

Portland Central School

"Opportunity, innovation and student success"

Week 6 Term 4 2018



Important dates:

26-30 November 2018

Junior Exam Week

29 November 2018

Captain's cabinet meeting

30 November 2018

Christmas Pageant

3-5 December 2018

Year 11 Geography Field Work - Newcastle

4 December 2018

P&C Meeting

Farewell Year 12!

On Friday the 9th of November we celebrated and farewelled our wonderful class of 2018 at the Year 12 Formal. The graduates arrived looking stunning and celebrated with their families and peers. We would like to thank Maria Burns and the Portland RSL Team for lovely meal we all enjoyed and their contribution to making the formal a success. Jasmin, Kristy & Telarney delivered the Year 12 farewell speech on behalf of the students which was very entertaining. A big thank you to Kenny for providing music on the night and choosing the longest version of the Macarena he could find for us to dance to!

Moving forward our Year 12 graduates have made great steps to build a positive future.

Jayden Beasley has received several offers to study at Charles Sturt University & Western Sydney University beginning in 2019.

Jayker Smith has also received conditional offers of study to Charles Sturt University beginning in 2019.

Jasmin Hughes has received several conditional offers to study at the University of Newcastle and University of Wollongong beginning in 2019.

Jayden Rhodes will begin an apprenticeship this week in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics.

Kirsty May has been busy working at Busy Paws while she decides her next step.







Portland Art Society's donation sees students develop creative talents

The Portland Art Society's generous donation of \$2000 to our school, is being used to fund specialised art classes for students from Year 2 to Year 10. Our students have loved the opportunity to be creative with the guidance of Elaine Butler, owner and operator of Fun Time Art, and have produced some outstanding work!

Primary students completed their specialised lessons last

week and were very proud to have produced three separate city scape artworks, all using different materials and skills.

High school students are working on creating portraits using various line techniques. They finished their first lesson last week and produced some very impressive pieces.

Portland Central School would like to sincerely thank the Portland Art Society for allowing us to provide these wonderful learning opportunities to our students.

Visit the school website for our full gallery of artists and their work.



Students energised for employment

Students interested in engineering and apprentices visited the Energy Australia Power Station at Mount Piper. The event was hosted by the Lithgow Youth Council and involved a tour of the facilities and a session with several staff including an operations manager and HR manager. It was a great opportunity to learn about careers at the power station and chat about what employers are looking for when hiring apprentices.



Upcoming events

Captain's cabinet meeting

Thursday 29 November 2018 | 10:30AM – 1:00PM | Lithgow Workmen's Club

Portland Central School's primary and secondary Captains have been invited to morning tea with the Premier and NSW cabinet ministers to discuss important issues within our community.

Students are to wear full school uniform and will depart to the event from school.

Christmas Pageant

Friday 30 November 2018 | 9:00 – 3:00PM | Portland Central School

To celebrate the festive season, primary students are invited to come to school dressed as traditional Christmas story characters. At 11:00am a small group will visit the Tabulum to sing carols before returning to school to join the rest of primary for an assembly and guest speaker. A BBQ lunch and cake will be available at 1:00pm.



HSC Geography Field Work

3 – 5 December 2018 | 8:00AM – 5:00PM | Newcastle & Hunter Valley region

HSC students studying Geography will be undertaking mandatory fieldwork in the Newcastle and Hunter Valley Regions. The work will cover three units of study: Ecosystems at risk, People and economic activity, and Urban places. They will be visiting and touring vineyards in the wine region, attending a presentation and walk through the Stockton Dunes with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and meeting with the Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation to discuss the Revitalise Newcastle project, followed by a walk through the light rail corridor and Honeysuckle precinct to see evidence of urban renewal and gentrification.

Miss Cullen and Mr Barnes will accompany the students, who will be departing from the school at 8:00am on Monday and returning by 5:00pm on Wednesday.



P&C meeting

Tuesday 4 December 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.

Canberra excursion

5 – 7 December 2018 | BUSH Lodge, 191 Dryandra Street O'Connor ACT 2602 | \$380

Years 5 / 6 will be attending an excursion to Canberra with students from Lithgow Public School. Events include a visit to Parliament House, the Australia War Memorial, the Royal Australian Mint, National Portrait Gallery and much more.

Departing at 5:45AM on Wednesday at Lithgow Public School and return at approximately 7:00PM on Friday.

Principal's message

We are already more than half way through the final term of the year and have reached the very hectic time of exams and reports. I do hope that all students have prepared themselves for the end of year assessments, attempting to maximise their performance before end of year reports.

During this fortnight we have received our SBAR funds, which advises us on how we should be allocating funds to both staff and resource our school. We are now budgeting for 2019 and look forward to consulting with you through the P&C to gain the maximum impact on student learning. Year 10 had a parent meeting on Wednesday afternoon to discuss subject options for our incoming senior students, which in turn assists us in hiring the most suitable staff. It is crucial for us to have these discussions with you at these forums, so that we continue to develop our partnership as a community school.



During the last fortnight we held our Year 12 Formal at the Portland RSL. Our students looked fantastic as they celebrated the end of their school lives with family and friends. I thank them all for their conduct and to Miss Cullen and Miss Hodge for their great work in organising this event. Last week we had a wonderful formal assembly with many award winners. It was great to see such a wide variety of students collecting awards and again seeing their families supporting us and their children as they continue to achieve. Thank you to Mrs Dubos and her team for making this event such a showcase. We supported Ronald McDonald House in Orange with our ice-cream day and held an evacuation drill.

Upcoming events for the school include Swim School for our Primary students, an incredibly crucial skill for all students to both learn and develop. Full participation in this course is essential, no matter what your current ability level is with swimming. See it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle, and improve your child's chances of further participation in water activities, both this summer and for every summer.

With so much going on, we never forget the needs for individual conversations around your child's education and look forward to you discussing any concerns at all about this year or next. Please feel free to make an appointment with the necessary staff member. I am also very much available if the matter is a serious one. We appreciate your feedback, and look forward to all future discussions to improve the learning of all.

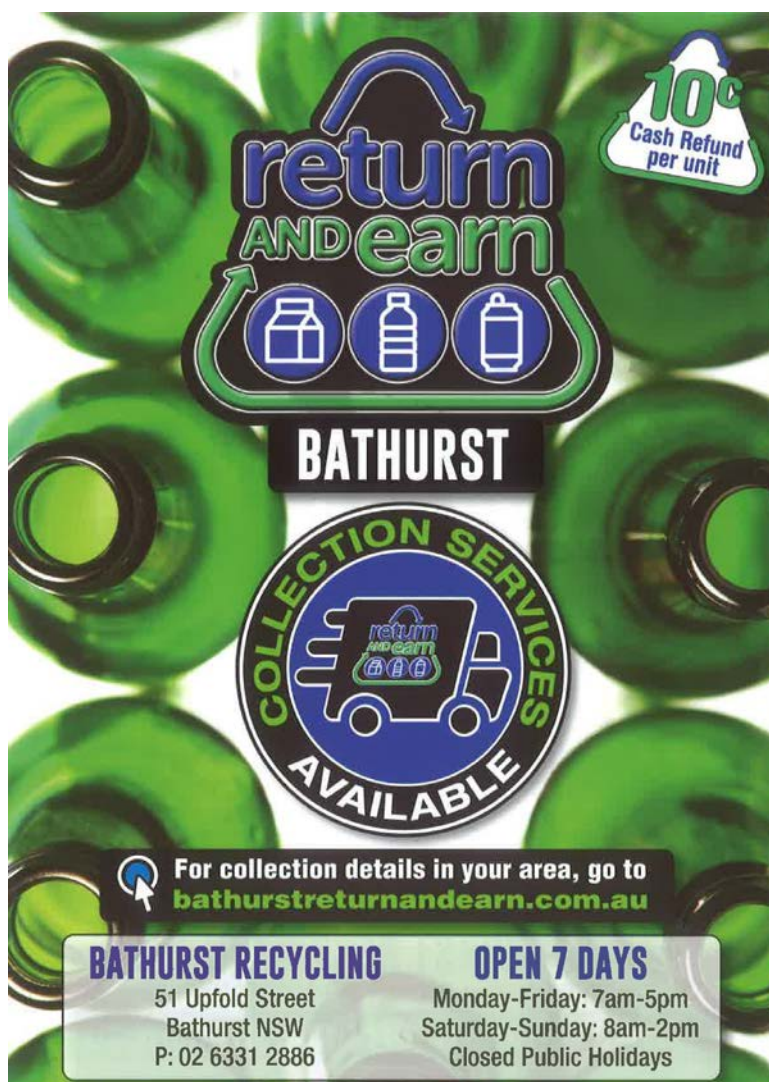
Good luck to all students with their upcoming exams and assessments and keep on working hard right up until December 19.

Have a great fortnight and until our next newsletter.

Murray Borham

Principal

Community notices



return AND earn
10¢ Cash Refund per unit

BATHURST

COLLECTION SERVICES AVAILABLE

For collection details in your area, go to bathurstreturnandearn.com.au

BATHURST RECYCLING **OPEN 7 DAYS**
51 Upfold Street Bathurst NSW
P: 02 6331 2886
Monday-Friday: 7am-5pm
Saturday-Sunday: 8am-2pm
Closed Public Holidays



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 two bins located inside the primary gates.

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.

PORTLAND POOL

Portland Pool will be reopening for the season on Saturday November 24th 2018 from 10:00AM to 6:00PM (weather permitting)

Children \$3 | Adult \$5 | Concession \$2.50

67 Williwa Street Portland NSW 2847

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.

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