

Portland Central School

"Opportunity, innovation and student success"

Week 2 Term 2 2019



Important dates:

13 May 2019

**WSSA Open Boys
Touch**

14 May 2019

**NAPLAN – Writing
How to help your
child with
mathematics
workshop**

16 May 2019

NAPLAN – Reading

17 May 2019

**NAPLAN – Language
conventions
Cross Country**

20 May 2019

**NAPLAN - Numeracy
Resilience Donut
Training**

21 May 2019

P&C meeting

24 May 2019

Biggest Morning Tea



Students get hands on at the Pig Youth Show

This week Year 11 and 12 Agriculture students travelled to the Bedgerabong Pig Youth Show. We attended a variety of presentations from industry experts and were able to gain a deep understanding of the day to day running and organisation of a pig enterprise. They also learned about butchery and issues facing the industry such as feral animal control.

Students then had hands on experience to ultrasound a pregnant sow and identify numbers of live baby pigs with the assistance of a local Vet. They also were able to view an Artificial Insemination presentation which was invaluable to their learning in Agriculture.

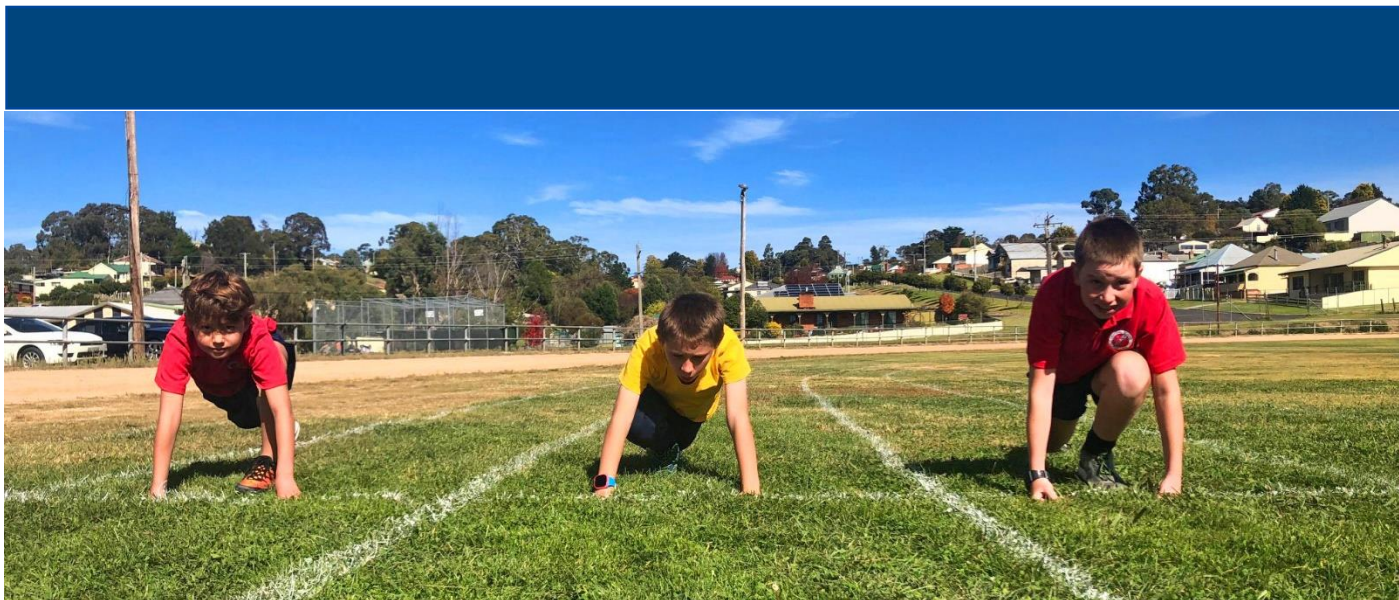
Students then participated in a hands-on workshop to prepare pigs for show and parade them for judging. Here they worked together to wash, dry and groom pigs as well as

learning to move then safely and effectively into pens. The students enjoyed practising parading piglets around an obstacle course and lots of laughing happened during this activity!

This was an extremely well run event and an amazing experience that enabled students to gain firsthand knowledge on the pig industry and Agriculture in Australia.

A gallery with more images from this event is available on our website.





PCS 2019 Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival was held this week on Thursday at Kremer Park. Every student was able to compete in every event as we keep with our philosophy of providing opportunities for all. It was a fun day with some admirable individual performances and an extremely close competition between the sports houses.

Congratulations to all the students who attended and participated. Special thanks to staff and families for helping out, cooking food for the canteen and cheering the students in all events; it created a fun vibe for all involved.

Thank you to the students who helped staff by adding running records to the computer, providing staff with hot drinks and participating with a positive attitude.



Students get the FACTS on employment

Stage 6 students attended FACTS (Facts about Careers & Tertiary Study) Day last Friday at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst. They had the opportunity to speak to a number of tertiary education providers including universities, colleges and TAFE as well as apprenticeship providers, businesses and travel agents. We then attended sessions on various pathways including from the University Admissions Centre and Vocational Education & Training where we heard from a number of people in different careers.

Upcoming events

NAPLAN

14/16/17/20 May 2019 | Portland Central School

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

How to help your child with mathematics workshop

14 May 2019 | 2:30PM – 3:30PM | Portland Central School

This session is all about helping your child at home with mathematics. During the session we will look at how teachers show students to do mental computations and why it is important, games you can play at home with cards that will help your child, and how to help with learning times tables. The session will be filled with activities and games as we find out how to help.

The session will be held in the red room with tea and coffee on arrival.

Cross Country Carnival

17 May 2019 | 1:20PM – 3:05PM | Kremer Park, Lime Street Portland

The Cross Country Carnival is an opportunity for the whole school to participate in physical activity and support fellow house members. Students get to test their fitness, push the limits and have the opportunity to achieve house points and vivo points.

Resilience Donut Training

20 May 2019 | 9:15AM – 11:15AM | 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

21 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.

Biggest Morning Tea

24 May 2019 | 11:00AM – 11:30AM | Portland Central School

Biggest Morning Tea is a way to bring people together to raise funds that will make a big difference to those impacted by cancer. Come along and help fund Cancer Council's life-saving research, prevention, support programs, and information. Parents are welcome to come along to the event and **we invite food donations as long as they are 100% nut free.**



Principal's message

Welcome back to Term 2. We have had a very busy but settled beginning to the term with students refocused on their learning after a great Easter and holiday.

It was wonderful to see many of our students proudly representing our school at the local ANZAC Day March. They looked fantastic in their uniforms and it was great to have a few ex-students and staff march with us. Thank you to all the parents who supported their children to march during the holidays.



Our P&C had their annual Mother's Day Stall Wednesday providing the opportunity for students to purchase a little something for mums which we hope they enjoy. We wish all our mums a wonderful day on Sunday as they create special memories with their families.

We are fortunate to have Leanne Walding from LINC working closely with our school to help build resilience in our students. Research has shown that students with resilience are more successful in life and are able to 'bounce back' from difficulties they are facing in life. The Resilience Doughnut is about helping students identify their areas of strengths and an awareness of the people who support them and being able to use these tools to assist them in difficult times. All students in Years 6 – 10 will be trained in the Resilience Doughnut. This will be delivered in two, two hour sessions over the coming weeks.

Our Athletics Carnival was held yesterday and we were extremely lucky to have a clear sunny day. The participation levels were wonderful and everyone had an active and enjoyable day demonstrating athletic skills. I would like to thank all the parents who also attended and celebrated the talent on display and supported their children's achievements.

NAPLAN Testing begins Tuesday next week for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and this year we are completing the testing online, except for Year 3 Writing. Students have completed their practice tests and are feeling relaxed and confident about the test administration.

If you would like to find out further information about the online testing a brochure for parents and carers can be located online <https://lnk.info.nesa.nsw.edu.au/I/AuDTOZENqQw4xLPzXg1C6w8>

The NAPLAN Online timetable is as follows Tuesday 14th May - Writing (note Year 3 paper test for Writing only) Thursday 16th May – Reading; Friday 17th May - Language Conventions (Spelling & Grammar) Monday 21st May – Numeracy. All tests are planned for the morning sessions.



Community notices

Blinky Bill Portland Child Care Centre is known for providing

- ◇ High quality care and education for children aged 2-5 years
- ◇ A special place for your child, helping them grow and develop in a calm, creative and educational environment
- ◇ An individualised program that emerges each day according to the group, individual needs and interests of the children
- ◇ Experience in language, literacy, music, science, self-help skills, creativity, routines, manipulative skills, dramatic play, physical skills
- ◇ School readiness programming catering for all children's needs
- ◇ A place for your child to have fun, make friends and be themselves



You are welcome to visit or contact us for more information about enrolling your child. Remember to enquire about our **FREE pre-enrolment visits.**

We offer government fee reductions with sessions starting at **\$10.00per day.**

Corner Vale and Lett Streets Portland Ph: 6355 5833 E: blinkycc@aapt.net.au

HORIZON GIRL GUIDES



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Building Self Esteem

Activities for Girls

For ages 5-18 years work in four different age groups



- # In/out door camping
- # Internet Camp
- # Receive Monthly Meetings
- # Monthly Unit Chats on the wiki and communicate by email, wiki site and letters
- # Closed secure wiki site used for activities and meetings
- # Linked with suitable active Guide groups
- # Opportunity to achieve badges, challenges and Peak Achievement Awards

More information: nswactgirlguides.org, ph 83965200
OR Chris Wythes iae@netconnect.com.au

Formerly known as Lones

Born To Run Festival

Sunday 14th July 2019

10km Run

Early Bird Entry (29th April - 12th May 2019)

Adults \$25 / Concession or Under 18: \$15

Standard Entry (13th May - 30th June 2019)

Adults \$30 / Concession or Under 18: \$20

Late Entry (1st July - 14th July 2019)

Adults \$40 / Concession or Under 18: \$30

5km Fun Run / Walk

Early Bird Entry (29th April - 12th May 2019)

Adults \$15 / Concession or Under 18: \$10

Standard Entry (13th May - 30th June 2019)

Adults \$20 / Concession or Under 18: \$15

Late Entry (1st July - 14th

July 2019)

Adults \$25 / Concession or Under 18: \$20

2km Kids Race (12 years and Under)

Standard Entry (29th April - 14th July 2019) \$10

For More Info: Please Call Andrew on 0427 268 348

Portland Festival of Yesteryear

Step back in time! Portland NSW

Signs of Yesteryear! Times of Yesteryear! Lives of Yesteryear!

On 30th May 2019 the Portland Festival of Yesteryear will be held to celebrate the day in 1906 when Portland was officially gazetted a town and the first birthday of the Glen Museum.

Activities include:

- Yarning (passing on the memories) 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm
- Town crier, with hourly announcements from 9am – 5pm
- Glen Museum, all day
- The Foundations Tours 11am, 3pm
- Signs of Yesteryear walking tours, 9.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm
- Declaration ceremony, 5:30pm

Come dressed in costumes from the era of 1906 and soak in the atmosphere of time passed.

The event will be held in the area of the Glen Museum and Rotunda.



A fundraising event poster with a purple and blue background featuring stylized leaves at the top and bottom. The text is centered and reads:

HELP BRING MIA HOME



A small photograph of a young girl with long brown hair, wearing a pink dress with a smiley face pattern, standing outdoors at sunset.

Fundraising event to help Mia Kerr and family

Sunday, 19th May
Where: Portland Corro
Time: from 1 pm

Raffle drawn at 3.30pm

Entertainment from the Blowflys and Dan Miranda

Face painting and more fundraising games!

Sausage sizzle

Please join us for this fundraising event!!