From the Principal’s Desk
I am currently enjoying Camp with Group 4 at Blackwood, near Ballarat. The weather is being kind and we are participating in lots of activities. Please see the photo’s further in the newsletter. Hopefully, most of our students will have the opportunity to attend Blackwood camp, it is an excellent opportunity to try new things and experience camping at its best.

I have been advise that Mary Pendergast, Regional Office has accepted a new job and moving interstate. Mary has been in the region for some years and has been a great support to our school during this time. We wish her all the best.

Welcome BBQ Lunch
Next Wednesday, 11th Feb, we courteously invite families and staff to a BBQ lunch. This is a great opportunity to meet new faces and welcome in the new school year. Please contact the office or complete the attached invitation to RSVP for catering purposes. Invitations were also sent home earlier in the week.

Swimming
Reminder that our swimming program starts tomorrow, Friday (6/2) and will continue each Friday for the remainder of term 1. In term 2 and 4 it will be on Monday. Emma is coordinating our program this year and with smaller groups this program will be very beneficial for students’ strength, coordination and fitness. Permission notes need to be returned to tomorrow at the latest, if you have already, or students will be unable to swim.

School Finance and School Council Meeting.
Monday 1pm and Tuesday 7pm will be our 1st meetings for 2015.

Reminders
Student Support Group Meeting Day – Wed 25th Feb
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 behaviour 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.

Permission Slips must be returned
Two Permission slips and one Medical form were sent home last week. Please ensure they are signed and returned ASAP. Thank you to those who have already returned their slips.

Have a safe weekend,
Steve Crossley, Principal.
Happy Birthday !!!
Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following staff
Ramona Anderson - 11th February
We hope you have a great day.

Group 4 Blackwood Camp 2015

Enjoying activities with Horsham Special Developmental School

“Awesome fun“

Yabbing, fishing, Night walks and rope walking.
Community Announcements:

PORTLAND SES RECRUITING NOW

OPEN NIGHT 26TH FEB
7:00PM – 9:00PM @ 4 Glenelg Street
(next to Police Station)
THURSDAYS ARE OUR NORMAL TRAINING NIGHTS
INFORMATION, SEE OUR EQUIPMENT, ASK QUESTIONS,
MEET OTHER SES VOLUNTEERS

PORTLAND SES is seeking a number of community minded people who want to make a contribution to the wellbeing of their local Portland community.

Are you interested? This is what you could do
Storm & Flood Administration
Road rescue Fundraising, Grants
Land search Media and Public Relations
Rope rescue Community Education

Contact: Portland SES - 0407052722
Call 1300 VICSES or visit www.vicses.gov.au

Disability Respite and Planned Activity Program.

OzChild provides flexible respite, information and planned activity groups to families who have a child or young person with a disability.

Creative Kids after-school art program
with Rune Alith Axisa

Primary age children will have fun with making and creating in a variety of art materials and recycled objects.
Two class times are offered for different age groups and each participant receives their own art journal to take home to continue their art exploration.
This workshop program consists of 7 sessions, and all workshops are held in the project space upstairs at Julia Street Creative Space, 19 Julia Street Portland.

Term 1: Early Primary: Prep to Grade 3
A seven week program every Tuesday from
10 February to 24 March
Time: 4.30pm – 6.00pm
Cost: $84.00
Online enrolment: www.trybooking.com/GPJO

Term 1: Senior Primary: Grade 4 to Grade 6
A seven week program every Wednesday from
11 February to 25 March
Time: 4.30pm – 6.00pm
Cost: $84.00
Online enrolment: www.trybooking.com/GPJR

Call Nikki, Community Arts Officer, Glenelg Shire Council
on 0400 768 033 with any questions.
Portland Bay School

Courteously invites you & your family to join us for our welcome BBQ Lunch to greet everyone (students, Staff and families) for 2015

When: Wednesday, 11th February
Time: 1.00pm (lunchtime)
Where: Portland Bay School
312 Edgar Street Portland.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Monday 9th February by return of the below slip or call the office Ph: 03 5523 2218
Thank you and hope to see you all there.

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Name (s) ________________________________________________________________

Attending: NO / YES - Number attending:_________