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Newsletter

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We have certainly hit the ground running for 2023. Swimming, local excursions and music all in full swing and everyone looks to be having great fun.

Next week events

Term 1

Friday **24th Feb**
Surfing at Cape Bridgewater for secondary students

Week

Monday **27th Feb.**
PECS training for selected staff

Tuesday **28th Feb.**
PECS training for selected staff

Secondary 3 depart for camp

Wednesday **1st Mar.**

Thursday **2nd Mar.**

Friday **3rd Mar.**
Secondary 3 return from camp
And
Surfing at Cape Bridgewater for primary students.

Thank you

to everyone for joining us last Thursday for our “Welcome 2023 BBQ”. It was great chatting with parents, guardians and grandparents, who also enjoyed visits to the classrooms, viewing art and enjoying a catered lunch. The students are always proud to show their works and tour the school with family and friends.

Its with great sadness that Portland Bay School acknowledges our former student, Michael Roosa, is loosing his courageous fight with cancer. We as a school will endeavour to help Michael, and his family, in some way to achieve a few wish items on Michaels bucket list and we will reach out to the wider school community soon.

If you would like to help Michael personally as well, we have now attached Michael's link for kind donations and where you can also read further about Michael's journey.

HELP IF YOU CAN > https://www.mycause.com.au/p/304854/michaels-cancer

Michael, and his family visited the school this week, it was really nice catching up and reaching out to the broader community.

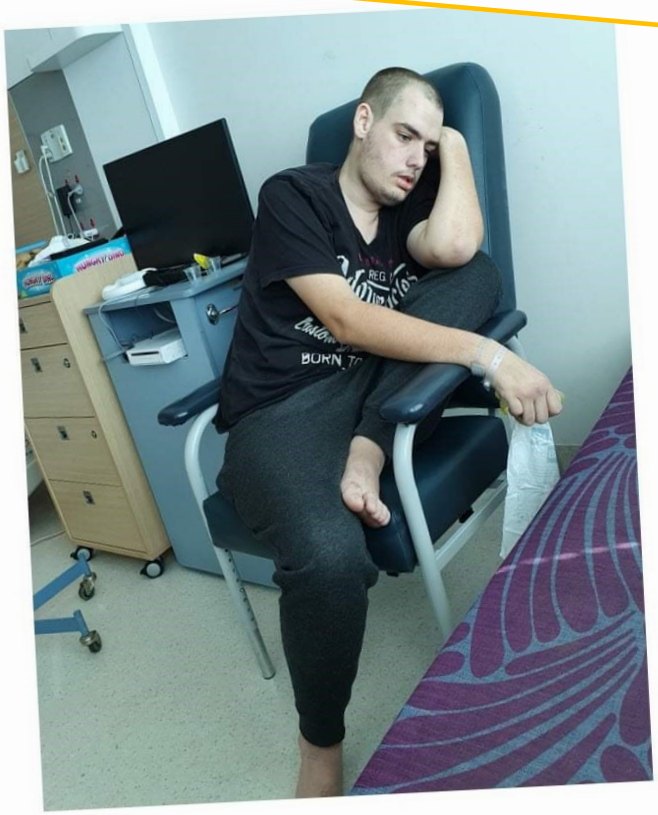
Michael Roosa, 21

"So, my bucket list is to do as many of these things with my family (mum dad and two brothers) as possible in the very near future.

My list is to travel to Queensland to experience the fun of the theme parks, Wet n wild, Movie world, SeaWorld Dreamworld, Whitewater world and the Australian Zoo

I would also like to experience a V8 super car hot laps ride, travel to Tasmania on the Spirit of Tasmania to experience the boat ride and see family over there.

And I would also like to go to Phillip island to see the penguin parade, Adventure Park Geelong, Melbourne Zoo, Science works, ACMI, Lego world and the Melbourne Aquarium



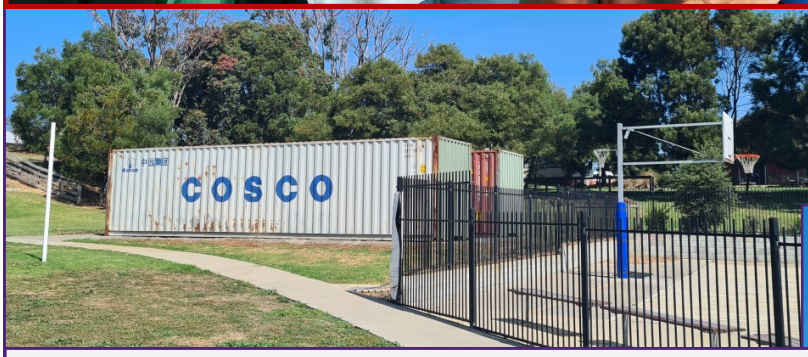
These things are important to me to experience as a family at least once for my enjoyment and the memories for my family as we have never been able to do these things as a family before and be able to visit family who live in different states across Australia before I get to sick to be able to travel.

I just hope that I have enough time left to do as many of these things as possible with as much help as we can get for me to be able to do these things.

Thankyou

from Michael Roosa"

Our secondary students tried their skills in T-shirt screen printing during Art with Therese. Presenting Steve with the first off the production line polo shirt. Keep up the great work.



Big thank you to Keppel Prince Engineering for your help in delivering and manoeuvring our 2 shipping containers into position, we really appreciate your help and support.

A few more minor works and painting and the school's new bike storage will be ready for use.

Portland Bay Students are collecting the Woolworths "Bricks" kind donations are very appreciated and can be delivered to the school office. Thank you in advance

Our school "Shout Outs" acknowledge the great things our students and staff do without being asked, stepping up, and going above and beyond what is expected.
Students and staff are presented with cards of acknowledgment and their name is mentioned at assembly and in the school newsletter.
Keep up the great work and friendship everyone.

This week's shout outs go to:

Tyler Pendlebury

Don't forget to be Sun Smart this season. Portland Bay School is a SunSmart school.

Upcoming calendar events

2023 Term 1

Monday 13th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th March
GRIP Leadership Mt Gambier (selected students)

Friday 24th March
AFL Football Clinic at school

Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th April
Alpine Bike Ride CANCELLED

Friday 7th April to Friday 21st April
Good Friday public holiday and 1st day of school holidays. 2 weeks.

Term 2

Monday 24th April
1st day of Term 2

Tuesday 25th April
ANZAC Day Public Hliday

Friday 28th April
School Photos

Monday 8th May to Friday 12th May
Secondary camp

Friday 9th June
Curriculum Day - No students to attend school

Monday 12th June
Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 11th August
Curriculum Day - No students to attend school

Monday 9th October to Friday 13th October
Secondary camp in Residence

Monday 6th November
Curriculum Day - No students to attend school

Tuesday 7th November
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

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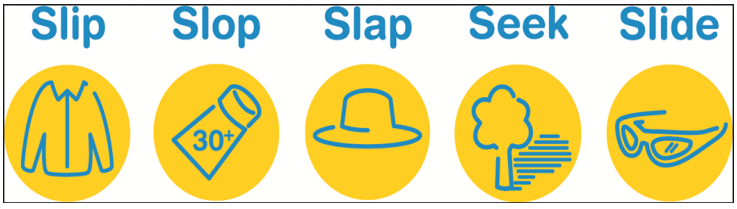
Find us on our Facebook "Portland Bay School".



Community Announcements

Face To Face

PECS Level 1 Training

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This intensive two-day interactive training is designed to teach educational teams and parents the theory and protocol for the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), an evidence based practise.

27th & 28th Feb, 2023

9:00am - 4:30pm

Portland Bay School
77 Henty St, Portland, VIC, 3305

To register, please head over to our website https://pecsaustralia.com and click "Register for a Workshop"

Rotary Club of Portland Inc

Beats Cycle for Hope

You are receiving this email because you have previously supported the Rotary Club of Portland Beats Cycle for Hope event.

The 2023 event will be on **Sunday March 19**, and will again involve the bike challenge from Portland to Bridgewater Bay.

- *Road Ride (22 km) – direct ride on sealed road. Easy ride, suitable for all ages. Registration 9:30 AM, Start Time: 10 AM,*

Online registration is now available at https://www.trybooking.com/CFOWX
or via this QR Code

or you can register in person at Hanlon Park on the day. Online registration is preferred to help speed up admin processes on the day.

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/beatscycle.forhope
or website - https://www.portlandrotary.org.au/stories/beats-cycle-for-hope-project

Regards
Beats Cycle for Hope Committee

Do you feel safe at home? Did you know our staff at school can help you make discreet contact with services? Always ready to help.

ONLINE SAFTEY

(Adapted from www.thinkyouknow.org.au)

What you can do to help keep your kids safe online…

· Always supervise your child when they are online

· Encourage your child to identify trusted adults who can help.

It's never too early to start teaching young children about technology and online safety. The early learning resource Playing IT Safe can help you do this.

Playing IT Safe is a free resource developed for young children. It includes a series of play -based activities that children can play at home with parents and carers to help learn about safety online. You can access Playing IT Safe at http://www.playingitsafe.org.au

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24 Hours Statewide Response Service **1800 015 188**

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Sexual Assault Crisis Line **1800 806 292**

Respect **1800 737 732**

1800 366 238

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