it. There have been reports of students inappropriately using Facebook.

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

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## **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

On Tuesday our Grade 3/4/5/6 students participated in a **golf clinic**. The girls were also lucky enough to hear from 15 year old Rebecca Bryden from Heywood, who is the **Junior State Champion** for female golf in Victoria.



## WOrking bee!!!

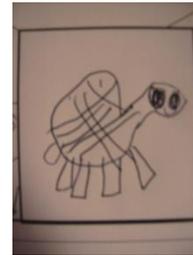
This **Sunday at 10am** is our first working bee for 2014. We are planning to remove the gardens near the F/1 room, as well as some general gardening and tidying. If you are free for a couple of hours we would love to see you here! It is not only a great way to help keep our school looking wonderful, but also a great social gathering. There will be a free BBQ lunch and drinks afterwards. Feel free to bring along any gardening equipment you might have, as that is always helpful.

Mr Keem would like all Jump Rope for Heart money and sponsorship forms returned by this Friday please. Thank you.

All Book Club orders are due back by 28/8 – This Friday. No late orders will be accepted. Please see Wendy with any questions.

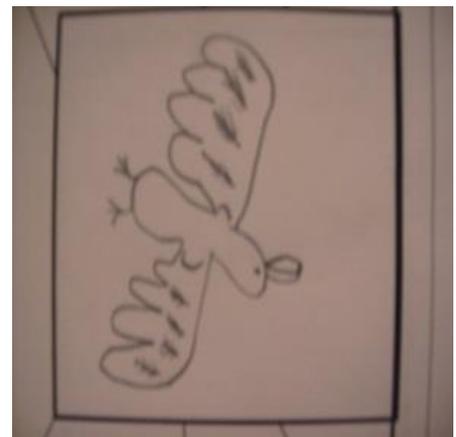
Grade 3 /4 are working on writing better sentences. We are adding adjectives, verbs and phrases to add details and interest to our sentences. We started with a simple sentence, and added details to make fantastic sentences!

The bird sees a worm.  
The fluffy, cute bird sees a worm.  
The fluffy, cute bird sees a bird in the garden.  
The fluffy, cute bird sees a worm in the garden under my bedroom window.  
In the morning, the fluffy, cute bird sees a worm in the garden under my bedroom window.  
Madeleine Alexander Gr.3



Turtles live in a lake.  
Green turtles live in a blue lake.  
Green turtles live and swim in a blue lake.  
Green turtles live and swim in a blue lake in Portland.  
Green turtles live and swim in a blue lake, in a valley, in Portland.  
Liam Fillion Gr 3

Here is a flower.  
Here is a tall and pretty sunflower.  
Here is a tall, round, red and pretty sunflower growing outside.  
Here is a tall, round, red and pretty sunflower, growing outside, in my garden.  
Kayne Finck Gr 3.

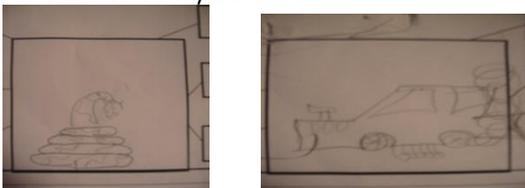


Here is a cat.  
Here is a cute cat.  
Here is a cute cat sitting down.  
Here is a small, cute cat sitting down inside.  
Here is a small, cute cat, sitting down on the floor, inside.  
Samantha Bennett Gr 3



Bunny likes going to the ice rink.  
Bunny likes going to the ice rink, in the snow, at the North Pole in Alaska.  
Bunny likes going to the ice rink, in the snow at the North Pole, in Alaska, and doing jumps.  
Bunny likes going to the ice rink, in the snow at the North Pole, in Alaska, and doing jumps at nighttime, happily.  
Stacey Finck Gr 3

Here is a snake.  
Here is a hungry, black snake.  
Here is a hungry, black snake in the jungle.  
Here is a hungry, black snake in the wet, green jungle.  
Thomas Kennedy-Davies Gr 4



Here is a car.  
Here is a fast, red car.  
Here is a fast, red car driving on the highway.  
Here is a fast, red car driving on the highway, on the way to Portland.  
There is a tornado storm with lightning, following the red car driving on the highway, on the way to Portland.  
Chaska Close-Coolwell Gr 4

This is a tree.  
This is a tree in my yard.  
This tree that is in my yard is so BIG!

This tree that is in my yard is so BIG, tall and bushy.  
This tree that is in my yard is so BIG, tall and bushy, is close to my shed.

Kiani Beavis Gr 4

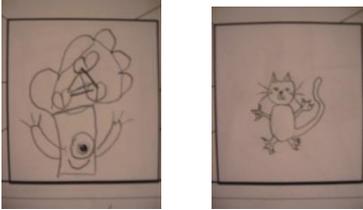


Here is an owl.  
Here is a soft, unique owl.  
Here is a soft, unique owl out flying.  
Here is a soft, unique owl out flying, going to the beach.  
Here is a soft, unique owl, out flying, going to the beach, to walk across the sand.

Amber Morey Gr 4

An alien is cool  
A cool alien is really smart.  
A cool alien is really smart, and can abduct things.  
A cool alien is very smart, and can abduct things in space.  
A cool alien is really smart and can abduct things in space, in the milky way.

Toby Bassett Gr3



Here is a kitten.  
Here is a small, cute kitten.  
Here is a small, cute kitten, purring.  
Here is a small, cute kitten purring at home.  
Here is a small, cute kitten purring at home for five minutes.

Trinity Boers Gr3

Here is a female cheetah.  
This is an orange and black, spotted female cheetah.  
This is a medium-sized, orange and black, spotted female cheetah.  
This is a medium-sized, orange and black, spotted female cheetah, who is a mammal.  
This is a shy, medium-sized, orange and black, spotted female cheetah, who is a mammal.

Charlotte Von Tunk Gr 4

I am a monster.  
I am a crazy, cross-eyed monster.  
I am a screaming, crazy cross-eyed monster.  
I am a screaming, crazy cross-eyed monster, in the morning.  
By night-time, he is a screaming, crazy cross-eyed monster, running around and around.

Amber Cachia Gr 4



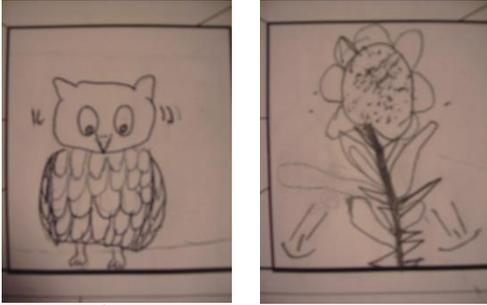
Here is a dog.



Here is a mean, bulldog.  
Here is a running, mean bulldog.  
In Mt. Gambier, I saw mean bulldog, running around.  
Cameron Went Gr 3

Here is an owl.  
Here is a unique, feathery owl.  
Here is a unique, feathery owl, soaring and hovering in the sky.  
Here is a unique, feathery owl, soaring and hovering in the sky, over the beach.  
Here is a unique, feathery owl, soaring and hovering in the sky, over the beach, until it started to rain and when he got home he was soaked.

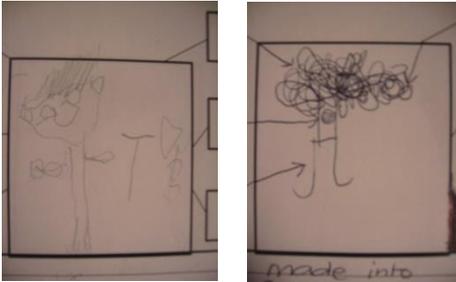
Violet Bamblett Gr 4



Here is a sunflower.  
Here is a yellow sunflower.  
Here is a happy, yellow and joyful sunflower.  
Here is a happy, yellow and joyful sunflower, growing in a pot.  
Here is a happy, yellow and joyful sunflower, growing in a pot, in the backyard, getting sunlight.  
All the water is surrounding the happy, yellow and joyful sunflower, growing in a pot in the backyard, getting sunlight.  
Jaïden Scorgie Gr 4

Wood is made into paper.  
Wood is made into kites, books and newspapers.  
Wood is made into kites, books and newspapers, for us to use in the world.

Isaac Storrie Gr 4



This is me.  
This is me outside.  
This is me outside on the grass.  
Toby Allitt-Fry Gr4

This is a flower.  
This is pollen on a pretty flower.  
This is pollen on a pretty flower, doing nothing.  
This is pollen on a pretty flower, doing nothing in the park.  
This is pollen on a pretty flower, doing nothing in the park in Portland.