From the Principal’s Desk
I am looking forward to attending some Student Support Group (SSG) meetings tomorrow. I am hoping that every student will have had an SSG this year, by tomorrow. Please contact your teacher if you have not had an SSG as yet.

SSG meetings are an important opportunity to review student goals, set new priorities and work together with the school on strategies for your children.

Parents and carers are welcome to discuss their children with staff or myself at any time – you don’t need to wait for an SSG!!

School Council Election results
I am very pleased to announce that Melissa Woods, Craig Howard and Karen Rowley have been elected to school council for 2-years. There was no need for a formal election as the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies.

The Annual General Meeting of school council will elect office bearers on March 15.

New Building
I have received notice that the new portable classrooms will be delivered next week and work will commence on bringing them into service immediately. The building will be adjacent to the portable building erected last year. I expect the buildings to be ready for use at the start of term 2.

Caught being good
Jmara, Jenny and Harvey were all caught being responsible last week. Well done for making good choices. This week we have been looking out for people being safe.

Reminder
Parents/guardians are reminded that Portland Bay School and the Department of Education do not hold student accident insurance policies.

Parents / guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers to cover student accidents at school.

Parents/guardians and staff are reminded that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Enjoy the last days of summer ……………… Steve Crossley, Principal
Happy Birthday
& best wishes to the following
Students who celebrate their birthday
this coming week.
Taylah Gannon - 29th Feb
and
Leilani Butler - 27th Feb
Best wishes to you both.

Group 5’s
Jennifer and
Maycie-Lee
Enjoying their
session of Bare
Foot Bowls

Easter Raffle
Portland Bay School is organising an Easter Raffle
to raise money for the Michael Ward Memorial
Award.

Please send in Easter Eggs for Hampers as soon
as possible.
Please sell Raffle Tickets and send the money
and tickets back to the school.
Please return all tickets and money by Thursday
17th of March.

The Raffle will be drawn on Friday 18th of March
at assembly.

Don’t forget to buy your
tickets, $1-00 each. Donation
of Easter eggs are appreciated,
as you can see the prizes are
looking yummo!

STARS OF THE WEEK
“Caught Being Good”
Well done to Jennifer Elliott,
Jmara Frankland-Harrison
and Harvey McQualter

“Great Effort for
“Learning to be
Responsible”

Raffle winners drawn at this week’s
Friday assembly is for
“Learning to be Safe”

The next week’s focus is:
“Learning to be a learner”

Learning to be a learner
The students are encouraged to have-a-go at a wide
range of experiences, to learn from their mistakes
and be persistent.

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.
RDA (Riding Develops Abilities) – Horse riding

This Tuesday was the first session for RDA this year. The students did a great job, especially as it was quite a hot day! If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer to assist during these sessions, please contact Kylie Burton on 0400 535 475.

May Ball Saturday 14th May 2016

We take great pride on organising such an event to raise important funds for our students. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to The Portland Bay School May Ball. We are coming into our 19th year and we are very excited; the ball has been a huge success for quite some time.

Please confirm by Friday 11th March 2016

leaving a $100(Non-refundable) deposit when confirming tables.

This is due to a waiting list and table holders pulling out days before our event.

Melbourne Bands:

Chunky Jam & Savannah Club

Starting at 7.30pm – 2am

$50 per ticket

(No Denim)

Strictly NO drinks to be on the dance floor!!!

If you have any further queries, please give us a ring on 55232218.

Regards,

May Ball Committee
Words on Wellbeing

Horror Movie...

Whilst in the big smoke this week, attending a conference on Peaceful Kids - Mindfulness, I am constantly bombarded with chaos: the roads and even a bus too big for a bridge; over-crowded public transport; the rush and the noise, a plethora of sensory overload. So I contemplate. Could the news be any worse lately? How do our children process such confusion? Can we all learn some techniques to be Mindful? Forget the smoke and just smell the roses…

Back in the 70s, Shirley rocked us with this ‘piece de resistance’ - Horror Movie… It’s there on my TV… shocking me right out of my brain… Well, as I reflect on Peaceful Kids, there are pertinent questions literally stuck in my brain. How do our kids learn to live in peace? How much tragedy and despair, is actually too much? What is media-overload when children are exposed to a barrage of bad news? And who can be the significant other to counter hopelessness, fear and sadness.

So we are set a challenge, as parents and educators. For every disability there are supports in place. For every tragedy, there can be hope. The car accident where a young mum died but the miracle of her baby surviving; an integrated soccer team of Palestinians & Jews, training together to demonstrate peace; Harper Lee’s literary gift to appease the racial divide in America; our humanitarian stance of doctors, keeping baby Asha safe.

There is always a better way to live. It means taking the time to be mindful of all those little steps we take to help each other. Don’t get bogged down by negatives. Talk to your children about positive news stories and ways of being pro-active. We cannot shelter from reality and current research advises this ‘helicopter-parenting’ does not breed resilience so be that significant other to your children. Sometimes they will need your wisdom to shock them right out of their brains.

Remember 29th February Red Balloon Day – to thank our Firefighters.

Coffee and chat will be on Wednesday 2nd March at Port of Call, 10am to 11am. All parents and carers welcome.
Hope to see you there, Sue Cowie - Wellbeing

Community Announcements:

Thankyou to Bakers Delight—Portland

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

Certificate IV in Disability
CHC43115

Certificate IV in Disability prepares participants for working in community based or residential settings in a direct care role. Employment might be found in residential facilities and related support services, private homes, services which place, train and support people with disabilities in open employment, supported employment services, recreation services, adult day training services, advocacy services and respite services. Participants will learn to report to service managers, liaise with health professionals and other service agencies to work without direct supervision and to supervise and co-ordinate other workers.

Course Dates: Beginning Thursdays March, 2016
Time: One day per week 9:30am – 3:30pm
Cost: VTG Eligible Concession student: $47.90
VTG Eligible students: $277.90
Fee For Service Students: $900

Visit www.karingaltraining.org.au about 
us to view Karingal Training’s Fee Structure

Venue: Warmabind, Portland, Hamilton
Contact: Shirley Andrew
03 55627333
Shirley@karingal.org.au

*This training is delivered with Victorian & Commonwealth Funding for eligible participants. We encourage individuals with disabilities to access government subsidised training.

INSIDE THE CIRCUS PROGRAM

Want to know what it’s like to be a young person who can’t wait to join the circus?

Be a Flying Fruit Fly circus VIP when Circus Under My Bed comes to the Portland Civic Hall on 30 March

What can I expect?
The first 17 people to buy tickets and register will be able to:

• Write in your pen friend in the circus throughout March
• Watch them warm up before the show - Circus Under My Bed ! and meet your special pen friend
• Learn about the young artists in the Flying Fruit Fly Circus
• Watch the show in reserved seating with your family
• Stay for the Q&A after the show

Who can participate?
6 – 12 year olds

How do I apply?

Buy your tickets to the show: www.broadview.vic.gov.au/circus

Send an email to circus@flyingfruitfly.com.au and let us know (that you have your tickets and want to be a part of it) or call 03 5522 9064 or come in to the Portland Arts Centre.

The first 17 who buy their tickets and contact us by FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY will be a Flying Fruit Fly VIP. But more spaces will fill quickly

Circus Under My Bed
Portland Civic Hall
Wednesday 28 March 7:30pm
Adult: $30.00
Child: $25.00
10 Student/Credit School Family
$10 Student/Credit School Family

Germaine Anderson
Running time: 50 minutes, no interval
Age group: 4+