

NUMBER 6

9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

### REMINDERS FOR WEEK SEVEN: TERM ONE 2023

Friday March 10 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flourishing Friday</li> <li>Parent Community 3pm</li> </ul>
Monday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday March 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRIP Leadership Day – Student Leaders</li> </ul>
Wednesday March 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN Writing – Grade 3 &amp; 5</li> </ul>
Thursday March 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Friday March 17 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN Reading – Grade 3 &amp; 5</li> <li><b>Parent Community 3pm</b></li> </ul>

### SCHOOL GROUNDS



My favourite part of the school day is the walk around our track before school. The natural surroundings are magnificent, made better when we have special visitors like this koala yesterday morning.

### INCLUSION

We are seeing our students showing great inclusion skills since our lessons. Examples include when students are aware that someone is being left on their own, they then invite that person into their group. Small actions for huge results.

“Diversity is a fact. Equity is a choice. Inclusion is an action.  
 Belonging is an outcome”

### CROSS-COUNTRY SPORTS DAYS – Term 2

Rural Cross-Country - Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> p.m. at Narrawong.  
 All students.

District Cross-Country – Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> am in Portland  
 Qualifying students 10 and older.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED

We are after a parent to fill a one-year position on our School Council. Please contact me if you are interested.

### NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5 students

#### *Timetable for NAPLAN*

Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> – Writing  
 Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> – Reading  
 Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> – Conventions of Language  
 Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Numeracy

### 4 WEEKS LEFT OF TERM 1

We have a very busy 4 weeks left in Term 1. Highlights include.

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|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Healthy Lunch with 'Vic Kids Eat Well'      | Thursday March 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| • Rural Athletics                             | Friday March 24 <sup>th</sup>   |
| • District Athletics                          | Thursday March 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Casual Clothes Day                          | Friday March 31 <sup>st</sup>   |
| • Whole School Excursion                      | Wednesday April 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Family Lunch, Assembly & Easter Raffle Draw | Thursday April 6 <sup>th</sup>  |

If you have any questions about any of these events, please contact me.

## EXTRA-CURRICULA TERM 1 DATE 2023

<b>March</b>	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	-	Parent Community 3pm
	Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>LABOUR DAY</b> no students or staff at school
	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	-	Parent Community 3pm
	Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	-	Rural Athletics
	Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Council AGM
	Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	District Athletics
	Friday	31 <sup>st</sup>	-	Parent Community 3pm
<b>April</b>	Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Whole School Excursion
	Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Jimmy Calderwood (6) and Julie Wilson who will celebrate their birthday on Tuesday.

**FRIDAY LUNCHES – Tomorrow** 10<sup>th</sup> March – BBQ Sausages – Laura & 1 helper needed  
17<sup>th</sup> March – Beach House Pizza – Demi & Sarah

### **RURAL SCHOOL SPORTS 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH – LUNCH ORDERS**

All orders **must be** returned to school by **TOMORROW - Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

There will **DEFINITELY NOT** be any orders taken on the day. Orders will be made up and bagged ready for collection at the lunch break. Please mark your forms **clearly** with your name and choice of food items. Additional order forms for parents/friends are available from the office.



### **EASTER RAFFLE**

Attached to today's newsletter is a \$10 book of raffle tickets (use both sides). Tickets, together with money to be returned to school by Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April. The draw will take place at assembly on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April.

We ask families to donate an Easter themed item for our raffle - these could include Easter Colouring-in Books, Easter Eggs, small Easter toy ie: bunny etc. Depending on donations, we hope to have multiple draws. These can be brought to school from now on and placed in the container in Nicole's office.



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## *Important Dates* for 2024 Year 7 Students

20 March 2023 - Grade 6 Orientation Day  
27 March 2023 - 2024 Year 7 Scholarship Testing

8 May 2023 - Junior School Showcase and Information Night

Tours of PSC can be arranged at a time to suit you. To make an appointment call our General Office on 5523 1344 or contact:

**Emma Clignett**, Year 7 Student Engagement Leader  
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or  
portland.sc@education.vic.edu.au



## **Portland Tigers AFL Kickstart Program**



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**  
Training is on Wednesday nights  
Dates: April 26th till June 21st  
Time: 5:00pm till 6:00pm

Location: Hanlon Park  
Gender: Mixed  
Ages: 5 - 10



**FACEBOOK**



**REGISTER**

Cost \$40 - Includes  
Tigers Training Singlet  
1 x Football

8 - 10 training sessions  
Half time games at Hanlon Park



PFNCC Co-ordinator: Michael Carr  
Mobile: 0411 841 562

## Chaplains' Corner - When the vacuum ran out of puff

To be honest, I didn't want to give it the heave-ho. But there didn't seem to be much choice really. It had been doing a great job too, very handy, looked good, user friendly. But it had given up the ghost, as the saying goes. My car vacuum cleaner. A great little unit that had lost its will to live. So, I had a quiet think about it. Even after being on the charger there was no life.

And then the penny dropped. I tend to hang on to stuff, let me confess. So, I hauled out my box of electrical leads and what have you. And found a couple of other chargers waiting to be useful. In short, after trying a few, I found one that did the trick. For whatever reason, the original charger decided that its purpose in life was no longer rewarding and quit doing what it was designed to do. But the old charger from the box did what had to be done. I now have my vacuum co-operating happily and buzzing with glee. It struck me that there could be a useful lesson or so here for us and our families....

- **We all run out of puff at times** - We look fine on the outside but that's about it. Inside we are not coping, not doing what we need to be doing. We keep the external appearance up but inside we know we are not doing what needs to be done. A not uncommon experience for all of us.
- **When our inner strength dries up, we can't be what our families really need** - This is not some great sin by the way. This loss of energy, of the will to get in there and be an effective mum or dad can catch up with all of us. We try to do too much, to kick every goal, to please everyone. Oops.
- **Sometimes we need a good dose of common sense** - Sadly, not always common. If we are not coping, it's time to make some decisions. Like asking the hard questions: what decisions do I have to make? Or what can I leave to one side? Or how can I be more of a presence to my family?
- **It takes courage for some of us to wake up to the big reality** - We have not been designed to meet every need, or kick all those goals. Rather, in our families it's about setting an example of loving care, of listening, of helping with that jigsaw, of tuning in when that child is upset about whatever.
- **If we're not careful, our needs become the big deal** - Rather than being a wise and generous parental resource for the gang, life increasingly becomes an agenda of meeting my needs, of doing what I want in the ways I want. The big picture of what's best for my family goes missing in action.
- **So, sooner or later we need to find the charger** - How do we get our zest back, our energy to be the parent who creates and enjoys the family fun stuff? If we are simply running on flat all the time, we become surplus to needs. That is, we are driven by our grudges; we become experts at fault finding.
- **How do we make the recharge work?** - Simple as it may seem, we have to be brave enough to face the fact that we need the recharge, the fresh injection of energy, hope and wisdom. What decision have we been dodging? What have we put off that sits there creating stress and anxiety?
- **The recharged mum and dad bring new life to the family** - By facing and dealing with any hard stuff, we can then move on and be much more of a loving, caring parent, willing and able to be truly present to our family. Our families need us in ways we often don't understand.

There's a big bonus when we own up and deal with our tough stuff. When we realise that we have run out of puff. So, put your hand up. Talk. Listen to each other or a close friend. Quit trying to be some kind of superhero. Your family needs you to take a recharge, often. Just do it and enjoy the ride.

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