



Newsletter

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Some of our beautiful easter art work on display.



Reminder - Please return your tickets and money by 9.30am next Wednesday to be in the Easter Egg Raffle draw

Next week events

- Term 1**
- Friday 22nd Mar.
 - Week**
 - Monday 25th Mar.
 - Tuesday 26th Mar.
 - Wednesday 27th Mar. Swimming
 - Easter Raffle Draw
 - Thursday 28th Mar. Last day of School Term 1 Early finish. 2.30pm.
 - Friday 29th Mar. Good Friday public holiday and 1st day of school holidays. 2 weeks.
 - Term 2**
 - Monday 15th Apr. 1st day of Term 2

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 2pm Wednesday 27th March by School Leaders. Winners notified.

Good luck and get your tickets quick.



From the Acting Principal: This week we celebrated Cultural Diversity Week. The theme for 2024 was "Our Shared Stories – Celebrating Together". Everyone was invited this year to not only consider their own story but to think about the stories of others who may come from different backgrounds. Portland Bay School celebrates diversity and works hard to ensure all students who attend the school experience a positive, supportive learning environment where they feel valued and supported to reach their full potential.



A.G custom fabrication/repairs and Venture Tip Truck Hire.

Staff at Portland Bay School took part in the Cancer Council's Relay for life event held on the weekend. The staff have been fundraising and were able to donate \$2000 to the cause. Over \$51,000 was raised by the Portland & District Community to go towards research into Cancer. The staff involved would like to thank the following sponsors that donated items to help with the fundraising:



In Victoria, councils are required under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 to provide immunisation services to children living or being educated within their municipal district. Councils work in partnership with schools to deliver an annual Secondary School Immunisation Program (SSIP), providing free vaccines for adolescents in Year 7 and Year 10 as part of the National Immunisation Program (NIP). Immunisations for our secondary students will take place around mid-May this year. Prior to this date information will come home about how to provide consent for students who are of the appropriate age to be immunised. Please keep an eye out for more information about this program early in Term Two. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to contact the school on 55232218.



Speaking of our secondary students, I would like to highlight this week some of the incredible work coming out of our STEM program. We were fortunate this year in securing Dale Radcliff to our teaching team. Dale has many years of experience teaching science and mathematics. STEM which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, helps students develop key skills including problem solving. As a part of the STEM program, students have been creating incredible things using a suite of 3D printers.



Some of the amazing items have included special characters from movies, tv, etc., as well as special interest items such as models of pets and favourite vehicles. Students have also been making sensory toys and therapy items that are being utilised across the school.

A little reminder that we currently have an Easter raffle running. The funds raised from this raffle will go towards the Michael Ward Memorial Fund. One of our champion past parents, who was also a previous School Council President for many years, Deb Robinson will be down at the front of Woolworths on Sunday morning so if you are about feel please to stop by and say hello.



SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS By 4pm on Friday, March 1st, I had received the following nominations for the vacant School Council positions in the following categories:-

SCHOOL EMPLOYEE CATEGORY (1 vacancy) - Susan Webster

PARENT CATEGORY (4 vacancies) - Brad Anderson, Christopher Cochrane, Michelle Pumpa & Sue Lovett

Accordingly, I declare that these nominations have been successful, and the nominees are duly elected to fill the two year vacancies on School Council.

Julie Amor was again nominated and successfully co-opted to the Community Member vacancy.

School Council also farewelled member Jarrod Curtis and thanked him for his service. Jarrod served two years on the council including a term as Vice President.

Steve Crossley will continue to be on leave at the start of Term Two. At this stage I will continue to do my best to oversee the school in his absence.

Have a great weekend..... Rebecca Jones, Acting Principal.



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Upcoming calendar events

2024 Term 1

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 students who celebrate their birthdays over the next week.

James Cochrane - 23rd March

Mia Janes - 24th March

Ashley Turley - 25th March

Callum Grayling - 27th March

We hope you all enjoy your days

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

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

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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

Community Announcements

Find us on our Facebook "Portland Bay School".

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ONLINE SAFETY

(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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