

# Portland Central School

"Opportunity, innovation and student success"

Week 6 Term 1 2019



## Important dates:

**13 March 2019**

**Stage 6 English  
Studies & Indigenous  
Cultural Experience**

**14 March 2019**

**Year 7 Vaccinations**

**15 March 2019**

**National Day Against  
Bullying  
Lithgow Show**

**19 March 2019**

**Dave Peachey /  
Richardson Cup  
P&C meeting**

**21 March 2019**

**Harmony Day**

## MOBILE PHONE & DEVICE POLICY

Our mobile phone and device policy has been revised and is available to view on our school website.

## NUT ALLERGIES

Please be advised that students are not to bring food to school containing nuts as it poses a risk to allergy sufferers.



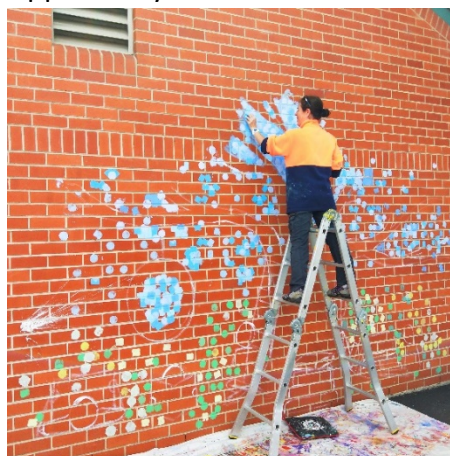
## Mural taking shape

Our new mural at our Vale Street entrance is progressing well with all students actively participating and making their own contributions. Our school has been extremely fortunate to engage Elaine Butler from Fun Time Art to create the mural with the students

after her very successful art classes last year. This amazing opportunity for our students was made possible due to the generous contribution of \$2000 from Portland Art Society to provide art and craft experiences to our students which they would not normally be able to experience.

Some of the students were lucky enough to have their work displayed at this year's Portland Art Society's Annual Exhibition last weekend where many committee members and patrons throughout the weekend were extremely impressed with the talents of our students.

We would like to extend an enormous thank you to Elaine for sharing her expertise with our students and Portland Art Society for providing the opportunity.





## Students Clean Up Portland

Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 participated in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday. This event really helps us understand how waste plays a massive role in our lives and can help us evaluate what needs to be done to promote a healthier environment.

While Primary students collected litter from the school grounds, Secondary took to the streets of Portland to assist the community with their efforts.

Although this event is only for one day of the year, we want everybody to Clean Up any time you can to help create a sustainable future. This could be once a month, once a week or every day for that matter! We are all leading the way for a more sustainable future because after all, 'change starts with you'.



## Formal Assembly

Last Thursday we held our first Formal Assembly for the year and it was wonderful to celebrate the achievement of so many of our students. Our certificates this year are awarded for application and effort and students have the opportunity to progress from sound through to outstanding as student's skill and approach to their work continues to improve.

Many students were also acknowledged for other skills including leadership and community participation.

## Upcoming events

### Stage 6 English Studies & Indigenous Cultural Experience

13 March 2019 | 9:15AM – 3:15PM | Hyde Park Reserve Hartley NSW | \$15

Students have been invited by the Wiradjuri to Hyde Park Reserve for a cultural experience and swim in the waterhole. Students must bring their own picnic lunch, practical clothing for walking, and appropriate swimwear and towel.

### Year 7 Vaccinations

14 March 2019 | 9:30AM – 11:00AM | Portland Central School

Free vaccinations for the Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Dose One will be available for Year 7 students with a signed consent form. Parents of Year 8 students who did not get their HPV Dose Two last year will be contacted for catch-up.

### Lithgow Show

15 March 2019 | 2:00PM – 10:00PM | Tony Luchetti Showground, Cnr Barton St & George Coates Ave Lithgow NSW

Students have entered a colouring in competition to be displayed and judged at this year's Lithgow Show.

### National Day Against Bullying

15 March 2019 | All day | Portland Central School

National Day Against Bullying is our chance to take action and empower young people to be part of the solution when addressing bullying at our school. It provides an opportunity to focus on bullying and the big changes we can make to create safer communities for everyone. This year's theme is 'Bullying. No Way! Take action every day.'

### Dave Peachey Shield and Russell Richardson Cup

19 March 2019 | Kremer Park, Portland NSW

Our Primary Rugby League players will be competing for the Dave Peachey Shield and Russell Richardson Cup at ...

### P&C meeting

19 March 2019 | 6:30PM – 7:30PM | Portland Central School

Portland Central School's Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) is a group of parents, caregivers and teachers that work together to assist the school in fundraising and student support, as well as playing a role in the general running of the school. We encourage all members of the community to come along to one of our meetings as a great way to be kept up to date with what's happening at the school.

### Harmony Day

21 March 2019 | All day | Portland Central School

Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Wear orange to signify social communication, meaningful conversations, freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

## Principal's message

We are now more than half way through the term, and it is great to see that the positive vibe is not slowing down. Thank you to everyone who attended our formal assembly last week. It was wonderful to witness so many students presented with their special awards, and we look forward to your support again in Week 10.

The school is working extremely hard on our School Plan, involving our three main strategic directions, teaching and learning, community and wellbeing, and leadership. This involves creating milestones which we plan for and check off as completed. Much of it at the moment revolves around our teaching protocols and our teaching mantra "As a staff we Value, Engage and Differentiate" complementing our student mantra of "Safe, Respectful, Learners". Our hope is by simplifying things, both our students and our community will clearly understand what we stand for in order for our students to be successful learners and our staff to be the very best they can be for your students' learning. However, without your support at all levels, these mantras are only words and not reality. Let's work together to ensure reality.



Events over the past fortnight have included the District Swimming Carnival, where I was so proud of the efforts of our students. The annual Portland Art Show showcased much of the artworks of our students, with special thanks going to Elaine Butler who has been developing our artists through a grant provided by the Portland Art Society. We have great artistic talent at our school, and I hope you enjoyed looking at it as much as I did last weekend. On Tuesday we held a special STEM event sponsored by Optus for Years 4-8, to engage with robotics and virtual reality as a scientific learning tool. The students really appreciated it and I would like to thank Optus for their support of our educational programs here. Early next term we will have Questacon visit to further showcase Science and Mathematics in the real world, another great opportunity for our students within their learning. Our primary cricketers also had a knockout match against LPS on Friday. Although they did not win, it was great to see our mixed team give everything they had, with wonderful Portland sportsmanship. I would like to thank all of the team members and all the supporters for making it a great day.

Be ready for the 3 way conversations for Years K, 7, 11, 12 which will be taking place in the coming weeks.

If you have concerns at any time regarding your student's education, please remember to phone the school first on (02) 63 555 233 and make an appointment to speak with your student's classroom teacher or Year Adviser, Mr King (7-9) or Miss Cullen (10-12). For serious concerns, you can call the executive of the school and make an appointment. We value your input and wish to address your concerns promptly and professionally. Remember, by working together we can and do make a difference.

Best wishes until our next newsletter.

Murray Borham, Principal

## Community notices

### John Wellings Award

*Lithgow Library  
Learning Centre*



*Connecting people,  
places and the past*

Students from year 3 to year 12 are invited to submit an entry for the annual John Wellings Award. You are asked to describe a day in the life of a Lithgow resident from 100 years ago. You may choose an ancestor of yours, or any Lithgow resident from the time, or create a fictional person. Using words and pictures detail a day in their life. Where did they work, what did they eat, how was the town itself different?

- Your work must not be larger than A3 and be delivered to Lithgow Library no later than 5pm Friday 12 April 2019
- Cash prizes will be awarded to a first place winner and two runners up in each Stage. Winners will be decided by judges.
- First prize for each Stage will be \$100, runners up prizes will be \$50.
  - The prize ceremony will be held on Friday May 10 May 2019 from 4.30pm at Lithgow Library
- All works will be exhibited at Lithgow Library Learning Centre during the Heritage Festival

**For information call Lithgow Library 6352 9100**

Lithgow Library Learning Centre  
157 Main St, Lithgow  
Phone: 6352 9100  
[www.library.lithgow.com](http://www.library.lithgow.com)



### MU YEH TAEKWONDO



All ages 8+ are invited to learn martial arts and self-defence with Mu Yeh Taekwondo.

Classes are on each Tuesday during the school term in the Wallerawang Public School Hall.

White and Yellow Belts: 5:45PM – 7:00PM

Blue, Red and Black Belts: 7:00PM – 8:30PM

**FIRST CLASS IS FREE FOR NEW STUDENTS**

\$10 per class or \$90 for a ten week term.

Family packages available.

Visit [www.muyehtaekwondo.com](http://www.muyehtaekwondo.com) for more information, or contact Jesse Willoughby on 0438 911 340.

### Free vaccinations for under 20s

Now is a great time to check that you've had all your vaccinations so that you're protected while you study, work or travel.

Free catch-up vaccines are available for your GP as long as you start your vaccinations before you turn 20.

Not sure if you've had all your vaccinations?

The Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) records all childhood vaccinations given since 1996 and provides Immunisation History Statements on request, including information about any missing vaccinations.

For more information visit:

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/young-adult-vax.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/young-adult-vax.aspx)

### Creative Kids join Active Kids

Active Kids and Creative Kids are programs designed to encourage more children to participate in sport, active recreation and creative and cultural activities.

Each year parents, guardians and carers can receive a \$100 voucher to go towards both creative and physical activities for school aged children. That's \$200 worth of saving per year for each child.

A Creative Kids voucher will help parents to cover some of the registration, participation and tuition costs on activities such as singing, drama, coding, languages, music, writing, drawing and photography.

The Active Kids voucher can be used on sports, fitness and physical activities for registration, participation and membership costs.

To find out more visit: [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au)