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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 EIGHT: TERM FOUR 2022

Friday November 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prep/1/2 Excursion • Flourishing Friday 2:30pm • Parent Community 3pm
Monday November 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilience Project 2:30pm
Tuesday November 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Wednesday November 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming 11:45am – Prep/1/2M 12:30 - 5/6T 1:15pm – 3/4C
Thursday November 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday November 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Day/Dress Up • Parent Community 3pm

BOOK DAY/DRESS UP - Friday November 25th

Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character. All students who dress/up will go into a draw to win a book of their choice. There are more books available to win than students at our school.

We will have a parade of students at 9am followed by the drawing of names to win books. All parents are welcome to attend.

GRADE 2 SLEEPOVER - Tonight

Good luck to our Grade 2 students (& Miss Mac and Annie) with tonight's sleepover. Grade 1's will be joining the Grade 2's for pool and pizza, they are not sleeping over though.

Tomorrow Prep/1/2M will have an excursion to the Portland foreshore.

PREP PHOTOS OF OUR CURRENT GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Below are photos of Jessica McCluskey and Matthew Rethus in Prep in 2016. In the middle is Yarinda when she joined us in Grade 1 during 2017



COLOUR RUN – School Fundraiser

We are ending the year with a bang by holding a Colour Run on Monday December 19th. Prior to the run we will be having a **Whole School Excursion** and our **Grade 6 Farewell Assembly**.

The purpose of the colour run is for the students to have fun with their mates (flourishing), while being active.

All money raised will be used to keep students active and healthy. Money will be used on sports uniforms, sporting equipment and upgrade of the fitness track

During the colour run students will be required to complete at least 3 laps of the fitness track before the final colour splash.

More information will be coming closer to the event.

To provide a positive school event where students can have fun with their mates (flourishing), while being active.

In conjunction with Portland Aluminium (Action Grant), we invite families to a School Grounds Improvement morning on Sunday, November 27th from 9am onwards.

BBQ Lunch from 11.30am supplied.

All Welcome – List of jobs to be confirmed.

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

November	Thursday	17 th	-	Grade 2 Sleepover
	Friday	18 th	-	Prep/1/2 Excursion
	Wednesday	23 rd	-	Swimming
	Friday	25 th	-	Book Day/Dress Up
	Wednesday	30 th	-	Swimming
December	Friday	2 nd	-	Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day
	Wednesday	7 th	-	Swimming
				School Council Meeting/End of Year Dinner
	Tuesday	13 th	-	Orientation Day
				Family Night
	Wednesday	14 th	-	Decadent Day Grade 3/4/5/6
				Prep/1/2 Excursion
Monday	19 th	-	Whole School Excursion/Last Assembly/Colour Run	
Tuesday	20 th	-	Last day of the school year	

LEE GIBBONS.....PRINCIPAL

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 8 is due back at school by tomorrow, Friday, 25th November.

This is the **final order for 2022**; If you would like any orders to be held for end of term collection, please let Nicole know.

FRIDAY LUNCHES – HELPERS

- ❖ Lunches for tomorrow is Muffin Pizzas & Icy Poles (only for Gr. 3-6) - Laura & Sarah
- ❖ 25th November - Sausage Rolls & Icy Poles - Andreena & Laura
- ❖ 9th December - Chicken wraps & Icy Poles - Kate & Laura
- ❖ 16th December - Sausage in bread & icy poles - Kate & (Laura ?)

See emailed copy of newsletter for flyers and further information of the following events.

CORKSCREW OPEN DAY – RE- SCHEDULING

Port of Portland is extremely disappointed to announce the re-scheduling of Saturday's Corkscrew Open Day event due to the expected forecast of thunderstorms and inclement weather.

A new date will be announced soon.

PORTLAND FOOTBALL NETBALL CRICKET CLUB

Friday Night Female Football – Come and Try Skills Sessions – 18th November to December 16th from 4.30pm,

GLENELG EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO – FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Portland Foreshore Saturday 3 December – 10am – 2pm

- ✓ Free BBQ
- ✓ Wicked wildlife interactive display
- ✓ Free coffee van
- ✓ Free face painting
- ✓ Free kids activities
- ✓ Free giveaways and more

Chaplains' Corner - Any red lights at your place?

I have no idea how they work, just that they do. The automatic traffic lights at roadworks sites. When only one lane is open. The kind where you sit patiently waiting for the green light. Wondering if any traffic is coming the other way. And everyone stops, B-doubles, cars, buses, motorcycles, pushbikes. The holdup applies to all comers. No exceptions. Ever seen anyone run one of these red lights? It's all about safety, about rebuilding the road. About making improvements.

Families know all about holdups, about being patient, about delays we hadn't planned on, about waiting for others, about accepting and respecting the need to give family members room to move. But patience doesn't come easily. Some of us just don't handle the unexpected very well. We rush ahead without thinking, without considering what this or that situation really requires of us. Then we wonder why we have crashes and collisions in our homes. Why relationships mess up. We haven't stopped long enough to think over what is really the best and wisest way to move forward. Consider....

- **Let's be on the lookout for our family's red lights** - When we have to stop and deal with the unforeseen needs of our partner or our kids. This is not the time to hurry, or be impatient, or demand action here and now. It's time to stop, to listen, to learn, to tune into what's going on.
- **Blasting our way forward is a short cut to trouble** - It's like running the red light. When we insist on the family doing things our way no matter what, we're running that red light. We're heading into a collision zone with injuries guaranteed. There are no winners, just terrible losses, immense pain.
- **It takes courage and maturity to accept the red light** - To sit with delays when we really want things to happen, to take a step back, to figure out the real needs of all family members, not just our own. If we want the ball to bounce our way, that's parental immaturity, the fast road to brokenness.
- **A red light gives us time to reflect** - Most of us don't stop often enough. But when we do the time can be turned from a frustration into a benefit. We can ask the hard questions like, what's happening in my family now? Who needs my attention? What am I missing? What needs changing?
- **The red light calls us to give way to others** - A big lesson here. Mums and dads who know the ropes take giving in as standard practice. Why dig in on an issue and create huge stress? There's no point. Flexibility, looking at all sides and working out the best ways forward are the signs of great wisdom.
- **We can't have better roads without waiting** - So it is with families. Maturity, responsibility and the capacity to make good decisions don't happen overnight with our kids. How many mistakes did we make as we grew up? A truckload for sure. Did we always get everything right? Of course not.
- **Red lights are all about safety** - Who wants a head on crash at a roadworks site? No-one! So, why not pull up and check out how we're all travelling as a family? Is our home a safe place? Are we - mum, dad and kids - building each other up with love, or something less helpful? What needs fixing?
- **Remember, the red light will turn green** - Families need to move forward together, to have shared projects, to dig out the garden bed and replant it, or to learn a new skill, or make new friends, or look a problem in the eye and fix it, or learn from a mistake and be a tad wiser in the future.

So, next time you arrive at a red light, count it a blessing. Next time you have a quiet space at your place, be grateful for all that's going well. And work hard to correct what isn't. Your call.

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More information to following in coming newsletter

Fresh Smoothie Fundraiser

Lets raise some money for a composter, to put our food scraps in and help to feed our garden!

Thursday 1st December

Lunch time

\$3 each



Supported by Maddi Cram, Vic Kids Eat Well Health Promoter
& Jane Killmister, Healthy Kids Advisor Glenelg

Vic Kids Eat Well supports schools, outside school hours care, sports clubs, and a wide range of community organisations to offer healthier food and drink options. The focus is on simple changes and healthy swaps that make a big impact.



Blue Light
- PORTLAND -
BLUE LIGHT DISCO
FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER
8 - 10PM | 9 TO 14 YR OLDS | \$10 ENTRY
PORTLAND CIVIC HALL 30 BENTNICK ST
CONTACT LSC LEE-ANNE NELSON 03 5522 1500
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GLENELG EMERGENCY SERVICES

EXPO

Free Community Event
Portland Foreshore
Saturday 3 December
10am - 2pm · FREE ACTIVITIES / BBQ

Proudly hosted by the Glenelg Shire Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee

Friday night Female Football is back at the Tigers!

COME AND TRY SKILLS SESSIONS FOR ALL NEW AND EXISTING PLAYERS AGED 8+ BRING A FRIEND ALONG AND GET INVOLVED IN WOMEN'S FOOTY!

begins 18th of NOVEMBER, then each Friday to December 16th from 4:30 pm Friendlies Society Recreation Reserve (Soccer Oval 1)

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