From the Principal’s Desk
Thank you to everyone who joined us last Friday for our School Community 2016 BBQ, it was a great success and we had a great turn out of visitors. Students and staff did an amazing job of catering. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event.

On Wednesday the Honourable Minister of Education James Merlino will visit our school for the second time in just a few months. Minister Merlino will again inspect our facilities and discuss school programs and priorities with School Council President Deb Robinson and myself. Whilst in Portland the Minister will also visit Portland Primary School and inspect the site of the proposed new school.

The Hiscock family has moved to New South Wales and we farewelled Lachlan on Monday. We wish Lachlan all the best and hope he settles in well to his new school and community.

Architect Appointed
I’m very excited to announce that Kneeler Design Architects have been appointed to develop a master plan for a new school on the Portland Primary School oval. Developing a master plan is the first step in securing approval and funding for a new school. Kneeler Design will commence work shortly and will work with the school and the community to develop a master plan by the end of April (as I understand).

You are welcome to look at some of Kneeler Design Architects work at their website. http://kneelerdesign.com.au/

Reminders:

Student Support Group Meeting Day – Friday 26th Feb

Labour Day Holiday - Monday 14th March

No classes or students on these day.

PTO……… 2nd Page - Information on our School Council Elections
School Council Elections
There are 6-parent positions on school council with the following school councillors’ terms ending in March 2016:

Fiona Rieger
Craig Howard
Karen Rowley
The council therefore has 3 vacancies of 2-years to fill.

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations for School Council
I declare the following positions vacant to be elected by the parent/guardians of PBS:

3 parent/guardian members of school council elected for a 2-year term

Election Timeframe
11/2/16 Call for Nominations for Election to School Council
Complete either the nomination form or the self-nomination form if you are interested in serving on school council (Schedule 5A or 5B in today’s newsletter)

18/2/16 Close of Nominations (Midday)

25/2/16 Ballot Opens for Election to School Council
The Principal is the Returning Officer for the election and will send home ballots to be completed by eligible electors through the newsletter if required.

Candidates are invited to write a quick summary of their credentials and submit a passport style photo to appear in the newsletter on 25/2/15 (optional).

3/3/16 (Midday) Close of Ballot - Declaration of Election Results

15/3/15 Annual General Meeting of School Council at 7pm
Old and new school council and any interested community members are welcome to attend.

I would be pleased to discuss the role of school councillor with anyone who is interested in serving Portland Bay School.

Enjoying your weekend and the sunshine..........Stephen Crossley, Principal

School Community BBQ
Friday 5th Feb

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Happy Birthday
& best wishes to the following staff members:
Trevor May - 14th February
& Adam Jones - 16th February
Best wishes and we hope you have a great day.

Stars of the Week
“Caught Being Good”
Well done to Lachlan Hiscock, Daniel Fitzpatrick and Ryan Rieger,
Great Effort.

Group 4 are currently working and researching their family members, discussing how numbers are associated and putting maths into the equation. Numbers can belong to families, like the thousands family or the millions family. They have members, units, tens and hundred, just like brothers and sisters. So this number 234,541 can be said like this: two hundred and thirty-four thousand five hundred and forty-one.

Raffle winners drawn at each week’s Friday assembly.

This week’s focus is: “Learning to be responsible”

Learning to be responsible
The students are encouraged to support each other, to be accountable for their actions and to achieve independence to the best of their abilities.

At our whole school assembly, we draw the “Caught Being Good” raffle. Throughout the week, staff give students a raffle ticket for displaying positive behaviour either in their classroom, on the playground or in any school events such as excursions, outings or community access.
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

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Name:

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Residential address:

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Contact phone (mobile or landline):

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Email:

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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.
School Council Elections
Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate ................................................................., for an elected position as a parent member on the
..............................................................................................................school council.

CANDIDATE'S DETAILS

Name

Residential address

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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

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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
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Signature of Candidate ................................................................., Date .................. / ........... / ...........

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Community Announcements:

Thankyou to Bakers Delight—Portland

For your kind and generous ongoing donations.
It is very much appreciated.
Please support our local businesses.

Tyrendarra Pastoral & Agricultural Society Inc.

99th Annual Show

Tyrendarra Recreation Reserve

Saturday, February 13th, 2016

Admission to Ground $10. Perishers & Students $5
Children Under 15 Free. Vehicles Free

Our students participated in the colouring display to brighten the shop windows in Portland’s main street for the last cruise ship visit.
Well done everyone, they look great.

Words on Wellbeing

Pebbles and Rocks…
I am sure everyone now is in a routine. Yes, there will be some adversities: a lost bag; my friend has moved; how to get children out of bed; my friends won’t let me play…. believe me, we all understand and have real empathy. Long ago, I compared your journey to that of Alice; remember the Wonderland? Well, breathe and keep that thought; you come out of that tunnel and a beautiful day awaits.

This is why it is important, and I will go as far as saying, critical, to be connected to our school community. The same way we are connected and cared for by our families. An indicator for ‘at risk’ students for the very best individual learning outcomes is a simple one; it is their sense of connection. If children do not have this they will not be engaged at school.

So here at The Bay, teachers are working to engage your children by connecting them to authentic learning – learning that is real and means something special to each child, no matter the ability. It is only then that realistic goals can be worked on, in conjunction with you as parents.

Engagement and connection contribute to learning; all complement your wellbeing. Your day to day routines will eventually be established. An esteemed educator, Mr Covey, wisely said that all your problems and issues can be equated to a jar of rocks. Throw out all those pebbles and little stones (things that can be done at some stage) and concentrate on the big rocks; on those things that need to be resolved immediately for your sanity.

Every Wednesday and Thursday, I am here to complement the pastoral care of our students. Sometimes these days change but I will keep you informed through the newsletters.

Coffee/Chat is back at Port of Call 10-11am, Wednesday 2nd March. Parents and carers most welcome.