From the Principal’s Desk
Hello everyone and welcome back to term 4. This is a long term with the end of term heading into the 12th week!

Congratulations to Reece Cracknell who has been appointed as teacher of group 3 on Thursdays and Fridays, replacing Charlotte until the end of the year. Charlotte continues teaching Group 3 Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Charlotte and Reece will work together to meet the needs of students in Group 3.

Well done to everyone who participated in the footy colours day on the last term. We raised $125 for the Anti-Cancer Council – a great effort. There are some great photos in this newsletter. Congratulations to all the Doggies supporters – there are a lot coming out!

Swimming
The swimming program resumed for term 4 today (Thursday). Make sure students have their swimming gear and some extra snacks in their lunchbox.

Sailing
Over the next 2 Mondays we will resume our sailing program in the Portland harbour. Thanks to Adam who has completed quite a bit of maintenance on the boats over the winter. Please make sure you have returned your permission notices before Monday.

Emma, Adam and Annette will supervise the sailing program this term.

Netball training
Some students will also be involved in the interschool netball competition and training for this will commence over the next few weeks.

RDA - Riding Develops Ability
Horse riding should get started this term but not straight away because RDA is finalising their volunteers (see the info in this newsletter).

Bus Delay:
Sorry we had a bus delay this morning that affected a lot of pick up times especially on the Fuso. Sometimes these things happen but it is worth remembering that pick up times, while they are usually reliable, are indicative – we do our best but there are no guarantees. Thank-you to everyone for their goodwill this morning.

Parent Vacancy on School Council
There are currently 2 parent vacancies on school council. Please let me know if you would be interested in contributing to the governance of the school. It is an exciting time to be on school council as there is a lot of planning taking place for the new school. Please contact Steve if you are interested.

Caught Being Good
Well done to Brady, Harvey, Andrew, James, Akysha and Alisha who were all caught being good at our last assembly raffle in Term 3. Keep up the good work.

Reminder - Advance Notice – Curriculum Day – Monday 31st Oct
This will be a curriculum day for teachers and there will be no school on this day. This date coincides with a public holiday on Tuesday 1st Nov for Melbourne Cup Day.

Reminder - School Council and School Finance Committees both meet next Tuesday.
I’m looking forward to a busy term…… Stephen Crossley, Principal
“Caught Being Good”

Very well done to our caught being good winners last week of last term:

Brady Howard, Harvey McQualter, Andrew Whiting, James Klotz, Akaysha Morrison, and Alisha Pumpa

We focus each week on all our areas of positive behaviour both in the school and on our buses.

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 buses (including to and from school), on the playground or in any school events such as excursions, outings or community access.

We would like to thank everyone that donated to our “show your true Colours Day Fight against Cancer” day on Friday 16th September, last day of Term 3. We raised $125.00. Everyone had great fun and participated in lots of footy skill activities.
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RDA - Riding Develops Ability

Unfortunately RDA has been postponed for a few weeks. Hopefully the program will start in week 3, Tuesday 18th October.

The delay is due to a lack of available volunteers to assist run the program.

Cobboboonee Horse Riding - RDA apologise for any inconvenience.

If you know of anyone who may be able to help at RDA, please ask them to phone Kvlie Burton. 040 053 5475.

RDA Riding address, Portland
Cobboboonee Horse Riding
211 Hodgetts Rd
Gorae, Victoria

Happy Birthday & best wishes to the following staff member who celebrates her birthday this coming week
Sarah Maclaine-Cross
9th October
We hope you have a great

Udderly Awesome
Dress up Day
Dress in BROWN, BLACK and WHITE to help fight the $1 White and milk price cuts

Words on Wellbeing - Sue Cowie - Simple Wins
Welcome back to Term 4! Perhaps the best things in life are the simple ones.
Last week, I was presented with a beautiful grand-daughter, Evelyn Audrey, born to my eldest child, Kate and her husband, Ben. Such joy in a new life! And for all the children who know me well, I am elated at the Dogs winning their 2nd Premiership since 1954. What a privilege to be at the MCG with my kids!

I think last week was the happiest in my life so I was thinking, I do not need a million dollars nor do I need to be a celebrity. Those simple family pleasures bring us all together: celebrating with others; smiling and laughing; the joy a newborn brings; elderly folk singing the praises of their team. How we all crave to be connected to something and someone we love. Our wellbeing depends on this.

On the way home from Whitten Oval, I met Gary. A well-known Portland local, he has gone to every Doggies game. I actually met him in Darwin, when we played there. There had been a crisis when it went public that Gary could not get a ticket to the Grand Final. Within 30 minutes, The Club came to the rescue. But what I remember is telling my 20 year old about this and he replied “He can have my ticket, Mum, I will ring the Club now.” He didn’t need to do this but I am happy that those simple things are ingrained; respect and care for others. I must have done something right!

Let’s enjoy another Coffee/Chat Morning this term for parents and carers:
Wednesday 9th November, Port of Call, 10am – 11am.
Community Announcements:

Portland Bay School would like to thank all the kind persons who donated wetsuits for our swim program. They are very much appreciated.

Mental Health Week
Warrnambool 2016

Introducing Professor Caroline Taylor AM

Understanding the impact of trauma from childhood sexual abuse

These workshops will increase community awareness and understanding of the impact of trauma from family violence and childhood sexual abuse, and build the capacity of professionals and our community to support survivors.

For professionals:
Understanding and supporting survivors of childhood sexual abuse

The session will focus on understanding trauma impacts, disclosure, the role and value of support and education to assist the recovery and healing process, legal family and sexual violence awareness and supporting the support system.

Workshop for: professionals from welfare/community organisations, health professionals, educators, welfare counsellors, trauma counsellors, grief counsellors, advocates, lawyers, police, Court liaison workers, pastoral care workers, advocates.

Cost: Free. Light meal/provided
Venue: Deakin University, Warrnambool Campus
Date: Monday October 10, 2016
Time: 10am to 3pm
Bookings essential: 0417 980 718 or email caroline.taylor@deakin.edu.au

For the community:
Understanding the impact of trauma from childhood sexual abuse in our community

The session will focus on the presence of family violence and childhood sexual abuse, understanding disclosure, how to help, understanding the impact of trauma on individuals, and broader impact on community health, educational outcomes, mental and physical health and economic productivity.

Workshop designed for members of the general public including community groups, family members, friends and others who have been affected, and those interested in improved community wellbeing.

Cost: Free
Venue: Deakin University - Warrnambool Campus Room 5.01
Date: Tuesday October 11, 2016
Time: 7pm to 9.45pm
Bookings essential: 0417 980 718 or email caroline.taylor@deakin.edu.au

Portland Spring Sale Day
Saturday 8th October 10am-2pm

Come along and be entertained by Live music in our lovely gardens. Silent Auction. Monster Spring Garden Sale with Seawinds Nursery
Kids- Showbags, Lucky Dips, Animal Nursery, Jumping Castle, Face-painting...
Food- Authentic Indian Cuisine
Also Strawberry Pancakes, BBQ, Lentil Veggie Burgers, Hot Dogs and Devonshire Tea, Variety of Coffees.

Queen sized Patchwork quilt, Decorated Xmas Cake and Kyeema Piggy bank to win in the raffle!

Kyeema Support Services, Cnr Bridgewater Rd & Lalor St, Portland.