

NUMBER 28

8th SEPTEMBER 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

REMINDERS FOR WEEK TEN: TERM THREE 2022

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| Friday September 9 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P.J. Day Flourishing Friday 2:30pm Parent Community Group 3pm |
| Monday September 12 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil Free Day – Curriculum Day |
| Tuesday September 13 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> |
| Wednesday September 14 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball - Boys |
| Thursday September 15 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excursion - Whole School |
| Friday September 16 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly 12pm Family Lunch 12:10pm End of Term 2 |

CURRICULUM DAY – Numeracy Monday September 12th

On Monday teaching staff will be attending a professional development day on 'The "how" of teaching mathematics'. The day is being run by Peter Sullivan, who is an expert in the teaching of mathematics in primary school. This is a pupil free day.



P.J. DAY – Tomorrow

We encourage all students to come to school in their P.J's. and to bring a gold coin donation. This is a fundraiser for the Variety Club.

TERM 3 EXCURSION – Thursday September 15th

We are going on an excursion to the Point Danger Gannet Colony and the Enchanted Forest. The students will be split into 2 multi-aged groups. We will all meet at Cape Nelson Lighthouse for the lunch break.

- The excursion will be cancelled 48 hours prior if the weather is looking unstable.

The cost of the excursion will be covered by the school as part of our commitment to Positive Education and through the parent payment section of the school fees.

END OF TERM LUNCH ORDERS – STUDENTS/PARENTS – Parents are welcome to join us for lunch on Friday, at the front of the school, following assembly. **Any adult orders can be included on students order forms.**

3 BAYS – Sunday October 30th

- 8 fit students to form a team to run the 42 km. Start training now to be ready in 7 weeks.
- All other students who want to be part of the 8-plus team. This team normally has about 20 runners from Prep to 6 who team together to run the 42 KM.

SCHOOL FEES

School Council have decided to keep our 2023 fees the same as they are currently in 2022. Please find attached the Parent Payment Policy, which includes the fee structure that has applied for this year.

Please note that the 'Curriculum Contributions' category are voluntary contributions and therefore not invoiced on any statements. Please see attached policy for voluntary contributions breakdown.

'TEACH THE TEACHER' – Student Leaders

Our leaders completed their last workshop on Wednesday at Heywood. Through this program they have completed a survey with the other students, analysed the survey and presented the results to the staff.

I have been super impressed how the 5 leaders have been engaged in the workshops and how they have interacted with students from other schools.



EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 3 DATES

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| September | Friday | 9 th | - | P.J. Day - Gold Coin Donation 'Flourishing Friday' |
| | Monday | 12 th | - | Pupil Free Day |
| | Thursday | 14 th | - | District Basketball - Boys |
| | Thursday | 15 th | - | Whole School Excursion |
| | Friday | 16 th | - | Last Day of Term 3 |

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Andreena Hockley who will celebrate her birthday on Sunday, and Tayli Holmes-Wilson who turns 9 on Monday.

Junior Tennis 2022/23 Season
Lots of options this year.

- Hot Shots -All Ages**
All juniors learning the skills of tennis
Wednesday nights
(program dates and times to be advised)
Contact - Cameron 0418 312 007 Text only
- Surry District C Grade**
Enrol NOW Starts October 15 th
Play Saturday Mornings - teams of 4
(Children must be able to serve to play)
Training To be confirmed
Contact - Kirsten 0419 833 568
- Juniors Lawn Competition**
Mondays 4-6 pm Enrol NOW
Must be able to play and score independently.
Singles and doubles team format
Contact - Kellie Wakely 0428271863
For more details
Please visit facebook @portlandlawnntennisclub

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY VIA NETBALL CONNECT **COMPETITION DATES 3RD OCT - 19TH DEC** **Netball Grades: NetSetGo 5-7yrs, NetSetGo 8-10yrs, 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 17 & Under, Seniors, Mixed, Walking**

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON 26TH SEPT

TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS WELCOME

MONDAY NIGHT NETBALL

\$50 Season Fee
NetSetGo \$30

SEASON FEES
One Grade \$50.00
Two Grades (use discount code ilovenetball) \$50.00
Three Grades (register for the first two and come see us) \$50.00

TOTAL SEASON FEE
\$50.00
\$50.00
\$50.00

Qualify for PNA Assoc Champs & Glenelg State Titles Teams

Rego Night 12th Sept 5.30-7pm if you need help with online Rego

No More Game Fees

Additional Vic Netball Fees may apply if you have not previously registered in 2022
NetSetGo \$76.00
Junior \$60.00
Senior \$80.00
Walking \$20.00

PORTLAND Netball ASSOCIATION

Chaplain's Corner – On being a dad

Well, Fathers' Day has come and gone for another year. This year Judith and I celebrated with our kids by remote control. It was all about phone calls and texts. Worked a treat. Never as good as all being in the one place at the one time. But distance doesn't have to have the last word to make a day special.

I missed out on my dad – he died when I was three years old. I remember observing my friends having fun with their dads and grew up wondering what it would have been like to have my own dad. But my loss became a gain for our kids. One of my life's primary goals was to be a good dad. I wanted my kids to have what I had gone without.

What makes dads such special people? You'll probably have a truckload of ideas about this one. But here's my take anyway....

- **Becoming a dad is to share in a miracle** – I was there when our first child arrived. That noisy, little bundle of life changed me forever. As did his two brothers who arrived over the next few years. These gifts of new life created brand new priorities.
- **I had to learn how to be a dad** – Under Judith's direction, I was a whiz at changing nappies (no throw away versions back then). Having baby dribble down my front was a badge of honour. Bottle feeding and baby burping were basic dad-type skills.
- **My kids were copycats** – As they grew they imitated just about everything. Learning to talk was an obvious one. Hours were spent showing them how to catch a ball, how to hold a bat, how to kick the footy, how to play board games, how to hammer a nail.
- **But there was much more to it than play** – They needed to learn how to care for others, how to share, how to love and forgive, how to help, how to be responsible. No point being a handy cricketer if you lose your temper all the time.
- **And how to be a good friend was all part of this** – As dad I wanted them to learn how to make friends, how to cope with the awkward squad, how to stay calm, how to stick up for others, how to listen, how to help, how to encourage and build others up.
- **Good dads make mistakes** – No dad can be perfect. We are too human, too fickle. My kids saw me staying on top but also getting things wrong. I had to wake up and realise that both my positive and negative behaviours were being witnessed and copied.
- **As the years stacked up, the dad-son similarities were noted** – In all sorts of ways – mannerisms, relationships, priorities, interests. Now that they are dads, I see them using the very skills their own dad employed in raising them.
- **So, be alert as a dad!** – Your kids will be more like you than unlike you. And this goes for the good and not so good stuff. Their ways of relating and coping will reflect what they have observed in you. It's all to do with the example you have set for them.

Being a dad is a huge responsibility. Not to be taken lightly. You are shaping the next generation of dads. So work hard at it. You are being constantly watched and imitated. The bottom line? Just love your family and you will do very well – so get as much right as you are able. Your influence will be long remembered.

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