

# Portland Central School

"Opportunity, innovation and student success"

Week 4 Term 2 2019



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## Alpacas! Without maracas?

Primary students participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime reading of 'Alpacas with Maracas' written by Matt Cosgrove, and were lucky to experience alpacas in real life.

Don and Janelle Perceval who own

a farm called Torulosa Park Alpacas, brought two of their alpacas Ben and Sebastian. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions for Don and Janelle about their alpacas, and to meet Ben and Sebastian.

The students enjoyed the experience of the Simultaneous Storytime by wearing and holding their own alpaca masks and pictures. The meet with the alpacas was a positive experience due to the abundant amount of questions being asked for Don and Janelle. Janelle described the experience as "a great time at Portland Central School today. The students were so well prepared for the visit from the alpacas. They asked fantastic questions, listened to their teachers and were so gentle when handling the animals. Well done everyone."

Ms Mason described the event as a "great success" in the organisation and experience by everyone. School Captains Hannah Moffitt and Penelope Cavill-Low thanked Don and Janelle for bringing the alpacas to school and described their favourite part, "patting the alpacas". The event was a great success and the students are still talking about it.

For the past 19 years the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) has been hosting Simultaneous Story time events in Australia and New Zealand. This event invites over one million students to read a listed story at the same time, and same day once a year. Portland Central School registered with this event this year and were a part of those one million students reading the listed story 'Alpacas with Maracas' written and read by Matt Cosgrove.

## RAFFLE WINNER

We have been unable to contact the first prize winner of our Mother's Day raffle. The name on the ticket is 'SHARP'. Please contact the school to collect your prize.

## Have you downloaded our school app yet?

Never miss important school information again!



- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission slips



Simple free download:  
In Google Play and App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.





## Fundraisers in pyjamas

Today we held our Biggest Morning Tea and Pyjama Day to raise funds for the Cancer Council of Australia. Students, teachers and parents participated to make the day fantastic!

Thank you so much to everyone for the delicious baked goods, generous donations and joyful faces that made today such a delight.

The raffle will be drawn next Friday, so if you haven't entered yet, please pop into the office to get your \$5 entry for a chance to win some great prizes.



For full image galleries of this week's stories, please visit our [website](#).

# Upcoming events

## Link3d Up

27-28 May & 3 June 2019 | Portland Central School

Year 8 students will be participating in Link3d Up, a resilience building program. Students will identify their strengths and learn resilient thinking, how to shift pessimistic thoughts into optimistic thoughts, enhance group connections, and develop their own kindness projects.

## Jenolan Caves

28 May 2019 | 9:15AM – 2:15PM | Jenolan Caves | \$15

Stage 4 Geography students will be participating in fieldwork at Jenolan Caves. They will be completing a one hour tour of the Lucas Cave followed by fieldwork in the surrounding area. Students will need to bring a packed lunch and wear their sport uniform, jumper, joggers and hat.

## Snake Tails

28 May 2019 | Portland Central School

Snake Tails is an interactive educational experience about reptiles. Students will have the opportunity to touch and pat lizards, turtles and handle a python, as well as view the deadly snakes of NSW and learn bush awareness.

## How to help your child with reading

29 May 2019 | 2:30PM – 3:30PM | Red room, Portland Central School

How to help your child with reading is an information session to help carers understand the importance of reading, and how you can help by reading with and to your child. Tea and coffee provided.

## Formal assembly

31 May 2019 | 12:00PM – 1:00PM | Portland Central School

Join us to celebrate the success of our K – 12 students. Students will be presented awards for their application at different levels beginning at sound and moving to high and then outstanding. This gives students an opportunity to demonstrate their improvement throughout the year.

## Questacon Smart Skills workshop

3 June 2019 | 9:15AM – 12:45PM | Portland Central School

Questacon will be running a workshop to challenge students in Years 6-10 to use simple materials to prototype creative solutions. The workshop focuses on innovative design thinking and equipping students with the confidence to test and refine ideas through hands-on digital and practical prototyping.

## Resilience Donut Training

3 June 2019 | 9:15AM – 11:15AM | Portland Central School

Students in Years 9 and 10 will be taking part in this final session of 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.

## Leadership Day at Parliament House

5 June 2019 | 9:45AM – 4:00PM | NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney

Leadership Day is an opportunity for our secondary captains to develop their knowledge of our system of government, parliamentary procedures, and the role of the Governor. The day will include an introduction by Parliamentary Education, an address by Members of Parliament, visit to the public galleries, a guided tour, and a meeting with The Honourable David Hurley.

## Principal's message

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of Week 4. There have been so many activities and engaging learning opportunities already this term. It has been fabulous to see so many students proudly wearing their school uniforms and actively engaging in positive learning experiences.

We have reignited our focus on the many positives our students display each and every day. Students who wear their school uniform everyday this term will be in the running to win a new school hoodie and those who attend school everyday will be in the draw for store vouchers. Teachers have been busy awarding Vivo points as usual and our SWE focus fortnight – "Doing my personal best" points have been free and frequent. Many students have been spending up in the Vivo Shop and excitedly collecting their purchases. Parents have also been receiving positive letters via email to celebrate their children's positive achievements in a timely manner. Letters are also being posted so they can be celebrated and shared with extended family. Please complete our survey about our positive letters and update your email address to ensure you are directly informed about the wonderful work your children are doing.

During the week we launched the app Skool Loop as part of our positive communications with parents and carers. The app provided the opportunity to digitally sign permission notes, receive notices and electronically communicate reasons for your children being absent from school. We are looking forward to exploring the possibilities of the app and look forward to the fast return of notes.

Our newly implemented Mobile Phone Policy has been very effective with very few students having phones sighted in inappropriate times. It has been great to see students being so respectful of the changes and experiencing the benefit of increased engagement in class and more positive relationships. We would like to thank all parents for their support with this important change.

Our school VET Audit and WHS compliance checks began this week to ensure we are meeting all mandatory obligations to successfully deliver these courses. Programs are reviewed, learning spaces are inspected and teachers and students are interviewed throughout the process.

Jodie Mason, Relieving Principal



# 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.**

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### 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](http://nswactgirlguides.org), ph 83965200  
OR Chris Wythes [iae@netconnect.com.au](mailto:iae@netconnect.com.au)

Formerly known as Lones

## *Born To Run Festival*

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 - 14<sup>th</sup>

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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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



*Winter is a hard time for many.*

To lighten the load of those in need, we are collecting donations.

There is particular need for:

#### **DAILY BASICS**

- Toilet paper;
- Toothpaste;
- Nappies;
- Soap;
- Sanitary products;
- Medicine

#### **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD**

- Meals in tins;
- Cans of tuna;
- Pasta packs & sauces;
- Rice & pasta;
- Spreads;
- Tins of vegies;
- Soup;
- Coffee & tea etc.

#### **Location:**

We will be collecting donations **from 8:30 am to 11:30 am** near the entrance to each of the major Supermarkets:

**Lithgow** - Aldi, Coles, & Woolworths

**Wallerawang** – Friendly Grocer & Newsagency

**Portland** - FoodWorks



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