

NUMBER 33

27th OCTOBER 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



REMINDERS FOR WEEK FIVE: TERM FOUR 2022

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| Friday October 28 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Community 3pm |
| Monday October 31 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilience Project 2:30pm |
| Tuesday November 1 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melbourne Cup Holiday |
| Wednesday November 2 nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming 11:45am – Prep/1/2M 12:30 - 5/6T 1:15pm – 3/4C School Council 7pm |
| Thursday November 3 rd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> |
| Friday November 4 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flourishing Friday 2:30pm Parent Community 3pm |

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT – KINDNESS

Acts of kindness have the potential to make the world a happier place. An act of kindness can boost feelings of confidence, being in control, happiness and optimism. They may also encourage others to repeat the good deeds they've experienced themselves – contributing to a more positive community.

3 BAYS

Good luck to those students participating in the 3 Bays Relay this weekend. Thank you to those parents who are helping out on Sunday with the driving; these special activities can't happen without volunteer help. Thanks to Miss McDonald for her great organisation prior to the event and then again on the day.

UP-WELLING PARADE

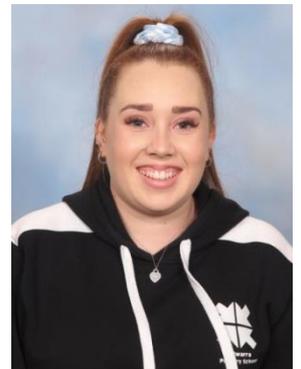
The Up-Welling parade is promising to be an excellent example of the Portland community working together to present something outstanding. A big thank you to Mrs. Arthur for her work on this.

Come dressed in blue and green and help celebrate the start of the 2022 Portland Upwelling Festival. Meet Mrs. Arthur at the All Saints Church at 9:45am.

FAREWELL KATIE

Katie Aldridge, who has been working with us 3 days a week, has now secured a full-time position at St John's Primary School.

Katie who attended Bolwarra as a student throughout all her primary school life has worked part time as an Education Officer (Integration Aide) for the past 3 years. Katie will be missed by all the students (particularly Scarlett and Mykibie). She will also be missed by all staff as she has been an outstanding colleague and friend.



PUPIL FREE DAY – Monday November 7th

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.



WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Tomorrow, Friday 28th October

World Teachers' Day is an opportunity for our community to say
 'THANK YOU'
 to our dedicated staff and let them know that they are very much
 appreciated.

EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 4 DATES

October

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| Saturday | 29 th | - | Up-Welling Parade |
| Sunday | 30 th | - | 3 Bays Relay |

November

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| Tuesday | 1 st | - | Melbourne Cup Holiday |
| Wednesday | 2 nd | - | Swimming School Council |
| Monday | 7 th | - | Pupil Free Day |
| Tuesday | 8 th | - | Girls basketball in Hamilton |
| Wednesday | 9 th | - | Swimming |
| Wednesday | 16 th | - | Swimming |
| 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

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| Friday | 2 nd | - | Report Writing Day |
| Wednesday | 7 th | - | Swimming School Council |
| 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

FRIDAY LUNCHES – HELPERS

- ❖ Lunches for tomorrow is 28th October Pancakes & Jelly Cups - Andreena - 1 or 2 helpers needed
- ❖ The following is a list of proposed lunches for the term; **1 or 2 more helpers** are needed each day. If you can help please add your name to the roster for any Friday you are available.
- ❖ 4th November - Chicken Burgers & Cookies - Laura - 1 or 2 helpers needed
- ❖ 11th November - Bolognaise Muffins/Hot Dogs - Andreena - 1-2 Helpers needed
(only for Gr. 3-6) (menu to be confirmed)
- ❖ 18th November - Muffin Pizzas & Icy Poles - Kate - 1 or 2 helpers needed
- ❖ 25th November - Sausage Rolls & Icy Poles - Andreena & Laura
- ❖ 9th December - Chicken wraps or hot dogs
& Icy Poles - Kate - 1 or 2 helpers needed
- ❖ 16th December - Sausage in bread & icy poles - 2 Helpers needed

MUFFIN MONDAYS

For \$1 each, students can purchase a muffin at recess. No orders forms necessary.

FREE – extendable 6 place table no chairs. For pick up in Portland. Text John Simpson for details – 0428 789 421

NIPPERS 2022-2023 Season – Sundays 11am – 1pm (10 session) see emailed newsletter for more information.

PORTLAND JNR FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Monday Sessions November 7th & 14th 5.30pm – 6.30pm November

Sunday Sessions November 27th, Dec 4th & 11th 1.30pm – 3pm

Hanlon Park Portland

See emailed newsletter for more information

Chaplains' Corner - Oh no, not again.

Yep, I've done it again. Thankfully I don't do it often. But, when I do, I do it really well. I've lost my specs. Not the cheapies for reading you can buy at the supermarket. I mean the expensive kind. Made to order. As all wearers of glasses know, your small change won't do the trick. And what is really annoying, I know I had them last Wednesday morning. I always leave them in the same place overnight. So, what on earth have I done with them? Who knows? Will they turn up? Hopefully.

What happens at your place when you lose something you really need? If you're like us, you turn the place upside down starting in the obvious places first, of course. But, if no success, you begin checking out the unlikely places. Which is what we've been doing. What have we found? More of those cheapie reading glasses! In very odd places. But not the real deal sadly. So, is there anything to learn from this total carelessness on my part? A few things come to mind....

- **There's a big plus in having a system that works for you** - Like rounding up tonight what you need for tomorrow. So, when morning arrives, you know exactly where the car keys, your wallet and your specs are. A little bit of basic order before you hit the sack makes for an easier start each day.
- **It helps to stay calm** - There's no point losing your cool. Getting heated and upset doesn't cut it. It certainly doesn't make the hunt for what you've mislaid any easier. Rather, a quiet acceptance of inconvenience and the willingness to search become game changers.
- **And a dose of perspective is a great help** - Just take a look at the current news of ordinary folks losing their homes, their belongings, their livelihoods through these dreadful floods up north. My lost specs are no loss at all by comparison. In reality, easily solved even if it means replacing them.
- **We all need a reality check from time to time** - It's a pain when we lose something we really need. Not just a pair of glasses. Wallets, credit cards, keys, mobile numbers, receipts, addresses, socks and belts are all starters for causing us grief when they are mislaid.
- **And there is a good question or two to ask ourselves** - Will this loss mark the end of the world? Highly doubtful. Will it create frustration? Possibly. Anxiety? A good chance. Will our hearts stop beating? Hopefully not! But, yes, there will be inconvenience and time lost. Bank on it.
- **And there's more to lose than things** - Much more. Partners can lose respect, affection and love for each other. Our kids lose big time when family joy and unity go out the window. We can lose respect for ourselves by not reigning in attitudes and behaviours which hurt us and then others.
- **So, our losses teach us about what is really valuable** - If I don't find my specs, I'll have to replace them. A pain but do-able. But it's a lot harder though to make up for the loss of what really makes a family tick. If we lose our cool by constantly flying off the handle, peace at home will be hard to find.
- **It's time then to think about what our families really need** - And what we have to value and promote as standard practice. Let's recover the power of listening, of encouragement, of sharing, of bearing each other's burdens, of being there for each other when they need us.

Let's face it. Losing stuff is just what happens. It's called life. No matter how careful we may be, we will put something down and then forget where. But let's hold tight to what keeps our family together. Oh, and hopefully my specs will be found somewhere!!

John – stay in touch revsimmo@gmail.com - 0428 780 421, **Andreena** - 0428 233 082

*This Saturday students, friends and family
are invited to participate in the*

Upwelling

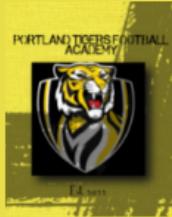
Parade & Call

Saturday 29th October

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the start of the 2022 Portland Upwelling Festival*

Parade start: 10am All Saints Church

Call to the Sea start: 11am Foreshore



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.



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

Contact Justin Impey 0458 745 233

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

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5:30pm-6:30pm

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1:30pm-3pm

Where:

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