

Portland Central School

"Opportunity, innovation and student success"

Week 11 Term 1 2019



Important dates:

30 April 2019

**First day Term 2
students4success**

3 May 2019

FACTS Day

6 May 2019

**Resilience Donut
Training**

7 May 2019

**P&C meeting
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8 May 2019

**Bedgerebong Pig
Youth Show
Mother's day stall**

9 May 2019

Athletics Carnival

10 May 2019

St Joseph's Fete

Celebrating ANZAC women

Ms Teena Jennings visited our school as a guest speaker for our special ANZAC Day ceremony, held for students and staff to commemorate veterans.

The ceremony was led by our Secondary Captains and Vice-Captain, Kayla Nugent, Alexis Cathie and Andrew McManus, and by our Primary Captains Hannah Moffitt and Penny Cavill-Low. Corey Huckstadt and Harley Tonkin gave the Acknowledgement to Country, followed by the national anthem and a speech from our Principal Murray Borham, who acknowledged the contributions of women in war and military services. "They saved so many lives and provided such great comfort to those in need, and it is great that this year we recognise the brave work they did, and still do."

Ms Jennings then spoke, introducing herself as a former pupil of our school and telling us that this year marks her 29th anniversary in the Australian Defence Force. "I was fortunate to be posted as the first female soldier into a Calvary REGT which later gave me the opportunity to mentor other young women in these roles. I have served overseas to war zones and on peace keeping missions. I feel very honoured and fortunate that I have had the opportunity to give back to a country that so many men and women sacrificed their lives for."

She then paid tribute to the work of women in World War I, including those in the war zone and those who remained behind. "The home front women had to deal with the consequences that war brought. Not only did they stress over the family responsibilities, but they also had to manage the ration shortages and endure the painful fears they had for the future and the grief and trauma of losing husbands, fathers or sons. It wasn't common for women to have jobs before the outbreak of war, however the government called upon women to take an active role in industry such as agriculture and as a labour force in factories."

The ceremony ended with Ashleigh Pattison and Shannon Stewart delivering The Ode, and The Last Post and Raising of the Flags by Darion Williams and Corey Huckstadt. Ms Jennings then spent time at the school giving talks to students about life in the Defence Force and answered student's questions.

Online payments

Payments to the school can be made online by visiting our school website and selecting 'Make a payment' from the menu options.



A friendly visit from a healthy giraffe

On Wednesday we were very excited to welcome Healthy Harold back to our school in the Life Education Van with educator Maree Evans. They provided primary students with interactive, engaging lessons promoting ways to keep our bodies healthy, happy and safe.

The staff and students of Portland Central School would like to thank the Lithgow District Workman's Club for their assistance in halving the cost of these sessions for our school so all students could have the opportunity to experience the unique and memorable occasion of a Healthy Harold visit.



Hats on for Easter

The annual Easter Hat Parade was once again a great success this week. It is a favourite event on our school calendar and it was great to see so many colourful and creative hats marking the occasion. A big thank you goes to Mrs Gbel, Mrs Rissman and SLSO Luke Branigan for giving up their time and taking on the very important role of judges.

We also thank all family helpers who came to our Easter hat making event on Tuesday and assisted with the creation of the amazing hats which were on display. The support of our families is very much appreciated.

To view the full gallery of our Easter hat making and our wonderful parade, visit our website.

Happy Easter!



Upcoming events

students4success

30 April 2019 | 9:00AM – 3:00PM | Portland Central School

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will begin the school term with the students4success program, which aims to prepare them with the skills and knowledge they will use and expand on during their integrated units in class.

FACTS Day

3 May 2019 | 10:30AM – 12:45PM | Portland Central School

Year 12 are invited to attend FACTS Day at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst. There will be a careers expo and a session with a guest speaker to help students choose a post-school pathway. A range of exhibitors including universities, TAFE NSW, ADF, colleges, apprenticeship providers and many others.

Resilience Donut Training

6-7 May 2019 | Portland Central School

Students in Years 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be taking part in Resilience Donut Training, a research validated framework for building the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people. Rather than focusing on risk factors, the resilience donut has been developed by studying young people who are resilient, despite the adversities they are facing. It is fun and creative, and at the very least has the potential to strengthen the human spirit and build a sense of hope and optimism.

P&C meeting

7 May 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.

Bedgerebong Pig Youth Show

8 May 2019 | Bedgerabong Showground, Copeland Parade, Bedgerebong NSW

The Bedgerabong Pig Youth Show gives students a taste of the pig breeding industry. Students will participate in a range of workshops including pig preparation for the show ring, parading, butchery, LLS, Australian Pork limited, Ultrasound, and artificial insemination demonstration. This is a compulsory experience for Senior Agriculture students.

Mother's Day stall

8 May 2019 | Portland Central School

Our Mother's Day stall has a wide selection of gifts ranging from \$2 - \$8. Students can choose something special for Mum, Grandma, Nan or Aunty to thank them for everything they do for them. This year the P&C will be running a Mother's Day raffle in addition to the usual Mother's Day stall. Tickets will be available early next term.

Athletics Carnival

9 May 2019 | 10:00AM – 2:30PM | Portland Central School

There are many benefits to being involved in the athletics carnival. The personal traits one develops as a participating student are: teamwork, perseverance, responsibility, physical endurance, commitment, time management, and personal and emotional health. The carnival will hold events such as sprints, novelty events, tug-a-war, javelin, high-jump & shotput. K/1/2 will be joining the carnival at 11:00AM.

St Joseph's Fete

10 May 2019 | 11:30AM – 2:00PM | Portland Central School

Students will be visiting St Joseph's School to participate in their annual Mother's Day Fete.

Principal's message

It is amazing that this first term is over. It has flown by so fast with so much happening each and every day. Our data reflects great improvement in both learning outcomes and learning errors, a real tribute to all concerned. Thank you to all families who have engaged in our Personalised Learning Pathways, Individual Education Plan and 3 way conversations re learning and wellbeing, your support of both the school and your student's learning and educational goals is very much appreciated. As well as requiring your students to be "Safe, Respectful, Learners" we require our staff to "Value, Engage and Differentiate."



We welcome Miss Nereash Nicholson, who has taken over our Primary 4/5/6 class from Mrs Arkley-Smith. We thank you for making this quick move across from Cullen Bullen and look forward to great things from both yourself and our senior Primary students in the coming terms.

During the past weeks we held practice NAPLAN sessions for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 where we looked at the procedures for doing the NAPLAN exams online, rather than a paper and pencil test. We have certainly ironed out the technological concerns and are ready for the implementation of this process in May. We have held two training and development sessions for staff in MAPA to assist with crisis intervention, held another Formal Assembly and had dental visits and hearing screenings for Primary students. Further NDIS support was provided for families, we had a visit from the Life Education Van, and we held our Easter Hat Parade and ANZAC Day ceremony. Many assessments and exams have occurred in the Secondary, and I hope that you are discussing the feedback presented to your students re these tasks to consolidate their learning.

School resumes for all students on Tuesday 30th April. Thank you all for your support this term, it has been a great one. I hope that you all have a wonderful break and get yourselves refreshed for an even better Term 2. I look forward to seeing you all again in June after I return from long service leave, and trust that you will support both the school and Miss Mason, who will be relieving as Principal in my absence.

If you have concerns at any time regarding your student's education, please remember to phone the school first on 63555233 and make an appointment to speak with primarily your student's classroom teacher or Year Advisers, Mr King (7-9) or Miss Cullen (10-12). For more 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



EASTER HOLIDAY ART FOR KIDS

2 days 4 fun art
classes to choose from!

13th & 15th April 2019

At the Gang Gang Gallery
206 Main Street, Lithgow

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
as places are limited

Holiday Art for age 5-13yrs.

EASTER TIC TAC TOE

Create a bunny board
game to share with
friends & family

13th April 2019,
10:30am to 12:30pm.



PAINT A CUSHION

Learn how to paint on
fabric & create a
fun cushion!

13th April 2019,
1pm to 3pm.



PALETTE KNIFE ART

Rainbow-autumn
painting fun!

15th April 2019,
10:30am to 12:30pm.



PAINTBRUSH CHARACTER ART

Design your own
crazy brush character
and turn it into art!

15th April 2019,
1pm to 3pm.



TO BOOK OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Elaine on 0400 489 129 or email elaine@funtimeart.com.au.

Full Details can be found www.funtimeart.com.au/kidsholidayart_lithgow/.

Bookings now open until 6pm Wednesday 10th April, 2019. Classes with Elaine Butler, Fun Time Art, Wallerawang.

\$100 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED for this activity.



\$45
OR BOOK TWO
FOR \$80

EASTER FUN

THURSDAY 18 April
FRIDAY 19 April



TO BOOK EMAIL

AMY.HOTHAM@MAYFIELDGARDEN.COM.AU

WWW.MAYFIELDGARDEN.COM.AU



Easter egg hunt in
Mayfield Garden 10.00 AM

Easter workshop with
Fiona Howle 11.00 AM - 1.00
PM

Mini Mayfielder lunch
1.00 PM

Explore Mayfield Garden
2.00 PM - 4.30 PM

Places are limited, kids under
5 must be accompanied by an
adult



**LEARN TO PLAY
THE WANDERERS WAY**

HOLIDAY COACHING CLINICS

**BEGINNERS
TO ADVANCED**

**WERE COMING TO
MARJORIE JACKSON
SPORTING COMPLEX
23RD & 24TH APRIL**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK IN VISIT
WSWCOMMUNITY.COM.AU OR CALL 1300 139 938**



 OFFICIAL FOOTBALL
ENGAGEMENT PARTNER
KICKSTART
SOCCER



Lithgow Youth Council Presents...

Fab Fun Day Out!



Tuesday, 16 April
11am - 2pm
Lithgow Showground

BBQ, Drinks
Giant Hamster Balls, Laser Tag
Gaming Truck, Info Stalls
...and more!!!

Bus available for youth in Portland, Wallerawang, and Bowenfels. Call 6354 9909 for timetable.
This is a free all ages event, and a drug and alcohol free event.



Centennial Coal

