



# Newsletter

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## Portland Bay School's Cadbury Chocolate 10kg Easter Raffle School Fundraiser



**\$2-00 per ticket  
or 3 for \$5-00.**

Tickets available from families, staff or the school office. Please contact, 03 5523 2218 in need.

*Money raised will be allocated to our  
Michael Ward Memorial Fund.*

Raffle drawn Wednesday 27th March 2024 at our last School Assembly.

Good luck and get your tickets quick.



### Next week events

#### Term 1

<b>Friday</b>	<b>8th Mar.</b>
<b>Week</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11th Mar.</b>
Labour Day Public Holiday	
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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12th Mar.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13th Mar.</b>
Swimming	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14th Mar.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>15th Mar.</b>

## From the Acting Principals Desk:

Surfing this week was a roaring success. It was great to hear about so many students in the water learning all about ocean-based water safety and having the confidence to get up on a surfboard. A huge thank you to Rose for putting this together on behalf of our students, and to the team of staff who worked hard to ensure that students were well supported to take part.

Also, an extended thank you to GO Surf Port Fairy, who came along to work with our enthusiastic students and teach them the required skills. GO Surf School provided qualified and experienced staff, the latest equipment including quality beginner soft boards and premium brand full-length wetsuits, to ensure our students were well supported and had a great time.



Every week as part of our Assembly students watch an Acknowledgement of Country that was created by the Queensland Department of Education. You can find the link to this here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwB19PARVRc>

To make this a little more personal for our school, we decided last year to begin looking into creating our own version. Some of you may remember a letter coming home last year talking about this and seeking feedback. This week on Tuesday we had a small group gather to once again work on bringing this idea come to fruition. Kate Mee our local Koorie Engagement Support Officer joined staff from PBS, along with Karen Corbett from Powerhouse Productions to begin the next stage of planning. Kate will now come along to an all staff meeting to work with staff on what it means to make an Acknowledgement of Country. Students will also unpack this back in their classrooms. Any member of the school community who is keen to get involved in this exciting project is more than welcome to contact Therese Coffey our art teacher to find out more.

Portland Bay School welcomes feedback, both positive and negative, and is committed to continuous improvement. We value open communication with our families and are committed to understanding complaints and addressing them appropriately. We recognise that the complaints process provides an important opportunity for reflection and learning. We value and encourage open and positive relationships with our school community. We understand that it is in the best interests of students for there to be a trusting relationship between families and our school. Portland Bay School is always happy to discuss with parents/carers and community members any concerns that they may have. Concerns in the first instance should be directed your child's teacher, and then if not resolved, the Area Leader, Assistant Principal or Principal. Where possible, school staff will work with you to ensure that your concerns are appropriately addressed. My door is always open if families feel that complaints have not been handled appropriately or in a way in which they feel the issue has not been resolved.

We were so excited to have a visit from Steve Crossley on Wednesday. Students met him with great enthusiasm. It is easy to see his presence has been missed by one and all. S2 even presented him with a birthday book that they had been working on in class.

Get to know your SRC

Hi my name is...

**M \* E \* L \* A \* N \* I \* E**


I'm representing

**S2**

I like playing the ipad and my phone.

There's nothing I don't like.

When I grow up I want to be an Education Support Officer.



Continuing on from our introduction of the Student Representative Council series, you will find our representative from S2 included in today's newsletter.

Melanie is a valuable member for our SRC who does a fantastic job at being a voice for not only her own classroom but the wider secondary community.

Lastly just a quick reminder that this weekend is a long weekend. Monday March the 11th is

**LABOUR DAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Labor Day and as such the school will be closed. See everyone back on-board Tuesday the 12th of March. Usual bus and school times.

Rebecca Jones, Acting Principal



S3 enjoyed free time and the sunshine at this weeks swimming session.

Having fun while learning valuable water safety.

## Upcoming calendar events

### **2024 Term 1**

#### **Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April**

Good Friday public holiday and 1st day of school holidays. 2 weeks.

### **Term 2**

#### **Monday 15th April**

1st day of Term 2

#### **Thursday 18th April**

Interschool Cross Country—Warrnambool

#### **Wednesday 24th April**

Fruit Fun Run 2pm, more information will follow closer to date.

#### **Thursday 25th April**

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

#### **Tuesday 30th April**

School Photos

#### **Wednesday 1st May**

GRIP Leadership Mt Gambier (selected students)

#### **Friday 7th June**

Curriculum Day - No students to attend school

#### **Monday 10th June March**

Kings Birthday Public Holiday

#### **Friday 28th June**

Last day of Term 2.

#### **Monday 1st July to Friday 12th July**

School Holidays 2 weeks.

### **Term 3**

#### **Monday 15th July**

1st Day of School

#### **Friday 26th July**

Winter Series Sports—Warrnambool

#### **Friday 9th August**

Curriculum Day - No students to attend school

#### **Friday 20th September**

Last day of Term 3.

### **Term 4**

#### **Monday 7th October**

1st Day of School

#### **Friday 20th December**

Last day of Term 4



# Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following student who celebrates her birthday over the next week.

**Anieka Ryan - 14th Mar.**

We hope you all enjoy your days

**OUR SCHOOL STANDS UP FOR INCLUSION + DIVERSITY**

SAFE SCHOOLS

THE EDUCATION LEAP

VICTORIA

## Community Announcements

Find us on our Facebook "Portland Bay School".

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**PORTLAND BIKE AND SKATE**

**Come along to Libraries After Dark at the Portland Library on Thursday 14 March at 6pm to learn about:**

- Parts of a bike
- the ABC's of basic bike maintenance - Air/Brakes/Chain
- Types of bikes and suitability
- Sizing a bike for you

**Perfect timing to help you get your bike ready for Beats Cycle for Hope on Sunday 17 March at 9am**

Rotary



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.

**EmmaHouse** SINCE 1979

Domestic & Family Violence Service

Emma House is a not-for-profit organisation providing free services to victim survivors in South West Victoria.

Interpreter and National Hearing Services are Available

WARRNAMBOOL • PORTLAND • HAMILTON  
TERANG • CAMPERDOWN

### Emergency Numbers

Police ..... 000

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

A state wide 24/7 service providing women and their children with information, advocacy, referral and emergency accommodation.

Sexual Assault Crisis Line ..... 1800 806 292

Respect ..... 1800 737 732

**1800 366 238**

131-133 Kepler Street Warrnambool, VIC 3280

Phone: (03) 5561 1934

Open: Monday - Friday, 9am to 5pm

[emmahouse.org.au](http://emmahouse.org.au)

## ONLINE SAFETY

(Adapted from [www.thinkyouknow.org.au](http://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>