



Portland Central School

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NEWSLETTER

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Week 4 Term 3 2018

Important

Dates

20 August

Rural Aid Food Drive commences.

21 August

Bathurst Jobs Expo
Yrs 11 & 12

23 August

Formal Assembly K-12

Try-A-Trade Yr 11

Naidoc Dance
Group L.H.S.

24 August

Book Week Parade
2.20 pm - 3pm

29 August

Future Finders Excursion
Emirates Yrs 10 & 12

30 August

Science Night
5.30pm-7pm

31 August

Rural Aid Support Day
Dress as a Farmer

HSC Society and Culture
University of
Western Sydney
Culture Enrichment Day

Principal's Messages

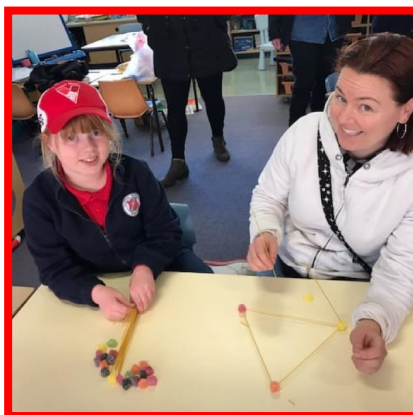
Everything is well and truly back into routine now since my return, and it has been wonderful to witness both the improved desire in learning from our students and the excellent teamwork of the staff. Last week's production for Education Week was well attended and with so many great activities, I do hope that you all enjoyed yourselves. To be able to change days as we did due to weather conditions and make the occasion such a great success was testament to the dedication of the staff and the great support of our families. I hope that our upcoming Formal Assembly on Thursday, August 23 and Science Night on August 30 will be equally as successful.

I had the pleasure of attending the Primary District Athletics Carnival last Friday in Lithgow, where more than 25 students represented our school with great pride and determination. Year 12 have successfully completed their Trial HSC exams and very shortly it will be the turn of Year 11. For the rest of the student body, we concentrate on safe, respectful learning where we seek feedback, inspire ourselves and others to achieve our personal best. If there are barriers which disturb you from doing this, it is crucial that you let us know, so that we can assist you to achieve your maximum.

The school continues to seek your feedback on how we are performing, and do request that you support our P&C in any way to assist us in moving forward. Our small band of dedicated families really need your help. They meet on the first Tuesday of each month and I hope you can afford the time in being part of the solutions.

Have a great fortnight and look forward to again meeting with you all at our future functions to further our student's education. Until our next newsletter

Murray Borham
Principal



Primary Girl's Netball

Last Friday our girls' netball team played a friendly game against Zig Zag Public School. After a tight first quarter with both teams very equally matched, the girls grew in confidence, worked beautifully as a team and came away with the win. We thank Zig Zag Public School for the opportunity to participate in a competitive game and look forward to more sporting collaborations in the future. We also thank our supporters for coming and cheering on the team, the girls displayed great sportsmanship and teamwork some being their first game of netball. Chloe Hann did an amazing job in preparing the girls for the day and we thank her again for giving up her time to train the girls. We appreciate Alexis Cathie and Kayla Nugent for acting as umpires on the day at short notice. Both girls conducted themselves fairly and responsibly.



Western Cricket Trials

We wish Nikera Hann the best of luck next Friday as she travels to Dubbo to trial for the Western Girls Cricket. We know she will represent our school with great pride and sportsmanship and congratulate her on achieving this level.



District Athletics Carnival

We were blessed with beautiful weather during the District Athletics Carnival. Students had fun at their various events. Portland Central school had 24 students attend the event and participate in field and track events. Well done to those students who came out with a positive attitude and gave it 110%. Congratulations to Dakota Hann, River-Lee Callaghan and Declan Gilbert who made it to the finals in some of their track events.



Great Opportunities for our Students

Cervical Cancer Awareness Sessions

On 23 August students from Years 7-10 will be attending a session about Cervical Cancer and the HPV Virus. Boys and girls will both be attending sessions on Thursday morning. The sessions are hosted by the Australian Cervical Cancer Foundation.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jess Cullen or Fyona Paton at the school.

Bathurst Jobs Expo

Next Tuesday 21st August Bathurst Regional Council is hosting the annual Bathurst Jobs Expo at BMEC. Students from Years 10 and 11 will be attending with the school. The expo is also open to the public.



"I'm On My Way" – Transition to Independent Living Program

Students in Year 11 and 12 are working through a program of activities to support their transition to independent living, as they enter the workforce or further study. The program is being led by Student Coach Nic Lowe with support from Year Advisor Jess Cullen. Each student will be supported to complete a professional resumé and work portfolio, along with applying for key identification documents like Tax File Numbers, Medicare Cards, and others, as required. Topics to be discussed include, employment, housing, legal matters, and health.

Please contact Nic or Jess if you have any questions or concerns.

Book Week

Our annual Book Week celebrations will be held on Friday 24th August with our Book Character Parade starting at 2:20pm in the COLA. The theme this year is *Find Your Treasure* and our librarians Mrs Hine and Ms Cook have been busy decorating the Library and exploring the short listed books with each class. Book competitions have been given out to each class: K/1 designing character wanted posters, 2/3 writing a postcard to a book character and 4/5/6 writing a story. Entries are due back to the Library on Tuesday 21st August for judging and winners will be announced after the parade on Friday. Students can come dressed as their favourite book character or get creative and come dressed in a costume linked to the theme. Everyone is welcome to come and support our students in this much anticipated event on our school calendar.

Re-Expo

Portland Central School will be having a stall at the Re-Expo with seedlings, school eggs, beeswax wraps and sustainable artwork. Please visit us at Hoskins Memorial Church on Saturday 18 August 2018 between 10am and 2pm.



Students welcome calves to the Ag Plot

Excited students at PCS have welcomed some special visitors to our school.

Through Dairy Australia's *Cows Create Careers – Farm Module* project, the students will learn about dairy industry careers in a very hands-on way: over five weeks they will rear and care for two calves.

In 2018 fourteen schools in the Central NSW region will participate in the project including ours. A local dairy farmer will teach the students how to care for the calves, and demonstrate skills such as animal husbandry, feeding and weighing. An Industry Advocate will also visit the students to speak about their career in the dairy industry.

Each school is provided with dairy industry curriculum for Years 7-11, at no cost. Over the three-weeks, students are required to form teams to complete industry-based assessments.

Cows Create Careers allows students to learn about the different skills required for a career in the dairy industry in a fun and hands-on way.



Drought Relief fundraising - for our farmers!



Here at PCS we are thinking of our farmers in need, wanting to help where we can. We are calling on our School Community to rally together and support our school in fundraising for our farmers.

- WEEK 4 – Food drive.

We **begin** our **“FILL THE UTE FOR OUR FARMING FAMILIES”**: This is a drop of non – perishable foods, toiletries and other donations such as cat and dog food, nappies, cleaning products and other items. Donations can be left at the front office. **Let’s fill a ute or two by Friday 31st August, Week 6!** When you shop for your own family-add an extra item to donate!

- WEEK 5: Art show and sale of art.

- Create an artwork related to raising awareness about the drought and drought recovery. This could be a painting, colouring, sketch or an artistic abstract piece of art with shapes and colour.
- Artwork is due in by Wednesday 22th August. Primary students are to hand their artwork to their class teacher. Secondary students to hand their art work to their Roll teacher. All artwork will be displayed on Thursday 23rd August at the formal assembly.
- Artwork is for sale, parents are able to make a donation and purchase their child’s art work after the assembly

- WEEK 6: Friday 31st August.

- Dress as a Farmer and bring a gold coin donation
- BBQ Long Lunch - sausage sandwiches \$2
- Guess the weight of “Ben” and “Oatie” the calves, at PCS. \$1 donation for a guess. Winner declared at 3 pm that day.
- Farmer’s Obstacle Course, of weaving, climbing and dodging tractor tyres and bales of hay
- Display of donated goods for our farming families, before these are delivered.

Thank you all in advance for your support, enthusiasm and generosity, in helping us support our farmers.

WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE

A WEP exchange at a glance:

- Choose from over 25 countries
- Live with a local host family
- Attend school overseas
- Experience life in another culture
- Learn a language
- Make incredible friends
- Make memories and skills for life!

Are you in years 9-12? Do you want to discover the world? Find out more about this once in a lifetime opportunity!



SO, WHERE WILL YOU CHOOSE?

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DOING A STUDENT EXCHANGE
WAS ALWAYS A DREAM OF MINE
AND THE WEP AUSTRALIA TEAM
REALLY MADE IT THE
EXPERIENCE I WANTED AND
MORE! I'D DO IT AGAIN IN A
HEARTBEAT! - ANKE

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FIND OUT MORE!

(YOU CAN REQUEST A FREE INFO PACK IN THE POST!)



SMS 'EXCHANGE' TO 0428 246 633



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WEP AUSTRALIA



1300 884 733

PCS Calendar 2018

Term 3		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W5	Aug	Rural Aid Food Drive commences 20	Bathurst Jobs Expo Yrs 11-12 21	22	Try a Trade Yr 11 Cervical Cancer Talk K-12 Formal Assembly Naidoc Dance Group LHS 23	Book Week Parade 2.20pm-3:00pm 24
W6	Aug/Sep	27	28	Emirates Excursion Future Finders Program 29	Science Night 5:30pm-7pm 30	Rural Aid Support Day Dress as a Farmer HSC Society And Culture University of Western Sydney Last Day for Rural Aid Food Drive 31
W7	Sep	Yr 11 Prelim Ex-ams 3	Yr 11 Prelim Exams P&C Meeting 6:30pm 4	Yr 11 Prelim Ex-ams 5	NRL Sports Coaching Day Footy colours Days—SRC NXT 7 Session 3 Naidoc Dance Group LHS 6	7
W8	Sep	10	11	12	13	14
W9	Sep	17	Pop up Globe Theatre 18	Stage 5 Sydney Theatre Company 19	20	21
W10	Sep	24	25	Vaccinations Yr 7 & 9 catch-ups. Year 8, 10, 11. 26	K—12 Formal Assembly 27	Last Day of Term 3 28

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Ready Set School

Transition to School Program

at Portland Central School



Please contact
Fyona at the school on
63 555 233 or Tamara on
0423720492
for more info

Please pack a healthy snack such as a
piece of fruit, a bottle of water and a hat
for your child

Term 3 Program

Thursdays 9:30am – 11:30am

Starting 2nd August to 13th September

Parents attend with their child and siblings
most welcome.

Term 4 Program

Wednesday 9:00am -11:00am

Starting 2nd August to 13th September

Children attend on their own

connect
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

COMMUNITY BASED
FAMILY SUPPORT



BLINKY BILL
PORTLAND CHILDCARE CENTRE



ANT FITNESS Est. 2005

Kick start your week at ANT Fitness

For the Kids (3-12 yrs):

5pm—Kids Yoga—\$7 child/\$5 siblings

For the teenagers & adults

5.30pm—Power Yoga—\$8 adult/\$6 students/
concession

6.30pm—Butt Belly Thighs—\$8 adult/\$6 stu-
dents/concession

MOBILE: 0427 268 348

ROOM 10 MENU

Toasted Sandwiches

Cheese \$1.50

Cheese & Tomato \$2.00

Ham & Cheese \$2.50

Ham, Cheese & Tomato \$3.00

