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From the Ap's desk: **Tomorrow is Curriculum Day, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** - A reminder that this Friday is our curriculum day. No students are in attendance this day as staff will be working on upskilling themselves. This will lead into the long weekend. I hope you all enjoy this extended little weekend break.

**SRC News** - When the Student Representative Council met recently, they were once again teaming with ideas and thoughts around how to enrich life for students at Portland Bay School. These included some rather extravagant thoughts about putting in a "hot tub", a "skate park" and a "pool with a slide". Amongst some of these more elaborate ideas, there were a few viable proposals put forward. The secondary school asked to have an end of year prom considered, and almost every class was asking about lunch orders with warm food as we come into Winter.

This one is something that we have already initiated. One of the members shared about an ongoing friendship issue and the group were incredibly supportive offering suggestions and advice. Many of the suggestions were around self-advocacy such as being brave and standing up for yourself. As for when we will deliver on the next Portland Bay School Prom King and Queen, watch this space.

**Lunch Orders** - The students wanted to be able to order lunches and we listened. We have teamed up with the Portland Secondary College to offer a weekly lunch order program. Students have until Tuesday to order from the provided menu and then lunches are delivered on Wednesdays. As the orders are not prepared on site, we cannot take orders after Tuesday. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**AIP Audit** - This week we spent some time carrying out a mid-year audit on our Annual Implementation Plan. This year one of our focus areas has been around our literacy curriculum and how we deliver this across the school. The other focus area has been around student voice and agency, and how we include students in decision making processes that affect them personally. The audit showed that we are tracking well towards our end of year goals. This wouldn't have been possible without the massive effort of all staff and students working together to get our new literacy program up and running.

**Absences** - Recently I sat with our School Improvement Team and looked at Portland Bay School's Absence data. It was wonderful to see that we are tracking below the state average for absences, but we still have some work to do. 19% of our students have already missed more than 10 days this year. And 8% have missed over 20 days. This means that 8% of our students have missed almost a month of school this year already. Missing out on school not only effects a student's academic progress, but it has also been proven to have an impact on their social development and friendships. We want every student at Portland Bay School to not only attend school but thrive. You can help by ensuring that, unless your child is too unwell to attend, they are at school every day and on time.

**Congratulations to Liam** - On a happy note, Congratulations to our music therapist Liam Barling. Liam recently married and now will take some time off to go on his honeymoon. We look forward to hearing all about his travels when he returns next term.

**Until next Tuesday, have a great weekend. Rebecca Jones, Acting Principal**

### Next week events

#### **Term 2**

**Friday 7th Jun**

Curriculum Day -  
No students to attend school

#### **Week**

**Monday 10th Jun**

King's Birthday Public Holiday

**Tuesday 11th Jun**

**Wednesday 12th Jun**

**Thursday 13th Jun**

**Friday 14th Jun**



Happy Birthday to the following student who celebrates his birthday over the next few weeks.

**Geoffrey Heffernan - 11th June**

& staff Member

**Mary Gould Smith - 12th June**

We hope you all enjoy your days



Our fundraiser through “**Krispy Kreme**” is up and running. Order forms have been sent home to families. Ask your friends and families if they would like to order some yummy donuts, Yum !!

**Please return orders and money by Tuesday 18th June.** Thank you for support our school, Funds raised from this activity will be directed at more and new playground equipment with in the school.

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Upcoming calendar events

**2024 Term 2**

**Tuesday 18th June**

School Finance 6pm  
School Council 7pm



**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 in Warrnambool

**Friday 9th August**

Curriculum Day - No students to attend school

**Tuesday 20th August**

School Finance 6pm  
School Council 7pm

**Monday 9th to Friday 13th September**

S1 Blackwood Camp

**Tuesday 20th August**

School Finance 6pm  
School Council 7pm

**Tuesday 17th September**

School Finance 6pm  
School Council 7pm

**Friday 20th September**

Last day of Term 3.

**Term 4**

**Monday 7th October**

1st Day of School

**Tuesday 22nd October**

School Finance 6pm  
School Council 7pm

**Tuesday 19th November**

School Finance 6pm  
School Council 7pm

**Tuesday 3rd December**

Glenelg Shire International Day of People with Disabilities

**Friday 20th December**

Last day of Term 4