

# Portland Central School

"Opportunity, innovation and student success"

Week 10 Term 4 2018



## Important dates:

**30 January 2019**

**First day of term**

**30 January – 1**

**February 2019**

**students4success**

**31 January 2019**

**VET induction day**

**2 February 2019**

**Rydal Show**

**4 February 2019**

**Help us be Great**

**4 -15 February 2019**

**Learn to Swim**

**7 February 2019**

**Swimming carnival**

## So long, farewell Year 6

This week we bid farewell to our Year 6 students before they continue their educational journey in high school next year. It was a night of fun and reminiscence with family, friends and teachers.

Year 6 teacher, Mr van Gent said, "This year has been a journey for all of us and it has been my privilege to join every one of you this final leg and to see you off for the start of another." He then took the time to thank and appreciate each student.

Elsey, for being kind and compassionate; Cara, for her passion for learning; Eartha, for being a true leader; Will, for being competitive and driven; Nikera, for being a wonderful, friendly communicator; Kurtis, the quickest student in class; Josh, for creativity and his sense of humour; Ollie, quick witted and hilarious; Ty, the class singer; and Daniel, who is kind and genuine.

After the speech Mr van Gent shared a slideshow of images from the student's time at Portland Central School, and some other amusing photos contributed by the families.

We wish our Year 6 students all the best on their journey to high school and beyond.





## Young and old come together

This term, Max King and Brodie Rhodes of Year 7 have enjoyed visiting Jim and Allan, residents of Tabulam Age Care in Portland.

The boys volunteered to visit these gentlemen every Friday afternoon as an extracurricular activity, and we are very proud of their commitment to these visits and the way they have developed their skills in communication, by listening, asking questions, and sharing in conversations with the staff and residents.



It was delightful to see our youth and the older generation come together to share their stories, jokes and dreams in light hearted conversation. We wish the residents and staff of Tabulam a lovely Christmas, and thank them for facilitating these memorable visits. We look forward to seeing them again in the new year.

## Canberra excursion

In the last fortnight Years 5 and 6 went to Canberra with Mr van Gent, Miss Mason and Year 6 students from Lithgow Public School. They visited many places, such as The National Capital Exhibition, The Australian Electoral Education Centre at Old Parliament House, CSIRO, Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, Questacon, Australian Institute of Sport, National Art Gallery and The Royal Australian Mint.

Among these educational activities, there was also a lot of fun. They made their own coins, played laser tag and arcade games, voted for a mock bill with Cara Elwell-Cook as the Youngest Prime Minister ever elected, and much more. It was an experience the students will remember forever.



## Upcoming events

### First day 2019

Wednesday 30 January 2019 | Portland Central School

The start of school and the return to class at the beginning of the school year is one of the most important moments in the school calendar and in our student's lives. We welcome back our returning students, and look forward to meeting new families.



### students4success

30 January – 1 February 2019 | 9:00AM – 3:00PM | Portland Central School

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will begin the school term with the students4success program, which aims to prepare them with the skills and knowledge they will use and expand on during their integrated units in class.

### VET induction day

Thursday 31 January 2019 | 9:00AM – 3:00PM | Portland Central School

VET induction day is a compulsory introduction to studying a VET course at Portland Central School. Students will complete a variety of short courses and complete the required paperwork to study the VET courses offered at our school. The agenda includes: an introduction to HSC VET courses, creating a USI, completing a work readiness program, and registration with Western Student Connections.

### Rydal Show

Saturday 2 February 2019 | 6:30AM – 5:00PM | Rydal Showground, Market Street Rydal NSW | Adults \$10 | Kids \$2 | Family \$20 | Pensioners \$5

Our school will be exhibiting student work at the Rydal Show. Come along for a fun day with sheep, cattle, dogs and horses, art, photography, needlework and flowers, wood chopping and musical entertainment.

### Help us be Great – Parent Meeting

4 February 2019 | 4:00PM – 5:00PM | Portland Central School

Help us be Great is an afternoon tea geared towards doing the best we can for our students. Join us for afternoon tea, followed by a session on 2019 expectations for primary and secondary.

### Learn to Swim

4-15 February 2019 | 1:00PM – 3:00PM | Portland Olympic Pool

Our Learn to Swim program will run again at the beginning of 2019 in preparation for our swimming carnival.

### Swimming carnival

Thursday 7 February 2019 | 9:00AM – 3:00PM | Portland Olympic Pool

Our school's swimming carnival is an excellent opportunity for students to refine swimming skills, gain confidence in the water, and compete for the win.



## Principal's message

Welcome to the last edition of 2018 for our newsletter. It is hard to believe that we are already here. The last few weeks have been extremely busy meeting all of our requirements and deadlines. I am so proud of our staff for accomplishing everything we need to. All reports were distributed on Tuesday, if you have not received your child's report, please come up quickly for distribution. It is crucial that we all reflect on the results, discuss strategies for improvement with our students and enjoy a wonderful holiday break.



As part of the end of year activities, we have held our reward excursions, for our highest VIVO point scorers, a terrific Year 6 Farewell last week, and a very successful Presentation evening on Tuesday night. Thank you to all who helped us to celebrate the many achievements of Year 6 and our students at Portland Central, with special thanks to Mr Alex van Gent and Mrs Chloe Hann for their fantastic Year 6 Farewell organisation and to Miss Jodie Mason and our administration team for their outstanding coordination of Presentation night. I trust that all in attendance on both these nights enjoyed themselves.

The school now has the most modern wifi system that we can provide, where all sections of our school can access the internet. This expands our teaching and learning possibilities, enhancing the capabilities of our students to be 21st century learners. Years 9 and 10 have completed their work experience, and we have some students now ready to take on school based traineeships in 2019. Our school plan is close to completion and our direction for next year is very clear, including our expectations for ourselves and yourselves, working in partnership for the common goal of improved outcomes for students.

We have a few families and staff leaving us this year, and we thank them for their contributions to our school and wish them every success in both their future education and careers. We are sorry to see you go, and trust that you will keep in touch with the Portland family here. At least five new staff members will join us across both campuses next year, and we welcome them all to Portland Central. At this point, Mrs Brooke McGrath will be teaching Year 3-4, with remaining staff to be appointed.

All students of all year groups return to school on Wednesday, January 30 and we very much look forward to working with both yourselves and our new families in 2019. Thank you so much for your support in 2018. Our goal is to build stronger relationships and stronger learning for every child, who is known, valued and cared for. Have a very Merry Christmas and a very positive and successful 2019 school year.

Until our first newsletter in 2019.

Murray Borham

Principal

## Community notices



# Join the Hunt

- ✓ Turn completed worksheet into Mayfield Ticket Office for a Prize
- ✓ Each worksheet is one entry into the draw for 1 of 3 Annual Family Memberships to Mayfield (1 adult & 2 children)
- ✓ Bonus entries for posting your activity photos on    with *#destinationmayfield*

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more information at  
[mayfieldgarden.com.au/whatson/summer-festival](http://mayfieldgarden.com.au/whatson/summer-festival)



## Mayfield Scavenger Hunt

14 DECEMBER TO 31 JANUARY

Mayfield Garden, 530 Mayfield Road, Oberon 2787 | 02 6336 3131 | [info@mayfieldgarden.com.au](mailto:info@mayfieldgarden.com.au)    [@mayfieldgarden](https://www.instagram.com/mayfieldgarden) *#destinationmayfield* 

### DOCTOR CLOSED?

If you are sick or injured and your doctor is closed, the hospital is not your only option.

Find out where to go or who to call.

[doctorclosed.com.au](http://doctorclosed.com.au)



Portland Central School is now a drop off point for return and earn cans and bottles.

Members of the community can support our school by dropping off their empty cans and bottles into the yellow lidded bin located behind the blue gate.

Deposits will be collected by Bathurst Return and Earn, and all proceeds go towards the improvement of our school. For information on what is and isn't accepted, visit [returnandearn.org.au](http://returnandearn.org.au)

### ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS

Sewing alterations (including school wear) and repairs, hems, zippers from \$10. All other repairs indoor and outdoor from \$1.

Located in Lidsdale. Can pick up in Lithgow, Portland or Wallerawang.

Call Annette Scarborough on 0400 345 599