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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



REMINDERS FOR WEEK FOUR: TERM TWO 2017

Friday May 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASSEMBLY 3pm
Monday May 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Tuesday May 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPLAN
Wednesday May 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPLAN • School Council 7pm
Thursday May 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPLAN
Friday May 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother's Day Stall • Rural cross-country at Narrawong p.m. • No ASSEMBLY 3pm

YOU CAN DO IT! STARS

Organisation - Caught 10 times

Lilly Swanson Tiarna Keegan Esther Thompson
 Luke Fidge Taya Field

Persistence - Caught 10 times

Ayden Perkins Jonathon Goode Brayden StJohn

Getting Along - Caught 10 times

Charlee Coates Ayden Perkins Angus Impey

Resilience- Caught 10 times

Ayden Perkins Hamish Storrie

Academic Excellence - Caught 10 times

Emma Butler Callum Richardson Daniel Goode Michael Wood Elliot Munday Briah Burford
 Hamish Storrie Maddy Amundsen Talisha Hockley



RURAL CROSS-COUNTRY – Friday May 12th at Narrawong P.S.

Our Rural School Cross-Country is being held at Narrawong Primary School. We will have lunch at school and then a bus will transport the students to Narrawong for a 1:15pm start. We will arrive back at school by 3:15pm.

Students may go home with their parents from Narrawong if their class teacher is aware of this.

Students are asked to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for long distance running. They will need warm and dry clothing before and after their run. Cross Country is a winter sport and as such is unlikely to be cancelled regardless of weather conditions.

The order of the runs are as follows:

1. 11/12/13 year olds run 3kms	2. 9/10 year olds run 2kms	3. 5/6/7/8 year olds run 1km
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All students have been running or exercising every morning before school this year. All students are expected to participate to the best of their ability. Every child's goal should be to try and run the whole distance without stopping to a walk. We encourage parents to attend and support their children.

Wednesday May 17th is the District cross-country for 10, 11 and 12 year olds. The team will be selected based on the performance of students at the Rural Athletics. Only students who can run the whole way will be considered.

ENROLMENT WEEK – JUNE 5TH to 9th

If you have a child starting Foundation in 2018 we encourage you to enrol in the week starting Monday June 5TH. Any parents wanting to have a look around our school can make a time for a tour during this week.

All schools in the Portland and District area encourage students to go to their Neighbourhood School.

PORTLAND ACHIEVES STAR WEAVE COMMUNITY STATUS

Portland is now officially a Star Weave Community after making more than 10,000 stars for the One Million Stars to End Violence project. There are 206 communities across 11 countries registered to try to achieve this status, with many more communities across the world making smaller numbers to achieve the end result of One Million Stars. The project led locally by Portland District Health created a total of 12,973 stars being made.

PDH organiser Carolyn Malseed said the response had been amazing. "There has been a lot of community spirit behind this project," Ms Malseed said. "It has been a lovely project to be part of and the support from the community and particularly several individual champions who came to the fore has been quite overwhelming." "We pledged to make 10,000 stars and to go past that figure is a very impressive indication of the community support."

One of those champions was Grade 6 student at Bolwarra Primary School, Talisha Hockley, who gained permission of her principal to lead the school in the project. Talisha encouraged other students to help make the stars and then worked with the younger students who painted these. The school made 200 stars with Talisha's leadership. One Million Stars is a community project about individuals, groups and communities joining in the conversation of ending violence across the world and to weave one million stars by July 2017. The stars made locally will be part of an installation at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in 2018. The One Million Stars campaign builds on PDH's involvement in the White Ribbon program which seeks to end violence against women. One Million Stars seeks to end all forms of violence against all members of the community, including violence against women, bullying and racism.

[#onemillionstarstoendviolence](#)

The article above appeared in the Portland Observer last week.



Talisha has been the leader of this project at our school. She wants it to be acknowledged that she was fully supported in every session of the star making by Tiarna Keegan and Amelia Oliver. Rebecca Goode, Taya Field, Akaysha Moore and Elaina Cocks also helped out in many sessions. There were also many other students who helped at different times. All sessions were conducted during play breaks.

GOLF



On Monday Kade Perkins, Mitch Finck, Harry Rethus and Morris Richardson represented our school at the District golf. Mitch qualified for the next stage in Warrnambool. Mitch placed 2nd (57 shots), Kade 10th (74), Harry 13th (77) and Morris 17th (85). Thanks to Mark Finck for helping the boys on the day.

DIVISION ATHLETICS IN WARRNAMBOOL

Mitch Finck, Hamish Storrie, Lachie Compton, Tiarna Keegan, Janaya Grace, Kade Perkins and Alex Twomey represented our District at the Division Athletics in Warrnambool last Thursday.

Mitch placed 2nd in Triple Jump, 3rd in High Jump and 12th in the 100 metres. Hamish placed 12th in 1500 and 14th in 800. Lachie came 9th in the 200, 10th in the 1500 and 15th in 800. Tiarna placed 3rd in 1500. Kade came 7th in Triple Jump. Janaya came 12th in the hurdles and the 100. Alex placed 11th in the hurdles and 13th in the 200. Thanks to the parents who drove over to Warrnambool for the day.

Mitch and Tiarna now qualify for the Region Athletics at Ballarat in October.

NAPLAN

Next week is NAPLAN week for all Grade 3 & 5 students across the country. These sessions will be on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. It is important that children be at school on time on these days.

Please remember that NAPLAN is just a small picture of what we do at school – it measures what a child can do in one test, in one hour, on one day. It is not a true measure of a child's learning or ability. It is not performed in normal classroom conditions & it does not show us everything that a child can do. Please do not put undue pressure on your children in regards to NAPLAN.

IMPORTANT EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 2 DATES

May	Tuesday	9 th	-	NAPLAN – Literacy
	Wednesday	10 th	-	NAPLAN – Reading School Council 7pm
	Thursday	11 th	-	
	Friday	12 th	-	Mother's Day Stall a.m. Rural Cross-Country p.m.
	Monday	15 th	-	
	Wednesday	17 th	-	District Cross-Country
	Friday	26 th	-	Division Cross-Country in Warrnambool
	Tuesday	30 th	-	AFL Clinic
	Wednesday	31 st	-	Winter Series (football, soccer & netball – Grade 5/6)
	June	Monday	5 th	-
Friday		9 th	-	Report Writing Day
Monday		12 th	-	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday		30 th	-	Last Day of Term 2

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL FEES – Statements were sent home with last week's newsletter, highlighting any fees due now or due by the end of this term. Grade 3/4 & Grade 5/6 camps were not included on the statement as costs had not been finalised.

As camp must be paid for in full before departure date, please consider a payment plan to help with these costs.

To help you budget for these camps the approximate cost will be:-

Grade 5/6 camp to Melbourne (Monday 30th October-Friday 3rd November)....\$440

Grade 3/4 Super camp to Halls Gap (Monday 18th September- Wednesday 20th September) \$200

Please call in and see Nicole for more information on payments/payment plans.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Jesse McCluskey who turns 7 on Tuesday, and Ayden Perkins who turns 11 on Thursday.

PARENTS CLUB

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – Parents Club will be holding a Mother's Day stall next Friday (12th) morning.

A great variety of small gifts, up to the value of \$6.00, will be available for the children to purchase.

Money should be sent along with the child, **in the morning in a secure lunch bag or similar, and should be clearly named.** Children will go in grades from 9.15am onwards to make their purchase.

POTATO FUNDRAISER – There is one 10kg bag (\$14.00) currently still available. If required more can be ordered; Just pop into the office and see Nicole.

HDSC TRIVIA NIGHT

(All funds will benefit HDSC students)
(Alcohol free event)

Friday, 26th May, 2017

7pm for a 7.30pm start.

In the Community Complex
\$100 for table of 10

Bring your own snacks for your table
Visit/Phone the front office for payment and tickets –
5271303

Raffles and extra prizes on the night.



The L2P Driver Mentor Program is in current need of volunteer mentors!

Volunteers need to hold a current Victorian drivers licence, live in Portland and surrounds and be prepared to undertake the free checks and training required.

If you can spare a minimum of 1 hour per week and would like to support a disadvantaged young person from our local community to gain their required 120hours driving time, allowing them to gain their Probationary drivers licence please contact the L2P Coordinator for further details or follow the link to complete an application.

<https://yoursay.glenelg.vic.gov.au/l2p>

ENQUIRIES to the L2P Coordinator Rachel Brough, 5522 2334 or l2p@glenelg.vic.gov.au

Chaplain's Corner – Fallen over a lead lately?

Why do leads and hoses gang up on me? Computer leads. Printer leads. Kitchen appliance leads. Phone charger connections. And step outside and there's always a hose just waiting to wrap itself around my passing foot. I'm sure you will think I'm finally losing it with this following suggestion. I think these things actually know when I'm around. Their sole purpose is to tie me up in knots.

And to make matters worse, I'm a total beginner in trying to untangle these little critters. It's not that I don't try, mind you. I still remember taking my boys out on Port Phillip Bay on a fishing charter. On board one of the crew had the job of untangling fishing lines. He was very clever at it. Not me though. So, what's the point of all this? Well, here goes....

- **Little things can become a big deal** – When there's a computer, along with printers, chargers and other electrical gear all plugged in, danger is not far away. When they make tangled messes, as they usually do, the untangling can become rather high risk.
- **I try to remember that the humble printer lead cannot plot my downfall** – But I still think it may have some sort of hidden capacity to outwit me anyway. The more I try to get something done in a hurry, the greater the possibility of getting tangled up.
- **A simple bit of organisation does make a difference** – It's the key to keeping leads in their place provided nothing has to be moved. It's when you need to unplug and move your computer, or phone charger, or printer that life gets interesting. No movement? No problem.
- **But it's not just leads and hoses that get tangled** – There's a lot more in life that can get wonderfully complicated. Anything to do with people, with relationships, with teamwork can get very untidy if we are not a wake up to the possibility of things going wrong.
- **We don't live in a perfect world** – People do get tired, do get rattled, do get overwhelmed, do get over committed and don't cope as a result. We can all get tangled up and lose our way, our stability, yes, even our common sense. Bad calls can and do happen without warning.
- **So, this is where mums and dads can be a terrific help to their kids** – By teaching gently the art of untangling when things go wrong. It has to start in the home. When brothers and sisters don't hit it off, when hard words are spoken, when weariness rules the roost.
- **Avoid the reaction risk** – Without an effective system to untangle, we can spend pointless effort simply reacting: losing our cool, getting worked up, becoming less able to see the world as other family members see it, including our partners. Reactions don't untangle life.
- **Help your kids to respond** – And this means talking over what's tangled up. Figuring out what's gone wrong. Why people are hurting. Where there's been misunderstanding. How to reach common ground. It's about acceptance. Giving room to move. Being positive.
- **Kids are quick learners** – Provided they have good examples to work from. A young child can learn to be a listener, to think about what's happened. Why there's a tangle, why people aren't getting along. They will grow up knowing that life can actually go right.

The next time you fall over a lead, remember the tangles of life. It's not clever to try to get back at the people who've created the tangles for us. Nothing is gained doing this. Our kids need to see their mums and dads working their issues through with love, patience, forgiveness, maturity. With this kind of diet, they will grow into wonderful people who will be able to cope with all the tangles life will surely bring their way.

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