

NUMBER 30

6th OCTOBER 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

REMINDERS FOR WEEK TWO: TERM THREE 2022

Friday October 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STOMP 2pm • Parent Community 3pm • Regional Athletics in Ballarat – Shantae Keegan
Monday October 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilience Project 2:30pm
Tuesday October 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Wednesday October 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming 11:45am – Prep/1/2M 12:30 - 5/6T 1:15pm – 3/4C
Thursday October 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 3pm
Friday October 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Community 3pm

PUPIL-FREE DAYS

This term there will be 2 Pupil Free Day's. The first one will be on **Monday November 7th** (not as originally advertised as Monday October 31st – completely my mistake, apologies for any inconvenience) The second one will be on **Friday December 2nd**.

On **Monday November 7th** teaching staff will be joining other local teachers in a second workshop on Numeracy.

Friday December 4th will be a Report Writing day for the teaching staff.

MR CUMMINS ON LEAVE

Mr Cummins has 2 weeks of leave starting next Monday. We are fortunate to have Mrs Keller replacing Mr Cummins. Mrs Keller is well known to the students as she has worked with them previously.

PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT – Monday October 24th 4pm

Anyone interested in playing will need to see me for further details. Students will need their own clubs.



3 BAYS – Sunday October 30th

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

If your child is interested, they can get a permission form from the office.



SWIMMING

Swimming will commence next Wednesday October 12th. More information has gone home with the students. Please contact us if you have any concerns about the swimming program.

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

October	Friday	7 th	-	STOMP
	Wednesday	12 th	-	Swimming
	Wednesday	19 th	-	Swimming
	Wednesday	26 th	-	Swimming
	Thursday	27 th	-	Dinosaurs...traces of the past Prep/1/2
	Sunday	30 th	-	3 Bays
November	Tuesday	1 st	-	Melbourne Cup Holiday
	Wednesday	2 nd	-	Swimming School Council
	Monday	7 th	-	
	Tuesday	8 th	-	Girls basketball in Hamilton
	Wednesday	9 th	-	Swimming
	Wednesday	16 th	-	Swimming
	Wednesday	23 rd	-	Swimming
	Friday	25 th	-	Book Day
	Wednesday	30 th	-	Swimming
December	Friday	4 th	-	Report Writing Day
	Wednesday	7 th	-	Swimming School Council
	Tuesday	13 th	-	
	Wednesday	14 th	-	Decadent Day Grade 3/4/5/6 Prep/1/2 Excursion
	Monday	19 th	-	
	Tuesday	20 th	-	Last day of the school year

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Matilda Smith who turns 9 next Thursday.

BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 7 which was distributed today is due back at school by Friday, 21st October.

NEXT FRIDAY LUNCH ORDER/HELPERS NEEDED

Attached to today's newsletter is a lunch order form for Friday 14th October - Dim Sims
2 Helpers are needed; if you can help please see Nicole in the office.

**PORTLAND
COLOUR RUN**

FREE EVENT!

**SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER
PORTLAND SOCCER GROUND
9AM - 12PM
FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT & GAMES
CASH ONLY**

DJs Seb Barras and Devi Fairweather

Pre Register on Eventbrite




PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL
POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS

PORTLAND HALLOWEEN BLUE LIGHT DISCO

21ST OCTOBER
8-10PM | \$10 ENTRY
PORTLAND CIVIC HALL
30 BENTNICK ST, PORTLAND
CONTACT LSC LEE-ANNE NELSON 03 5522 1500
9 TO 14 YEAR OLDS WELCOME!

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WE ARE LITTLE ATHLETICS

Season 2022-23 Open Now



**Season commences Thursday 13th October 5pm
@ Nelson Park**

**Ages under 6 (must have turned 5) to under 17
\$125 per child (family discounts available)**

**New members eligible for 2 free trial sessions
(must register for trial session)**

**Register at lavic.com.au/membership
Email Inquiries: portland@lavic.com.au**

REGISTER TODAY!

Chaplains' Corner - When my mobile disowned me

I had a showdown with my mobile phone a day or two ago. Not sure why to be honest. As we all know our phones are great little wonders. Hand held computers that weren't even dreamt of when I was a kid at school. Sure, that was quite a while ago! But mine refused to co-operate. It wouldn't co-operate unless I put in my code. The face recognition setting had gone on holidays. So, I did what you are supposed to do. I switched it off and on again. No fix. It still refused to recognise me.

But here's the odd bit. I had not been wearing my glasses or my beloved cap when the trouble struck. So, I put on my specs and my cap and my phone almost smiled back at me! Marvellous. Just to prove that my phone is fickle, I tried it again with my specs and cap off and it still worked. I have no idea what was going on inside that clever technology. Which does, however, raise a good question: what do people recognise about us? When they see us, what do they really see? It's a good question. Consider....

- **One amazing reality is that no two of us are identical** - Yes, Identical twins are the closest we can get to this but I hear it said that even they have their own preferences and priorities. Imagine it, a whole world filled with people and no two look exactly the same or behave the same.
- **And no two of us have the same gifts or abilities** - We all have our own particular way of doing things, like sewing, cooking, playing cricket, footy or netball. We all have a very different range of skills so that while we may be similar to others, we still do our own thing in our own way.
- **This means that families will be different too, of course** - Ever found two families that get along the same way as yours? Or do all the same fun things? Or have all the same joys, or stresses too, for that matter? There'll be no shortage of similarities but each family is very special in its own way.
- **And it's that special thing that really kicks goals** - We don't have to be like other parents, or their families, or like other people, period. We are who we are. Each one of us is a curious mix of strengths, rough edges, hopes, dreams, struggles, joys and heartaches.
- **There is a risk of looking at others and then being tough on ourselves** - Not a clever move. We think that others have their act in gear, that they cope better than we do, that they are smarter, that nothing throws them. So, we become our own critics. We put ourselves down.
- **Let's get a touch serious here** - If you take the time to tune in to other parents, or your friends just long enough, you'll learn pretty swiftly that everyone is dealing with something which is a bit beyond them. In every person's life, there is what one writer has called "an edge of agony."
- **The price of comparing our lives with others is too high** - We can never win this kind of comparison. There'll always be people who can do this or that better than we can. The end result is feeling down, even to the point of depression, of feeling that we are of not much value to others.
- **So, we need to look at ourselves in a new way** - It's not easy to do if it has become a habit, but we have to quit the comparison game. There's no point. We have to back off and take a long look at what we do get right, of how we do shine, of what we do really well. We all have that list.

It's not about blowing our own trumpet. It's about recognising who we are, of what makes us really special, of becoming a little more confident in being us. Of quietly being thankful for all that's going right for us, our partners and our kids. Enjoy today and look forward to tomorrow.

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