

Portland Central School

"Opportunity, innovation and student success"

Week 8 Term 4 2018



Important dates:

10-14 December 2018

**Stage 5 work
experience**

Primary Swim School

11 December 2018

Year 6 Farewell

14 December 2018

Santa visit

17-18 December 2018

Primary Swim school

18 December 2018

**House sports
competition**

Presentation evening

19 December 2018

**Tree Tops excursion
Final day of the year!**

Captains meet Cabinet

On Thursday 29 November our school captains Alexis Cathie and Kayla Nugent joined other local school captains and community members for the Community Cabinet Meeting at the Lithgow Workies.

The captains had the opportunity to speak with state government ministers about issues of concern in the Lithgow community. The girls spoke with the New South Wales Premier, The Honourable Gladys Berejiklian, about their goals and our school. They then met with the New South Wales Minister for Education, The Honourable Rob Stokes, and our local Member of Bathurst Paul Toole.

Both Alexis and Kayla did a wonderful job representing our school and it was a pleasure to see our captains develop their leadership skills by actively engaging with the community.

The Premier's visit also delivered good news for our community, with money pledged to local firefighters and the preservation of the Zig Zag Railway.



Pageant sings carols at Tabulam

Last Friday Portland Central School held a Christmas pageant where students were invited to dress as characters from traditional Christmas stories. A small group of students went to the Tabulam to sing Christmas carols for the elderly residents, and afterwards were rewarded with delicious treats while they mingled with their audience.

While the choir were busy wowing the Tabulam with their singing, the rest of Primary readied for the pageant. We were fortunate to host Fusion, and St Joseph's school joined us for more carolling, Jesus' birthday cake, and a sausage sizzle.



Upcoming events



Primary Swim School

10 -14 and 17-18 December 2018 | 1:15PM – 3:00PM | Portland Pool, 67 Williwa Street Portland NSW

Students in Years 3-6 are invited to develop their swim skills and get ready for summer! Students depart from school at 1:15PM, and must bring \$3 or a token for pool entry, a hat, towel, swim shirt and sunscreen. Students may remain at the pool after Swim School if a parent or carer is present.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

11 December 2018 | 6:00PM | Williwa Café @ the Coronation Hotel, 41 Williwa Street Portland NSW

Reminisce the end of one journey and rejoice the start of another. Help us celebrate the departure of our Year 6 students as they move on to high school with our Year 6 Farewell Dinner. RSVP your attendance by Friday the 7th of December. Student meals will be paid for by the school.

Santa @ PCS

14 December 2018 | 10:00AM – 10:30AM | Portland Central School

Because students in Kindergarten – Year 2 have been extra nice this year, Santa Claus has decided to pay them a special visit to bring holiday cheer before the big day.



House sports competition

18 December 2018 | 1:30PM – 3:00PM | Portland Central School

Students Kindergarten – Year 12 will be participating in a House sports competition! Primary students will be playing soccer, and secondary will play volleyball. Students will also go up against staff in a special event.

Presentation evening

18 December 2018 | 6:00PM – 8:00PM | Portland Central School

Families of Portland Central School are invited to attend our annual presentation evening, celebrating the achievements of our school and students from Kindergarten to Year 11.

Trees Adventure excursion

19 December 2018 | 9:00AM – 3:00PM | Grose River Park, 200 Springwood Road Yarramundi NSW | FREE

Twenty students who have earned VIVO rewards and represented our school as safe, respectful learners have been selected for an adventure excursion to finish their year.



Departing from Portland Central School at 9:00AM and returning at 3:00PM, students must wear their full sports uniform, closed toed shoes, and long hair must be tied. Students should bring a water bottle, sunscreen and insect repellent, and lunch and snacks for the day.

Principal's message

The rush is on now that we are in December and nearly done for the year. We are busy completing reports to be issued on December 18, and all exams and assessments are now completed for 2018. However it is so important for our students to keep on pushing to gain the most out of their education.

Apart from our junior exams, other important events held during the last fortnight have included our last Transition Day (NXT7) for Year 6, our community Christmas Pageant, the Secondary Captains visit with the Premier in Lithgow, the completion of our art classes, swim school, a Year 11 Geography excursion to Newcastle and our 5/6 excursion to Canberra. It was great to see so many students involved, representing our school maturely and with great pride. I thank all involved, especially all the staff who have accompanied our students on these extra-curricular activities.

During the final weeks of 2018, Years 9-10 will be doing work experience, Year 6 will have their farewell, and we will be having house competitions and tidying up our School's Management Plan, detailing the direction we will be headed in 2019. We very much look forward to the consultation process and eagerly await your feedback, as our direction needs to be united in order for us to achieve all of our milestones.

Our timetables and classes are set for next year. We will have three Primary classes, K/1/2, 3/4 and 5/6. Years 7 and 8 will have their own classes, and Year 9/10, and 11/12 will be combined. We are very much looking forward to providing students with the individual education they require in a supportive climate centred around their wellbeing, and we ask for your support as we drive their learning to the next level. We look forward to all incoming enrolments and ask you to let any new families know to make an appointment with us to discuss new enrolments for 2019.

With so much going on, we never forget the need for individual conversations around your student's education and look forward to discussing any concerns you have 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 particularly serious one. We appreciate your feedback, and look forward to all future discussions to improve the learning of all.

Have a great fortnight and until our next newsletter.

Murray Borham



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



Mayfield Scavenger Hunt

14 DECEMBER TO 31 JANUARY

Mayfield Garden, 530 Mayfield Road, Oberon 2787 | 02 6336 3131 | info@mayfieldgarden.com.au    @mayfieldgarden #destinationmayfield 



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 in front of the canteen.

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

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