From the Principal’s Desk
Yesterday was our welcome BBQ and it was great to have so many people attend. Welcome to the new staff, students and new school captains. Thankyou to Taylah and Maycie-Lee, who are school captains this year. The girls delivered a good speech to welcome everyone to the BBQ.

Thanks to each classroom that produced food for the occasion, it was very enjoyable. A special thanks to group 5 who tidied the school, mowed the lawns and cleaned the BBQ in preparation for the day.

Get Well
We have a couple of parents in hospital at the moment. We wish you all the best and a speedy recovery and please let us know if we can do anything to help.

Student Wellbeing Coordinator
I would like to extend a special welcome to Sue Cowie who has joined the staff in the last few days. Sue comes to us with extensive experience in student wellbeing and education and will be working with us on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sue is also a teacher and has made herself available as a replacement teacher. Welcome Sue, I hope you enjoy your work with us.

Group 4 Camp
Last week I attended camp at Blackwood with group 4. Blackwood has fantastic facilities and we had a great time. It was great because we met up with students from the Horsham SDS and the students from both schools bonded well. I am looking forward to the other students visiting Blackwood throughout the year.

Radio Stars
While at Blackwood Jenny and Isaac were interviewed on local radio and they handled themselves very well. Check out the interview at the link below: http://www.blackwoodssoec.vic.edu.au/12_apple_fm/radio_stars.html then click on Portland Bay School.

Get well Andy
Andy Alberts was due to start with us next week as a music instructor. Unfortunately Andy has taken ill and must delay his starting date with us. We wish Andy all the best and hope to see him and his guitar at the school very soon.

Sailing
The PBS sailing dates are Feb 27, March 20 and with the inter-school regatta on Friday May 1st. We will send home specific information about the program in the coming week.

Education Maintenance Allowance
Please be reminded that EMA is not available this year as a result of a change in federal government policy.

School Statements
School statements in the next week, The account may be paid in full or by small instalments. Please contact Wendy in the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a good weekend, Steve Crossley, Principal.
Happy Birthday !!!

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the following staff
Trevor May - 14th February
& Adam Jones - 16th February
We hope you have a great day.

Donations requested
We are in search of kind donations such as old magazines, unused rolling pins, biscuits cutters, fabric, material, wool, ribbons, buttons etc and old shirts (larger sizes) for Art.

Please forward any useful items to school and thank you in advance.

School Council Elections
There are 6-parent positions on school council.
The following school councillors’ terms end in March 2015:
Justine Cain
Rebecca Jacobson
The following school councillors’ have indicated their desire to retire from school council in March 2015:
Debra Robinson
Corrina Reeves
The council therefore has 3 vacancies of 2-years and 1 vacancy of 1-year to fill.

There are 2-community members of school council. Brad Charman represents Glenelg Council and Julie Amor represents Kyeema and both these terms finish in March, 2015. Both Brad and Julie make valuable contributions to our school council and both will be invited to serve further terms.

There are 2-Department of Education members of school council. The school principal is the executive officer and is automatically a member of school council. Gillian Caithness’ term finishes in March 2016.

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
1 parent/guardian members of school council elected for a 1-year term

Election Timeframe
12/2/14 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)
19/2/15 Close of Nominations (Midday)
26/2/15 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 26/2/15 (optional).
5/3/15 Close of Ballot (Midday) Declaration of Election Results
24/3/15 Annual General Meeting of School Council
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 councilor with anyone who is interested in serving Portland Bay School.
Stephen Crossley, Principal.
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
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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

• 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.

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Community Announcements:

**PIRATES OF PENZANCE**

On Valentine’s Day, the Gilbert & Sullivan Company of Australia – with a cast of only 6 performers! – are presenting the smash hit Broadway award winning musical ‘Pirates of Penzance’, arguably the most popular of the entire Gilbert & Sullivan repertoire. Starring in this production are highly acclaimed actor Brian Hannan, Philip Gould (who has received rave reviews for his role in ‘Showboat’), Alison Rae Jones and Caroline Vercoe (both from Opera Australia), Chris McKenna, and Linda O’Brien as Musical Director on Piano. Directed by Hugh Halliday, this will be truly one of the great nights in the theatre this year and why not, with a show boasting hit songs such as Cat Like Tread, Model Of A Modern Major General, Poor Wandering One, and A Policeman’s Lot, to name just a few “This is one of those shows audiences will find irresistible” Herald/Sun, Melbourne

Portland Arts Centre
Saturday 14 February
7.30pm
$35 Full price $30 Concession
$10 Child $72 Family
Running time: 110 mins including a 15 minute interval

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**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.

Can you see yourself in Orange?
- Full training provided, no previous experience required.
- Make a contribution to your community as a VICSES volunteer.
- Learn valuable career and life skills.
- OPERATIONAL & NON OPERATIONAL people welcome

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

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**FOR HIRE**

**MOBILITY SCOOTER**

$25.00 per day
(Road deposit of $100.00 required)

The Physiotherapy Centre
72 Julia Street
Portland 3305
Phone: (03) 5521 7789

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**DISCOVER WHAT'S POSSIBLE & WHAT YOU LOVE!**

A Free Come and Try Day

Adventure activities for people of all abilities

When: Saturday, March 2, 2013, From 10am to 1pm
Where: YMCA Armstrong Recreation Campus, Great Ocean Rd, Armstrong

For more info Contact:

The Great Armstrong Recreation Campus, 3025 Great Ocean Road, Armstrong www.armstrongrec.com.au

Lunch will be provided so let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.
Portland Bay School

Student School Banking

Available *Every Thursday* with

Portland *Bendigo Bank*

(Please feel free to send in deposits to other banks if student accounts are already set up)

*The account is free of charge for our students. Please contact the office for more information.*