From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome everyone to the 2017 school year. It will be an exciting time as the new school works commence in March/April. It is great that we have been able to welcome 7 new students to the school this week.

In group one and starting prep are Ethan and Perrin.
In group 2 are Ashley and Dylan who are brothers and have moved from Wonthaggi to Portland. In group 3 are Jeb and Toby who have transferred from Portland schools after completing grade 6, along with Madison who is in group 4. Welcome to all our new students and school families to the Portland Bay School community.

Welcome BBQ Lunch  Thursday 16th Feb at 12.30pm
The school will hold a welcome BBQ for our new students, their families and new staff. Please put this date in your diary and we will see on the day. More information will follow leading up to the day.

Student Support Group Meeting Day  Monday Feb 20th
The school will hold a dedicated day for student support group meetings. The purpose of this day is to finalise students’ 12-month learning goals and learning and support plans.
It is expected and appropriate that some students will attend the meetings with their parents and carers.
Teachers will organise times with parents and carers in the coming weeks.
There is no school for students on this day.

Bus Runs
Thank-you for everyone one’s patience with the changes to the bus runs. Lots of students, especially Portland students have changed times. The problem that we have had is that there are extra students to pick up on our rural run but we still need to keep the run under 2-hours. To pick up all the students on the rural run we need to send one of our Portland runs to pick up in Heywood as well.
There are also quite a few students that have not started on the buses as well so that is affecting the pick-up and drop-off times.
I appreciate everyone’s goodwill but please call us if you have any questions about the new times.

Sailing
Students are at sailing tomorrow. It was a very good effort to get all permission forms done so early in the term. Thank you.
Students are sailing next Friday as well.

Surfing
After the sailing is finished there will be one surfing session on Friday Feb 17th at Bridgewater.

Important Dates to Remember.
- Monday 13th February - Finance Meeting 1pm
- Tuesday 14th February - School Council Meeting 7pm
- Thursday 16th - Welcome BBQ
- Friday 17th February - Go Surf at Cape Bridgewater
- Monday 20th - Student Support Group Day
- Monday 13th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
- Friday 17th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
- Friday 31st March - Last day of Term 1

COMING EVENTS
TERM 1 2017
Friday 3rd February
Sailing

Next Week
Monday 6th February

Tuesday 7th February

Wednesday 8th February

Thursday 9th February
Swimming

Friday 10th February
Sailing
**Swimming**
Swimming will be on Thursdays this year with the first session Feb 9th and the second session Feb 23rd (no swimming on the day of the welcome BBQ)

**Alpine Ride**
Please let Steve and Reece know if you are interested in attending the Alpine Ride (notice attached). We will organise a training ride next week and regularly over the rest of this term. Other students are welcome to come on the training rides.

**School Council Elections**
Your current school council is:
- Parents
  - Debra Robinson (President) March 2017
  - Rebecca Jacobson March 2017
  - Vacancy March 2017
  - Community Members
    - Brad Charman March 2017
    - Staff Members
      - Steve Crossley Principal March 2017
      - Gillian Caithness Minute-taker (non-voting) March 2018
  - Vacancy March 2017
  - Michelle Pumpa March 2018
  - Karen Rowley March 2018
  - Alex Miller March 2018
  - Julie Amor March 2018

Nominations for School Council are currently open for 3-parent vacancies (Deb’s and Rebecca’s term will finish in March and there was one existing vacancy).

The timeline for the School Council Election Process is as follows:
- Friday 3rd Feb: Call for nominations
- Friday 10th Feb: Nominations close
- Should nominations exceed the number of vacancies a ballot will take place
- Friday 17th Feb: Ballot papers distributed
- Thursday 2nd March: Close of ballot
- Friday 3rd March: Count of votes and declaration of the poll
- Tuesday 14th March: School Council AGM

If you have any questions about this process please ring me or come into see me.

**Fire Season - Code Red Days**
It is the middle of the fire season and it is timely to remember the school procedures for buses on Code Red days.
The school bus routes will not operate outside the Portland town boundary on days when the Fire Danger Rating is determined by fire authorities as being Code Red. This will affect all the bus routes but particularly the Toyota and Wheelie buses, with only minor changes to the other route.
The CFA’s decision to declare a Code Red Day can be taken up to 3-days beforehand, but will be confirmed no later than midday the day before. Once the decision is made it will not change regardless of changes to the weather forecast.

On declared Code Red days, letters will be sent home the day before to affected students outlining transport arrangements. The school will remain open on Code Red days.

If you have any questions please contact Steve, Wendy or Narelle at school.

Welcome back to 2017 ……… Steve Crossley, Principal.
Happy Birthday and best wishes to the following students who will celebrated their birthdays over the school break and this week.

Rory Walters - 22nd January
Tom McKellar - 2nd February

and the following staff members

Casey Dent - 9th January
Annie Rowe - 16th January
Darrell O’Brien - 18th January

We hope you all had great days.
School Council Elections
Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the
school council.

Name:

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of ________________________, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

• an undischarged bankrupt
• of unsound mind
• currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
• a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate ________________________ Date _______ / _______ / _______

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on ________________________

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.
I wish to nominate ................................................................................................................................. for an elected position as a parent member on the ................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................. school council.

CANDIDATE'S DETAILS
Name
Residential address.................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email

I am the parent/guardian of ................................................................................................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of ................................................................................................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator .................................................................................................................................................................................................


Signature of Nominator ......................................................... Date ............................. / ............. / ............................

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

• an undischarged bankrupt

• of unsound mind

• currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence

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Community Announcements:

DO YOU HAVE A YOUNG CHILD under 7 years old?

Is your child:
- not talking like other kids?
- not playing like other kids?
- ’mucking up’ but you don’t know why?

Some kids learn differently, and we can help them learn better. Some kids that learn differently might have Autism Spectrum Disorder. Early Days workshops help families learn about their child and these learning differences. Workshops are free.

Date: Friday, 10th February 2017
Time: 10.30am - 2.00pm
Venue: Windamara Meeting room
21 Scott St, Heywood
Bookings: www.amaze.org.au
Kelly Gannon 5527 0000  Catering Provided.

What are head lice?
“Tiny, tiny bugs, like ant eyes, that live inside your head!”

How can I tell I have lice?
If your head is real nary, check for these:
- small, white eggs in your hair
- bugs crawling around.

Where do lice come from?
They can’t jump or fly, they travel from head to head, or from person to person, when sharing towels, brushes or other hair accessories.

Mini Movers
Dance/Movements Classes
For toddlers/preschool kids
(And their grown ups)
Wednesdays 9.30-10.00am
Portland Calisthenics
Shed 4/102 Browning Street
$5 per week (insurance $38, payable on 2nd lesson)
Contact Sharryn 0427074248 Kym 0417824922