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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



Friday November 4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flourishing Friday 2:30pm</li> <li>• Parent Community 3pm</li> </ul>
Monday November 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PUPIL FREE DAY – Curriculum Day (Numeracy)</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday November 8 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls' basketball in Hamilton</li> </ul>
Wednesday November 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming 11:45am – Prep/1/2M 12:30 - 5/6T 1:15pm – 3/4C</li> </ul>
Thursday November 10 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 3pm</li> </ul>
Friday November 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Community 3pm</li> </ul>

### 3 BAYS

19 students did an amazing job in participating in the 3 Bays on Sunday. The team was made up of Kekoa Vallance, Matthew Rethus, Lily Curran, Ava Jacobson, Aiysha Pollock, Clancy Stirling, Nathan Rethus, Deon Murphy, Jemma McFarlane, Yarinda Intaraksa-Thomas, Hannah Rethus, Isabelle Treloar, Jackson Warrener, Kaisa Hughes, Hunter Jennings, Zara Petch, Jett Treloar, Makayla Arnold and Anna Warrener. The smiles on the faces say so much about the enjoyment of the day. Miss McDonald did a great job in organising the teams and ensuring that everything ran smoothly. This event can't happen without the support of our parents. Thanks to Sarah Rethus, Demi Jennings, Kate Hughes, Kate Treloar, Janie Jacobson and Jenna Iddon for driving the teams around the course, and Glenn Arnold for driving the bus.



### UP-WELLING PARADE

The Up-Welling parade was a hugely successful event not only for Portland but for a school like ours. Great to see our students participating in this community event. Mrs Arthur did an outstanding job in organizing everything for our students.

Thanks to those parents who assisted her in this.

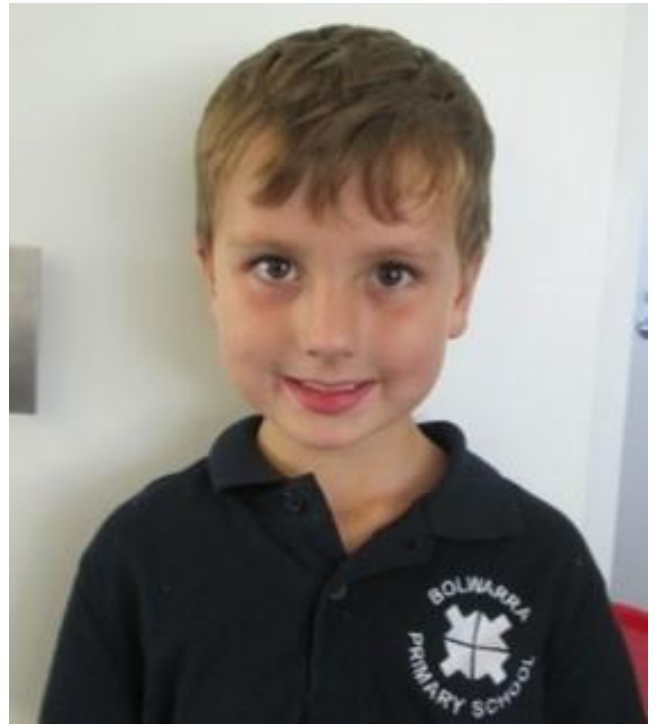


### PUPIL FREE DAY – Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>

On this day the teaching staff will join their local colleagues in part 2 of a professional development day on 'teaching mathematics'. The day is being run by Peter Sullivan, who is an expert in the teaching of mathematics in primary school.

## PREP PHOTOS OF OUR CURRENT GRADE 6 STUDENTS

From now to the end of the year the newsletter will include the Prep photos of our current Grade 6 students, where available. Below are photos of Hamish McDougall and Chad Daniel in Prep in 2016.



## BASKETBALL IN HAMILTON – Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup>

We wish our girls all the best with their Basketball on Tuesday. After their amazing performance at the local tournament they now take on schools from Warrnambool, Hamilton, Terang, Horsham and Koroit.

## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

<b>November</b>	Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Pupil Free Day – Curriculum Day</b>
	Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Girls basketball in Hamilton
	Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Swimming
	Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Swimming
	Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	-	Grade 2 Sleepover
	Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Prep/1/2 Excursion
	Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Swimming
	Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Book Day/Dress Up
	Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Swimming
<b>December</b>	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	<b>Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day</b>
	Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Swimming
			-	School Council
	Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Orientation Day
			-	Family Night
	Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	-	Decadent Day Grade 3/4/5/6
			-	Prep/1/2 Excursion
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Whole School Excursion/Last Assembly/Colour Run	
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Last day of the school year</b>	

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Jackson Warrener who turns 10 tomorrow, and Charlotte Reardon who turns 8 on Monday.

## FRIDAY LUNCHES – HELPERS

- ❖ Lunches for tomorrow is Hot Dogs, thanks to **Laura and Chantel** for volunteering.
- ❖ 11<sup>th</sup> November - Bolognese Muffins - **Andreena and Carissa**
- ❖ 18<sup>th</sup> November - Muffin Pizzas & Icy Poles - **Kate** - 1 or 2 helpers needed  
(only for Gr. 3-6) (menu to be confirmed)
- ❖ 25<sup>th</sup> November - Sausage Rolls & Icy Poles - **Andreena & Laura**
- ❖ 9<sup>th</sup> December - Chicken wraps & Icy Poles - **Kate** - 1 or 2 helpers needed
- ❖ 16<sup>th</sup> December - Sausage in bread & icy poles - 2 Helpers needed



# Miniroos Soccer 4 week program

**Saturday 19 November**

**Saturday 26 November**

**Saturday 3 December**

**Saturday 10 December**

**11.00AM - 12:00PM**

## Portland Soccer Club

### For boys and girls aged 5-10



**Please bring water and a hat.**

**This is a FREE program. Register on the day.**

**Contact Les 0414 559 106 for more information.**

**Portland Soccer Club – Friendly Society Reserve in Glenelg Street**



## **PORTLAND JNR FOOTBALL ACADEMY**

The Portland Tigers Junior Football Academy is an opportunity for 9-16 year old boys and girls wanting to improve skills in Aussie Rules Football.

Sessions are designed with all football abilities in mind, providing AFL skills development, focus on specific elements of your game, and training opportunities to support young players motivated to reach their potential.

### **Monday Sessions:**

Nov 7th & 14th  
5:30pm-6:30pm

### **Sunday Sessions:**

Nov 27th,  
Dec 4th & 11th  
1:30pm-3pm

### **Where:**

Hanlon Park, Portland



**HAVE FUN - LEARN - CONNECT  
FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Contact Justin Impey 0458 745 233

EOL: <https://form.jotform.com/222787776049876>

## Chaplains' Corner - What's happening at your place?

Well, this last week or so has been super busy. Filled with events. How good was our own Upwelling Festival. A wonderful community exercise. Top marks to our students who took part in the parade and the marathon. Brilliant. Going much further afield, how about fender bending on a grand scale at the Gold Coast's super car race? Let's add in last Friday's washed out Australia versus England cricket match. Where else in the world is there a holiday for a horse race? And to cap it off, we had the big Tattsлото payout to three lucky people.

Thankfully we have our own event collection. Our family, our friends, our school and work connections all provide us with special times of one kind or another. Events to enjoy today, yesterday's events to look back on and tomorrow's events to look forward to. But not everything we do has to be a grand event. Consider....

- **Wisdom and experience ask us a question** - Are we enjoying the events that make up our family life? What are these events? What makes them memorable, enjoyable? And how do we make sure that our busyness doesn't rob us of these special times together?
- **Are we creating space for our family events?** Let's not lose the capacity, the ability, the opportunity to plan for the best things. Some of us are really good at taming our busyness, of keeping space free for the unexpected activity that may just turn up. It's a great skill well worth developing.
- **One suggestion to create space for our events** - Staying up to date on our family administration makes event planning much easier. Keep an eye open for financial deadlines, like car registration, insurance, credit card top ups, power bills, rate notices. This frees up the space for our events.
- **Our family event planning does have to take rising costs into account** - Making ends meet is a big challenge these days. There's no quick fix coming. So, our events have to happen within limits when it comes to costs. What fun can we have cheaply then without breaking the bank?
- **And what about these family events of ours?** - We can't match Gold Coast super cars or Flemington horse racing. We don't have to. But let's make sure we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries and not just allow them to come and go. Do we need to recover the knack of celebration?
- **Does it have to be just birthdays and the like?** - No! How about a simple event to recognise a family member who's finished reading their library book? How about a pat on the back and a treat just to say "Well done." Or, if there's a student who's just completed their exams, do the same.
- **Events create memories** - If we are not careful, there can emerge a kind of daily humdrum. Nothing special ever happens. No surprises. Nothing to look forward to. Events help us to make our days memorable. To free us from our ordinariness by engaging our creative gear.
- **Try turning small events into special ones** - Like a surprise visit to the grandparents, or phoning a friend you haven't talked to for a while, or a backyard barbecue to celebrate nothing in particular, or a team washing of the car. Get the family's imagination firing to think up new events.

Every family has their own way of creating events. The important thing is to make sure you have them. They don't have to be spectacular or expensive. The real purpose is to enjoy these moments together.

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