

Portland Central School



"Opportunity, innovation and student success"

Week 2 Term 4 2018

Important dates:

27 October 2018
Portland Spring Fair

1 November 2018
Jump Rope for Heart

2 November 2018
Grandparent's Day

6 November 2018
P&C Meeting

7 November 2018
Captain's GRP Leadership Day

9 November 2018
Remembrance Day Year 12 formal

19-22 November 2018
Smiles on Site dental van visit

26 November 2018
Junior exam week

students4success

It is hard to believe that Term 4 is here already, and what a busy term it is going to be.

K-6 started off the term with students4success which aims to prepare our students with the skills and knowledge they will use and expand on during their integrated units in class. This term our topic will be related to changes in communication and products.



The first session of the day was dedicated to exploring different forms of communication through activities like charades, Morse Code breaking, Pictionary, Chinese Whispers, Logo games and making cup phones. After recess students worked together in our Peer Support groups to complete a STEM challenge to design a new product to meet a specific need. Groups then advertised that product in a poster and video commercial. Needs included designing a new product to keep your pet cool, help kids finish their chores, assist someone with a disability in the home and turning the pages of a book. It was great to see groups working cooperatively and helping each other to complete the task and inventing some very creative ideas that resulted from the collaborations.

The final session of the day was dedicated to students discussing and setting individual class and personal goals to assist them in Term 4, as a means of motivation and self-regulating their learning.

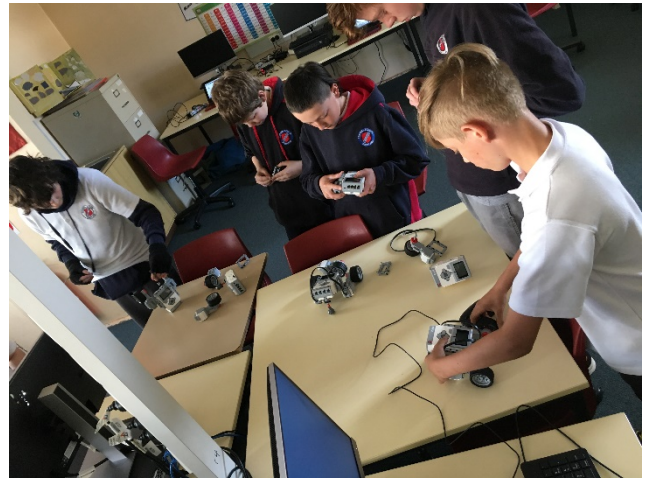


Stem @ PCS

Students have been engaged with robotics using STEMSHARE kits. The kits contain the Ozobot, Microbit and Mindstorm Lego that allow students from Stages 3,4 & 5 to explore the building blocks of robotics (actuators and controllers).

By following the coding instructions, students used their robots to carry out simple (Ozobot) through to complex (Lego Mindstorm) tasks using their robots.

Lots of fun while learning!



Cows Create Careers

Students have been lucky enough to take part in the Cows Create Careers Project, which aims to introduce the dairy industry to students, pathways into the industry and its many related careers and educational opportunities. Our students have enjoyed the hands-on experience of working with calves and watching them grow.

Students attended an exhibition day in Cowra that involved many fun, interactive tasks. Rhianna Garland was awarded a prize for guessing how many litres of milk are consumed per person per year.

Well done students!



Upcoming events

Portland Spring Fair

Saturday 27 October 2018 | 9:00AM – 3:00PM | Kremer Park Portland NSW 2847 | FREE ENTRY

This year our school will be hosting a stall at Portland Spring Fair. Come along for a bacon and egg roll in the morning, a sausage sizzle during the day, and face painting for the kids.



Jump Rope for Heart

Thursday 1 November 2018 | 1:00PM – 3:00PM | Portland Central School

Jump rope for Heart teaches children how to keep fit and healthy. As a whole school, students rotate between activities, working collaboratively to improve their skills and gain confidence and stamina.

Students are encouraged to register and collect donations for their participation, with all proceeds going to the Heart Foundation.

Grandparents Day

Friday 2 November 2018 | 1:00PM – 3:00PM | Portland Central School

Come along and help us celebrate our Grandparents! It's a day to spend time with loved ones and to celebrate the important role older people play in our local community and to connect across generations. Bring your picnic lunch and blanket at 1:00PM to share with your grandchild, attend open classrooms from 1:45PM, and attend a special Grandparent's Day assembly 2:30PM.

P&C meeting

Tuesday 6 November 2018 | 6:30PM – 8:00PM | Portland Central School | \$5 annual membership

Keep up to date on what's happening at the school, have your say, and offer support to make sure our students gain the maximum benefit from their time at our school.

Remembrance Day

Friday 9 November 2018 | 10:45AM – 11:15AM | Portland Central School

At 11AM on 11 November 1918 the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

Please come and join us this Remembrance Day, to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.



Principal's message

Welcome back to everyone for Term 4, 2018. A special welcome to all of our new students and families, and best wishes to all who have departed our school over the holiday period. I do hope that you had a restful and enjoyable holiday period, and are refreshed and ready to put your best foot forward in finishing the year on a very positive note. I would like to welcome two new staff members, Mr Luke Barnes in PDHPE and the return of Mr Marco Grilli in CAPA. I do hope you enjoy this term with us.



The HSC has now commenced for Year 12 and they are busily working their way through this extensive examination period. At this point they have been very positive about their achievements, and I look forward to hearing much more up until their Formal on November 9. We have had three students attend Stewart House during the last fortnight and we look forward to hearing many great stories about the activities they were involved with.

We have had visits from Dental Health Smiles and NOFFS, and we look forward to many other community health services joining us in the future as we develop a whole community wellbeing approach. We believe this is the foundation for successful academic performance. Kindy prep continues to operate every Wednesday as we transition our newest students into big school.

We look forward to your continued support of both your students and the school. Please continue to be inspired and to inspire others.

Have a great fortnight and until our next newsletter.

Murray Borham



Community notices



PORTLAND
SPRING FAIR
27th OCTOBER 2018
Kremer Park (Showground)

10am to 3pm

Swap Meet
Ute Muster
Show & Shine
Vintage
Vehicles

Gates Open for
Stall Holders
From 6am

Gate Open to
General Public
From 9am

Market
Stalls
Petting Zoo
Rides
Food Stalls

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ANT Fitness

Active Ants Kids Fitness |
Monday 3:45PM*

Forty minute session of fitness games.

Andrew's Running Clinic |
Wednesday 3:45PM*

Forty minute outdoor session of short fun running drills and games.

*altered timetable 29 October – 2 November.

Portland library

Ukulele fun

Last Saturday of every month at 10:30AM.

Free and fun! No previous experience necessary.

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You're Invited!

Kindergarten Transition Program

Help your child feel comfortable and confident to begin Kindergarten in 2019.

Our program provides fun, hands-on opportunities for your child to meet teachers and become familiar with our school.

Wednesdays 9am – 11am
Starting 17th October 2018
Finishing 28th November 2018

