

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome back to school! We have had a fantastic start to the 2021 school year. The students have been so excited and happy to be with their friends again. I have heard many stories in the playground about the school holidays, and the students look so smart in their new shiny shoes and spotless uniform. We welcome our new Foundation students and families and look forward to a wonderful year. Students are already using the Seesaw app to post work samples, and it is a great platform for parents, students, and teachers to communicate and celebrate achievements. We look forward to developing strong relationships between school and home.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Ebony Braune to our school community. Miss Braune will be joining our staff team and teaching Japanese every Monday. Miss Braune is known to some of our students and families through her involvement in various sports around Portland and has previously taught at Narrawong.



As you are probably aware, the Victorian Government late last night announced new statewide restrictions following a confirmed COVID-19 case relating to a worker at a Melbourne quarantine hotel. As a result, the Department of Education and Training early today issued new guidance for schools regarding the wearing of masks. **People aged 12 and over must wear a fitted face mask when in public indoor spaces unless there is a lawful reason not to.**

Parents and visitors must wear masks when on our school site. This includes entering school buildings, waiting to collect students outside and quick drop off and pick up. Whilst the majority of adults are doing the right thing and complying with our protocols, unfortunately I have noticed that some are not wearing face masks or physical distancing. Please remember that we need to work together to make sure that our staff, students and community are kept safe and healthy.

Please also be mindful of the following protocols which we expect of all parents and visitors:

1. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell.
2. Keep your distance (1.5 metres).
3. If entering school buildings, you must sign in (QR code).
4. Please wear a face mask as physical distancing between yourself and other adults may be difficult.
5. Use hand sanitiser before entering school buildings.
6. We do have density limits of one person per two square metres for public areas – please be mindful of this.
7. Avoid congregating around the school.



**We encourage parents to continue to use the quick drop off and pick-up area.
Staff will assist students to their vehicle.**

From Mrs Pritchard...

COMMUNICATION

I would just like to remind all parents that the newsletter is our main form of communication and it is vital that you read the newsletter every week for upcoming dates, information and details specific to certain classes. Each week the newsletter will be emailed home. Please contact the front office if you need to update your contact details.



SPORTS DAY

Our Athletics Sports Day is on Friday 19 February. We will be looking for parent helpers to assist on the day.

CHAPEL

There will be a Chapel service tomorrow beginning at 9.00 in the Unity Centre. Our School Captains have organized the Chapel service and our **Foundation and Year 3 students will receive their Bibles**. Parents are welcome to attend however, please remember to sign in using the QR code, hand sanitize and wear a face mask.



UPDATE FROM LUIS CRUZ

Our Chapel money goes towards sponsoring a child through Compassion. Luis Cruz is from Bolivia and he sent us the following letter in the holidays.

1. Dear brothers and sisters St. John's Lutheran School, this is Ana, Luis's tutor. Thanks be to God, he and his family are very well. Luis asks: how are you? He likes helping his mother at home. In this time he has learned how to cook for his siblings and in his free time he likes playing ball with his sister Cecilia.

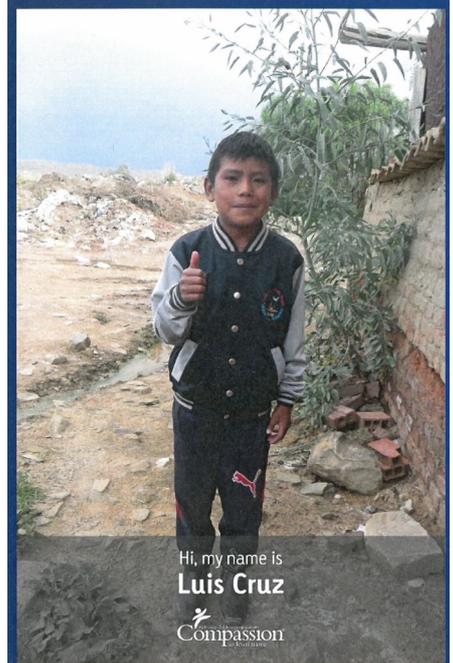
He likes summer ver much because he enjoys having ice cream and going out with his family.

His favorite animals are dogs and cats because they are sweet and he can play with them and lots of fun. His dog will have puppies soon and he can't wait for the puppies to be born. His cat makes him laugh because he is so naughty and plays with the chicken. Luis thanks you with all his heart for the help you give him especially in this difficult time, your support has been a great help.

We close with love, Luis and Ana (tutor)

2. Please, pray for his mother and father who are often not feeling well that they get better soon.

THANK YOU



From Mrs Pritchard cont'd...



PLAYGROUP

This week our playgroup has restarted after last year with the COVID restrictions. Playgroup will be held every Wednesday and Thursday from 9.00-11.00am.

Mrs Tanya Harders is our Playgroup Co-Ordinator. Tanya is a very experienced and a well-respected Early Childhood Educator with updated First Aid qualifications. Tanya will be able to assist with any queries or questions you may have about learning through play.

We have a new payment system for 2021. If you have a sibling already attending our school, or if your child is enrolled as a future student, you will not be charged for attending our playgroup. Otherwise, the cost is \$5.00 per family per playgroup session. You will receive a card (like a coffee rewards card) and after every 5th stamp, you receive the 6th session for free. We will endeavor to provide an eftpos machine at the beginning of the playgroup sessions, so you have the option of paying by card or cash.

HOCKEY

We are excited to welcome the Hockey Victoria Roadshow to our school! Students in Years 1-4 are being given the fantastic opportunity to try out the exciting game of hockey! They will learn the skills of the game through exciting game-based activities suited to every year level and ability.



Hockey Victoria will be sending their amazing Participation Officers to our school on Monday 15 February. Students in Years 1-4 will need to wear their sports uniform on this day.

At Hockey Victoria they pride themselves in providing an enjoyable experience and if any student would like to continue with their hockey experience, they can join a local Hookin2Hockey program www.hookin2hockey.com.au. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter giving information about the local program.



FOOD4THOUGHT PROGRAM

We are very appreciative and blessed to have volunteers from the Uniting Church, Catholic Church, Anglican church and other Portland churches in our community who provide our school with a selection of food free of charge. The food is used for children who have forgotten to have breakfast, bring their lunch or snacks, or used to teach simple cooking and life-skills.



BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Jessica (Year 3) and her family on the safe arrival of Zane Edward Sylvester. Zane was born on Monday 1 February at 1:30pm, weighing 8lb 7oz.



Child Safety...

The welfare and best interests of every child are paramount. If you have any concerns that a child may be experiencing any form of abuse, whether or not you have formed a belief on reasonable grounds that the abuse has occurred, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Child Protection Officers.

Our Child Protection Officers are:

Mrs Trish Coverdale tcoverdale@stjohnsportland.vic.edu.au ph. 03 5523 3833

Miss Ebony Stiles estiles@stjohnsportland.vic.edu.au ph. 03 5523 3833

Whenever there are concerns that a child is in immediate danger, the Police should be called on 000.

St. John's Lutheran Primary School is a Child Safe School



Devotion...

CARE IN THE ORDINARY MOMENTS

One of the most intentional ways to allow faith to grow is in the ways we care for each other. As parents we often have a never-ending list of things scrolling through our minds. It takes a lot of mental space to hold all of the things we need to know about each member of the family, and this is often squeezed in and around busy work and school schedules.

But taking the time to intentionally care for another can actually be done in the ordinary, everyday moments. The smile at school pick up which lingers to say 'I love you.' The intentional look in your child's eye that says 'I know you.' The gentle rub on a shoulder which says 'I care.' The decision to pause instead of rushing on. The choice to use words that encourage, rather than deflate. The many moments of forgiveness we seek when these things don't happen.

Often our days are so full that the only short time we have together is just before bed. Can we encourage you in that moment – probably when you are so tired and eager to switch off yourself – to be present with your children?

Here are a few ideas to help you create some space, develop some gentle rhythms and have conversations that connect deep with the heart of your child:

- ☺ Reading together.
- ☺ Spending time reflecting on the day.
- ☺ Sharing highs and lows.

Maybe this is something new for you. These may spark your own moments of care. May you know these seeds planted to care for another will produce fruit in God's time.

This article is featured in the 2021 Term 1 edition of Grow Together, our quarterly family newsletter.

<https://www.growministries.org.au/2021/01/28/care-in-the-ordinary-moments/>

Term Dates 2021

School Office Opens	Wednesday 13 January (9am)
School Office Closes	Wednesday 17 December (3:30pm)

Term Dates

Term	Event	Date	Day
Term 1 (10 weeks)	Foundation – Year 6 commence	28 January	Thursday
	Concludes	1 April	Thursday
Term 2 (10 weeks)	Foundation – Year 6 commence	19 April	Monday
	Concludes	25 June	Friday
Term 3 (10 weeks)	Foundation – Year 6 commence	12 July	Monday
	Concludes	17 September	Friday
Term 4 (10 weeks)	Foundation – Year 6 commence	4 October	Monday
	Concludes	9 December	Thursday

Staff Days and Public Holidays

Term	Date	Day	Event
Term 1	January 19	Tuesday	Staff Day – Training Day
	January 20	Wednesday	Staff Day – Training Day
	January 21	Thursday	Staff Day – Training Day
	January 22	Friday	Staff Day
	January 25	Monday	Staff Day
	January 26	Tuesday	Australia Day Public Holiday
	January 27	Wednesday	Staff Day
	January 28	Thursday	Term 1 begins for Foundation – Year 6
	March 8	Monday	Labour Day Public Holiday
	April 2	Friday	Good Friday Public Holiday
Term 2	June 11	Friday	Report Writing Day (School closed)
	June 14	Monday	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Term 3	August 6	Friday	Western HUB Conference (School closed)
Term 4	November 1	Monday	Report Writing Day (School closed)
	November 2	Tuesday	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
	December 10	Friday	Staff Day

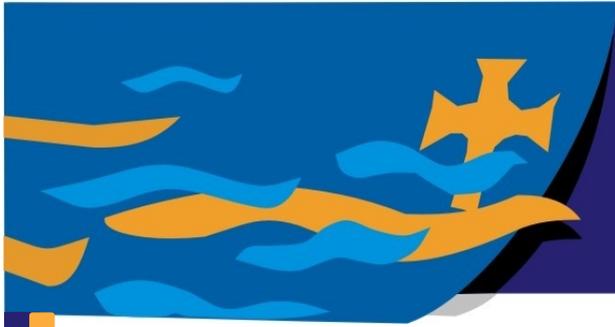
Other School Dates

Term	Event	Date	Day
Term 1	Grandparents Day	April 1	Thursday
Term 2	School Photos	May 6	Thursday
	Grade 5/6 Camp – Sovereign Hill	May 24-26	Mon – Wed
Term 3	Book Week	August 21-27	Sat - Fri
Term 4	Grade 3/4 Camp – Portland Bay Lodge, Allestree	November 17-19	Mon – Wed

STATEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

St John's Lutheran Primary is committed to the principles of a liberal democracy.

- We believe in an accountable, democratically elected government.
- We respect and observe the rule of law, and believe that no person is above the law.
- We believe in equal rights for all before the law, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, gender or other attributes.
- We believe not only in the freedom of religion, but also the need to practise tolerance and understanding of others' beliefs.
- We believe in the value of freedom of speech and freedom of association, but also acknowledge that we have the responsibility not to abuse this freedom.
- We believe in the values of openness and tolerance, and value and respect all members of the School community regardless of background.



Fun Happenings...



Community Notices...



ATTENTION YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS

Join the fun and adventures of the animals as they escape the Zoo and find themselves in Madagascar.

Lots of great characters for actors, singers, dancers.

Our auditions and first rehearsal will take place this Sunday 7 February in the Bayview PAC from 1 - 5pm.

Please enter via Tyers St (next to Victoria House).

Wear clothing suitable for dancing, and bring water and snacks.



PORTLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.
ABN. 38 699 820 259
P.O. BOX 147
PORTLAND 3305.

PORTLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION

2021

TWILIGHT COMPETITION

8 WEEK SEASON
COMMENCING

8 February 2021.

GRADES

Net Set Go for Learners

11&Under

After the success of ROCK UP NETBALL for Juniors the 11&under grade will change to the ROCK UP NETBALL Format.

TEAM ENTRIES

13&Under

15&Under

OPEN



Watch the
Portland Netball Association
Facebook Page for further
information on our upcoming 2021
Twilight Competition

THE LUNCH LADIES

Hassle free school lunches

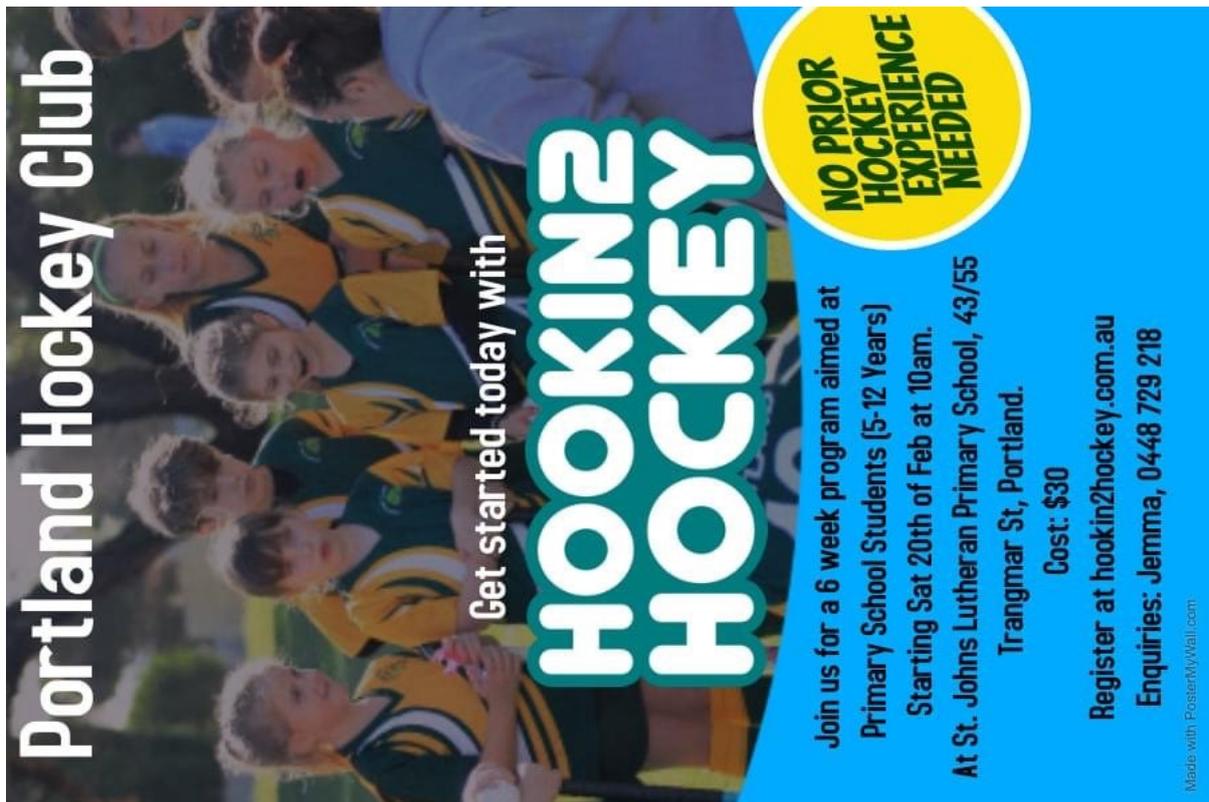


\$10 per lunch delivered to your school of choice.

Check us out on Facebook @thelunchladies click on the book now button to view the menu.

Or contact Cherith 0430900961 or Erin 0434025718

Community Notices...



Portland Hockey Club

Get started today with

HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

NO PRIOR HOCKEY EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Join us for a 6 week program aimed at
Primary School Students (5-12 Years)
Starting Sat 20th of Feb at 10am.
At St. Johns Lutheran Primary School, 43/55
Trangmar St, Portland.
Cost: \$30
Register at hookin2hockey.com.au
Enquiries: Jemma, 0448 729 218

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Tyrendarra Football Netball Club

You are warmly invited to attend preseason sessions during February to meet the coaches, players and get a general feel for the club.

Tyrendarra Football Netball Club are currently seeking players for their 11 under and 13 under netball teams.

When: 5pm- 5:45pm Thursday nights

Where: Flinders Park, Portland.

Call or message Lynda on 044 803 8042 for more details or just rock up.
Check us out on Facebook.

Is your child interested in playing netball??



Collection Notice for parents/guardians

2021 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department) would like to advise you that a request has been made for your child's school to provide residential address and other information as required under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (Cth).

The school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Student residential address (**excluding student names**)
- Whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- Whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

Your child's school generates a **unique and unidentifiable** record number for each student record. The number is **only** used by the school for this collection. **It is not allowed to be used for any other purpose.** The number indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the Collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with data held by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to calculate a non-government school community's anticipated capacity to contribute to the costs of schooling.

From 2020, a new measure of capacity to contribute, the Direct Measure of Income (DMI), was introduced. The DMI is based on the median income of parents or guardians of students at a non-government school using data collected through the Collection. More information about the DMI can be found at <https://www.education.gov.au/what-direct-measure-income>.

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with Privacy Act and the *Australian Education Act 2013* and *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

Your personal information provided to the department through the Collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Further information about MADIP can be found on the [MADIP page](#) on the ABS website.
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may from time to time, carry out an audit of a school's submission to the Collection. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the student enrolment information held by the school and will not use the information for any other purpose
- disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology support services to the department
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

The department's privacy policy can be found at www.dese.gov.au and includes information on:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made;
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent privacy impact assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The report is being updated, and will be available in 2021 on the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#). The current version is available at <https://docs.education.gov.au/node/51436>.

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the requested details to the department; however, you may wish to ensure that your school has the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the Collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).