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Acting Principal Role - I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank Charlotte Elliott for her tireless work over the past term as Acting Principal of Portland Bay School. I enjoyed my time in the role at Portland Primary School, I learned a lot and built some incredible friendships. I am however, beyond happy to be back in the seat at Portland Bay School. My time away helped solidify my love of Portland Bay School and the pride I have in the staff, students and community that make up our wonderful school. Although I was not due to return until 2025, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to lead the school once again in Term 4.

Its great to see our students are enjoying outside water play with new equipment.



Sensory Toys in Classrooms

Our Occupational Therapist Briony has been working with students on making stress balls this week. These will be added to our already growing collection of sensory and calming toys on offer. Students are encouraged to use these items to help with sensory processing, to improve focus, and help them reengage in learning tasks.

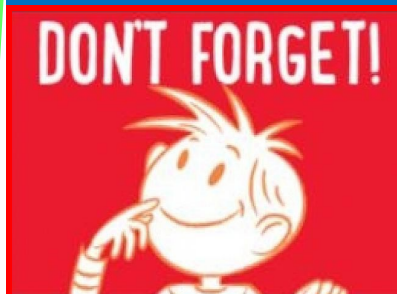
These items are even more special when the students take part in the making of them. You may have seen some of our 3D printed sensory toys on display and for sale at the front office. If you want to have a go at making some sensory toys at home a nice easy step by step for stress balls is on page 3 of todays newsletter.



Next week events

Term 4
Friday 18th Oct
NAIDOC Week —
celebrations at Hanlon
Park 10am.
CANCELLED due to
forecasted weather

Week 3
Monday 21st Oct
Tuesday 22nd Oct
School Finance 6pm
School Council 7pm
Wednesday 23rd Oct
Thursday 24th Oct
Friday 25th Oct



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
Issue 7 book orders
are due by
Friday 26th October
Thank you

The Child Safe Standards

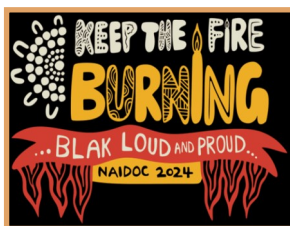
The Child Safe Standards (the Standards) are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian schools to ensure they are well prepared to keep children and young people safe and protect them from abuse. Portland Bay School has processes in place to ensure that all staff and students work together to help keep everyone safe.

Victoria's Child Safe Standards

- **Child Safe Standard 1** – Establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.
- **Child Safe Standard 2** – Ensure that child safety and wellbeing are embedded in school leadership, governance and culture.
- **Child Safe Standard 3** – Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.
- **Child Safe Standard 4** – Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.
- **Child Safe Standard 5** – Equity is upheld and diverse needs are respected in policy and practice.
- **Child Safe Standard 6** – People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.
- **Child Safe Standard 7** – Ensure that processes for complaints and concerns are child focused.
- **Child Safe Standard 8** – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.
- **Child Safe Standard 9** – Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.
- **Child Safe Standard 10** – Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.
- **Child Safe Standard 11** – Policies and procedures that document how schools are safe for children, young people and students.
- **Ministerial Order 1359** provides the framework for child safety in schools.
- **Child Safe Standards action list:** a quick reference list of compliance requirements for schools.

Secondary School Sexual Health Classes

Sexual Health education is a vital part of personal development for all teenagers. It helps them learn about their bodies, relationships and consent. It also empowers them to make informed choices. Creating a safe space to learn about these concepts allows students to have open conversations and ask questions that they might otherwise find embarrassing to ask. Classes are designed to ensure that content is delivered in a way that is accessible to all students. If you have any questions about these classes or the content taught in them, please feel free to reach out to your classroom teacher.



NAIDOC Week - You may remember that earlier this year there were plans to hold a combined school NAIDOC event. This event was postponed due to sorry business within the community. This Friday the event will be held at Hanlon Park. Students will travel down on foot to take part. There will be a smoking ceremony,

singing, dancing, speeches and a combined schools walk to celebrate the NAIDOC 2024 theme, Keep The Fire Burning, Blak, Loud and Proud. Our school captains will also make a short speech at the event around what the 2024 theme and NAIDOC mean to them. Look out for some photos in next weeks newsletter.



Our work experience program has had great success again this year.

Students learning lots of Café skills at The Art Of Tea in Koroit and Amy is enjoying her placement at Woolworths who supplied afternoon tea as a thank you for her hard work and dedication. Well done all students in representing our school in the broader community and pushing yourselves to achieve great work ethics and results.

Have a great week and keep an eye on the up coming events....
Rebecca Jones, Acting Principal.

Upcoming calendar of events **Term 4**

Friday 25th October

Teachers Day



Wednesday 30th October

S1 Cricket in Warrnambool

Saturday 2nd November

Upwelling Festival

Monday 4th November

Curriculum Day - No students to attend school

Tuesday 5th November

Melbourne Cup
Public Holiday

Wednesday 6th November

Crazy Hair & PJ Day — more Information to follow

Tuesday 19th November

School Finance 6pm
School Council 7pm

Friday 22nd November

School Sports Day

Tuesday 26th November

P3 & P4 PE Come and Try Day

Friday 29th November

Athletics Sports Day in Warrnambool

Tuesday 3rd December

Glennelg Shire International Day of People with Disabilities

Wednesday 4th December

Transition Day 11.45 to 12.30

Thursday 5th December

Selected Students Lawn Bowls

Friday 6th December

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Tuesday 10th December

Party with the Ponies at Hamilton Race Course

Wednesday 11th December

Transition Day 11.45 to 12.30

Friday 13th December

Funky Socks Day - more information to follow.

Wednesday 18th December

Transition Day 11.45 to 12.30

Thursday 19th December

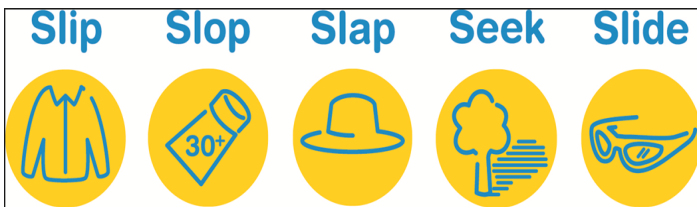
11.30am Final End of Year Assembly



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

Melanie Price - 22nd October

We hope you enjoy your day.



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

6. DIY stress ball

Creating DIY stress balls is more than just a fun craft. These tactile tools play a crucial role in sensory play. Here's how to make one.

Materials needed:

- Balloons (choose various colors for added visual appeal)
- Filling materials: flour, rice, and baking soda
- Funnel (to help get the filling into the balloon)
- Optional: spoon or scoop

Instructions

1. Start by deciding whether you want a soft, medium, or firm stress ball. Flour gives a softer feel, rice adds a grainy texture, and baking soda offers a finer, powdery texture.
2. Stretch the balloon by inflating it slightly and then deflating it.
3. Attach the balloon to the narrow end of a funnel. Gradually spoon your chosen filler into the funnel, tapping or shaking gently to move the material into the balloon. Fill until the balloon is the size of a tennis ball.
4. Once filled, carefully remove the balloon from the funnel, squeezing out any excess air, and tie the neck tightly to seal.

Code Red Fire Danger Season.

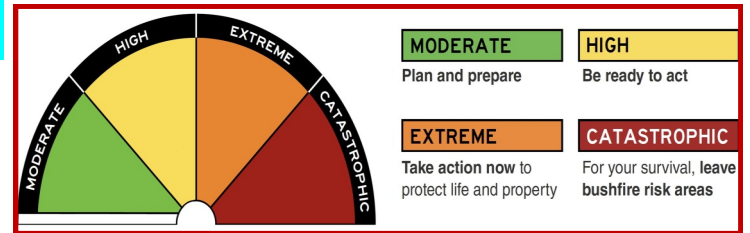
Portland Bay School is classified as a high-risk school on Code Red days.

Code Red days are the highest risk days and are fairly rare.

This means that the school will be closed when Code Red days are called in the South West Fire District.

Usually we will be notified the day before this happens so we will be able to notify parents, carers, students and staff in a timely way.

Parents will be notified either by newsletter, email, text message or via our facebook page depending on the timing of the authorities calling a Code Red Day.



S2 began term 3 by learning about marine ecosystems and also looking into the effect humans are having on these ecosystems. We discussed ways that we could help lessen the impact we are causing and we spent many afternoons picking up rubbish from the beaches around Portland. We later found an initiative set by WWF-Australia about adopting a turtle. It was decided by the class to raise money by washing teachers' cars at school to raise the needed money. The students did an amazing job throughout term 3 and raised over \$180! This money was used to protect the future of turtles and to help tackle some of the biggest conservation challenges facing our world today. Fantastic work S2! Dale, STEM Teacher

Upwelling FESTIVAL SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2024

Call TO THE Sea

1000 VOICES
KIDS ACTIVITIES
MUSIC PROGRAM
GUNDITJMARA
DANCERS
BLESSING OF THE FLEET
ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

FOOD STALLS
MARKETS
COMMUNITY PARADE
ART EXHIBITION
MARINE TALKS
MUSEUM VICTORIA

NYAMAT YARKEEN KARWEEN
FIRST NATIONS CEREMONY
FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

CHECK IN TO WIN!

Upwelling Festival - Portland VISIT VICTORIA

ALCOA SPINIFE GUNDITJ MIRRIING CUBE PORT OF PORTLAND
Asseba PRIORITY MENZEL Sunworks
helloworld! TREATY FOR VICTORIA OP SHOP KAS FRIGHTERS

JOIN IN THE CELEBRATIONS AT BOLWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

150 Celebrating YEARS

CHILDRENS' ENTERTAINMENT
TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE
MARKET STALLS
FOOD STALLS
TIME CAPSULE OPENING
'OLD WORLD' GAMES
BUSH DANCING
PONY RIDES
AND MORE!

OCTOBER 25 & 26

Join us for a journey through time as we celebrate 150 years of Bolwarra Primary School.
25th Oct - 3pm to 5pm | 26th Oct - 10am to 2pm

Community Announcements

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 Response Service 1800 015 188

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

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>

Find us on our Facebook "Portland Bay School".

