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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**VISION** To provide a positive school environment that allows every individual the opportunity to flourish.



### REMINDERS FOR WEEK FIVE: TERM FOUR 2020

Friday October 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Photos</li> <li>Flourishing Friday activities 2:30pm</li> </ul>
Monday November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Tuesday November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Melbourne Cup Holiday</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday November 4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Thursday November 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Friday November 6 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole School Excursion to Portland</li> </ul>

### KINDNESS AND CONNECTIONS

Watching Saturday's AFL Grand Final as a neutral supporter I enjoyed the fierce, uncompromising contest between two great teams. But it was what occurred after the game that put a huge smile on my face.

The Richmond team stopped their celebrations to acknowledge the brilliant career of Gary Ablett by forming a guard of honour. This in itself was unprecedented on Grand Final day, but the Tigers went a step further in their gratitude. They hid both the Premiership Cup and their Premiership Medals from the scene. To me this displayed incredible kindness and empathy to their opponent. I have a feeling that Ablett will always have a special feeling/connection toward this Richmond team due to their mindfulness. At Bolwarra we are always working on instilling this type of thoughtfulness into our students.



### WORLD TEACHERS' DAY - Tomorrow

I trust we can stop tomorrow for a moment to appreciate the role that teachers play in our community. Personally I will reflect on the amazing job that Kylee, Craig, Beth and Adam have been able to do while teaching remotely. Fortunately they were in a great position to enable schooling to work in 2020 as they already possessed the vital skills of resilience, empathy, mindfulness, kindness, positivity, compassion and emotional intelligence.

### FLOURISHING FRIDAY EXCURSION TO PORTLAND – Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>

Students will leave school at 10:30am and return about 2:45pm. On the excursion we will be following the current Covid regulations. Students will spend time at the All Abilities Playground, walk along the Trawler Wharf, play basketball, walk to Nun's Beach with the option to walk up to the Water Tower and Lighthouse. Students will need a school hat, water bottle, lunch and walking shoes.

The purpose of this excursion is for the students to have fun with their mates while exploring our beautiful environment.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS – Tomorrow**

**All students to be at school by 9.00am and to wear school uniform**

If your child has not already returned their order form envelope and money to their class teacher, please be sure they bring it with them in the morning.

### PARENT SURVEY

I am really pleased that 18 parents have completed the survey. We would still like more responses. The survey is open until November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES** (All activities dependant on current Health advice)

October	Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Photos
	Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Flourishing Friday activities 2:30pm
November	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	<b>Melbourne Cup Holiday</b>
	Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Local Excursion
	Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Flourishing Friday activities 2:30pm
	Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Grade 5/6 Camp
	Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Grade 5/6 Camp
	Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	-	Grade 5/6 Camp
	Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Grade 3/4 Camp
	Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	-	Grade 3/4 Camp
	Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	-	Flourishing Friday activities 2:30pm
December	Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Report Writing Day – No students at school</b>
	Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Flourishing Friday activities 2:30pm
	Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	-	Grade 2 Sleepover
	Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Decadent Day – Grade 3-6 Excursion – Prep/1/2
Friday		18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Last Day of Term 4

**LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL**

## **LUNCHES**

Andreena Hockley will be running our Friday lunches. Due to COVID no parent helpers will be involved. We hope to run lunches each Friday but please check your newsletter each week for order slips/information. Attached to today's is a lunch order for **TOMORROW**. (Sausages in bread) as well as an order form for **NEXT THURSDAY**. Due to our whole school excursion next Friday, lunches will be on Thursday.

## **BOLWARRA RECIPE BOOK**

These are available from the office for \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00. You can return your order slip (from last week's newsletter) or ring Nicole in the office to place an order and send your money along to school with your child. These will make a nice Xmas gift and at the same time support our fundraiser.

### **PORTLAND SOCCER CLUB**

Portland Soccer Club are running a four week MiniRoos program from Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November until 28<sup>th</sup> November from 11am – 12pm for boys and girls aged 5-9 years.

This will be a free program. For more information please contact Les Horovitz on 0414559106 or David Stafford on 0409419813.

## Chaplains' Corner – The power of the pocket call

It always happens when you're not ready for it. It's the "pocket call." The mobile call you didn't mean to make. The one when your keys or whatever in your pocket hit a number on your phone screen. Or you made a movement with the same result. I'm pretty good at making pocket calls without actually trying. I sometimes forget to go to the home screen which solves the problem.

Actually, I've decided I need to get a wallet for the phone. This should remove the difficulty. The flap will protect the screen so bringing an end to my accidental connections. Most times, though, I hear that ringing sound and can stop the call pretty quickly. Not always. So, I then get a "did I miss a call from you?" message. Awkward. I offer an apology which often then leads to a good conversation anyway. So, not all is lost really. I've thought a bit about this odd behaviour. Some ideas emerge....

- **The mobile phone has completely altered the way we connect with each other** – And in some ways which deserve a big tick. The quick SMS message often saves time. We can be contacted easily when a family member or friend is needing help. And we can do the same back.
- **It's called a "mobile" phone for good reason** – It travels with us without creating any inconvenience, unless we leave it at home or, worse, lose it. It's there as a sort of safety device. Wherever we are, whatever happens, we can call up our family or a friend, or if the car stops, the RACV. A perfect ally.
- **Those pocket calls can be a plus** – Not always of course. They can be a real embarrassment. But if the call goes to a friend, we can have a good catch up – provided the timing is right for them and for us. Nothing worse than making a pocket call when you're in a meeting.
- **And pocket calls may be timely without our realizing it** – May be that friend just needed a call at that moment. Could be they were going through a hard time and a chance call from us arrives just when they really needed to hear another voice. It happens. Believe me.
- **So, the pocket calls give us an unexpected opportunity for follow up** – Often good connections happen seemingly by accident. But, maybe they're not accidents at all? Rather, they were meant to happen? Our call turns into a lifeline of understanding, hope and help. That call was meant to be.
- **Follow up your pocket call with an SMS** – If there's no answer to your pocket call or you hang up before there is one, send a text anyway. Just keep it simple. Called your number by mistake. How are you anyway? Anything I can do for you? These are practical ways to follow up that unintended call.
- **A pocket call is often a recipe for good humour** – The person on the other end will have done the same thing themselves. We all do it. So, there's a chance there for a good laugh. And, as we all know, a touch of fun breaks the ice and opens the door to good exchanges.
- **Pocket calls are like chance encounters down the street** – They are just another version of bumping into each other. The great thing about a country town is that sense of community, of seeing friends without having planned to do so. So, the pocket call is like that, a simple community builder.

We may need to do more than make pocket calls. If there is a name that sits at the back of your mind, a name which won't go away, bite the bullet and call that person up. Their name is there for a reason. They may need to hear your voice. They may need the strength your call will give them. Just remember, pocket calls may start out as embarrassing. They may also turn into a blessing.

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## PSC History

Portland Secondary College developed from the amalgamation of Portland High School and Portland Technical School.

Since 1993 the campus has had the following campus improvements: Library, Gymnasium / Drama centre, Tech / Science extension, Global Learning Centre (GLC), Trade Training Centre and most recently the reburbished Junior Wing block all creating an innovating and energetic space for learning.

Portland Secondary College has a core belief in developing learners, and leaders and we embrace a progressive culture that champions leadership and creative thinking through student engagement, and socially inclusive classrooms and learning activities.

Many teachers are Mentors, and are responsible for the wellbeing and mentoring activities, communications, and parent engagement in pathways and other planning for their students. Here at PSC we work hard to create the opportunities for all students to be active and engaged global citizens who are equipped with strategies to successfully deal with an ever changing world.

We aim to foster respect, success, resilience and creativity in all students and challenge them to reach their full potential.



### Sport Involvement

Although 2020 has looked a little bleak, we hope sport events can be scheduled in 2021.

Participating in Sport is a wonderful opportunity for our students to become involved in activities outside the classroom that are of special interest to them.

Many of the sports that we offer have pathways leading onto Glenelg Division (GD), Regional and State Championships however it is the sportsmanship, mentoring, support and ethos of 'having a go' that is important at Portland Secondary College.

At PSC we encourage participation in all sports. Students have represented PSC in Clay Target Shooting, Equestrian and Motocross, golf and we fully support our students extra curricula sporting activities.

GD Sports include: Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country, Football, Hockey, Soccer, District Tennis, Netball, Basketball, Super 8 Cricket, Triathlon, 3 Bays Marathon.

**BE RESILIENT**  
**BE SUCCESSFUL**  
**BE RESPECTFUL**  
**BE CREATIVE**

### Student Jonah shares his first year thoughts...

**What do you remember about your first day at Portland Secondary College?**

Spending time with my friends.

**What has been your favourite thing you have been involved in?**

Year 7 camp.

**Who has been your favourite teacher?**

Ms Cobby because she is a good teacher and she makes you feel as if she really cares about what you're doing.

**What is your favourite subject?**

Maths because I find it the most calming.

**What were you worried about before you started? How do you feel about that now?**

Getting lost.

I'm fine with it now because it's REALLY easy to find your way around the school.



**TO DEVELOP CREATIVE, ARTICULATE, RESPECTFUL AND RESOURCEFUL YOUNG PEOPLE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY.**

CREATING THE OPPORTUNITIES

### Jonah's advice for our Grade 6 students attending PSC next year?

"Try to do your best and make lots of new friends."

**3 Words to describe PSC**



Helpful  
Entertaining  
Exciting

