



THE PULSE



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week nationally recognizes Harmony Day, a celebration of Australia's cultural diversity, and Playgroup, a celebration of the benefits of playgroups. Throughout the whole school year, we recognise that God has made us all different and unique and that we are to respect and value one another.



Foundation Enrolments for 2023

We are currently inviting any Foundation students for 2023 to book a visit to our school either now or next term. Our transition program will run again in Term 4 for any Foundation students starting school next year. If you know of any family members or friends who have children that are ready to start school next year, please encourage them to contact us.



NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 students are held in May each year. This year, the NAPLAN Online test window is between Tuesday 10 May and Friday 20 May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy. Today the Years 3 and 5 students participated in a Coordinated Practise Test to check the online testing platform and to make sure that it copes when all Victorian Schools access the platform at once. A NAPLAN Information letter will be sent out today to all Year 3 and 5 families providing details around scheduled testing dates, access to practise test materials and further supports available.



Grandparent's Day

Next Friday is Grandparent's Day! A separate note has also been sent home outlining the program and inviting grandparents to attend. The children are looking forward to showcasing their work and our school. To assist with our planning, we would appreciate knowing in advance if grandparents are planning to attend. The day will begin at 9.00am with a Chapel in the outside undercover area followed by classroom visits and outdoor activities. Guests will then be asked to make their way back to the outside undercover area at 10.45am for a brief musical performance, concluding with morning tea at 11.00am. Please note that any visitor entering school buildings must be able to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exception. We also ask that visitors please adhere to other COVID safe requirements – physical distance, wear a face mask indoors and outside if physical distancing cannot be maintained, cough etiquette, and good hand hygiene.

Playgroup

Next Wednesday and Thursday are our last Playgroup sessions for the term. We have some special Easter activities planned for the children and some treats for parents and carers! Looking forward to seeing you at our playgroup between 9.00-11.00am.





From Mrs Pritchard Cont'd..

Sport's Day

Tomorrow is our school Athletic Sport's Day. All students are expected to attend and to participate in all activities. Parents, grandparents, and friends are welcome to come along and cheer the students in their races. The events will take place on the school oval beginning at 9.30am. There will be a Chapel service and Assembly at 9.00am prior to the events starting. Normally, the P&F provide free fruit platters at recess time for the students however, due to COVID regulations, students will need to bring their own fruit snack this year. There will be a free lunch provided by the school for students and families. For catering purposes, please complete the separate note that will be sent home with details. At 1.30pm we will announce the results including age group champions. Afterwards, parents can take their child/ren home early, but we ask that you please notify the classroom teacher. For our new families, information that may be helpful to you about our Athletics include:

- You are welcome to come for all or part of the day. The children really appreciate seeing you.
- If you would like to help with an event, please see Mrs Alexander.
- You are welcome to have lunch with your child/ren.
- The lunch will be served in the undercover area.
- All activities happen on our school ovals and grounds. We will have chairs available on the oval for you to use.
- Students can come dressed in their normal school sports uniform or come dressed in the colours of their sports team. For example, those in Glenelg can come to school with a blue t-shirt, ribbons etc., Fitzroy- yellow and Surrey - red. We encourage children to bring along streamers and cheer for their friends.
- After the sports day finishes, the results will be announced at 1.30pm.



Prayer Cross

The latest newsletter from GrowMinistries, Lutheran Church Australia will be sent home to each family today and includes 40 days of prayer for Lent on the back page.



Chapel

THANK YOU



Tomorrow the Year 3/4 students are leading Chapel followed by assembly. The songs that will be used for our Chapel tomorrow are: Rainbow: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCaODqzrZLI&t=17s>

My Lighthouse: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeJvKkBV6rY>

Speak Life: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLn5r4aCz8s>

Each week our Chapel offerings go towards our sponsor child Luis. **\$41.55** was collected during last week's Chapel, and so far, this year, a total of **\$167.85** has been generously received. Thank you for helping us bless Luis.



From Mrs Pritchard Cont'd..

Scholarships and Bursaries 2023

Applications for scholarships being offered in 2023 for new students commencing Foundation – Year 6 are now being accepted. We also have LLL (Lutheran Laypeople's League) bursaries available for next year which cover 50% of our annual tuition fee. If you would like further information or would like an application form, please contact the front office or email admin@stjohnsportland.vic.edu.au



Parents and Friends Association

You are most welcome to attend the P&F AGM on Thursday 28 April at 2.30pm. Some questions parents have asked in the past are:

- 1. What is the purpose of the P&F?** To actively contribute to the school by assisting with fundraising events, supporting learning programs and building relationships with other parents in our school community.
- 2. Will I have to do anything?** We welcome your ideas, appreciate your willingness to be involved and thank you for making a difference to all students in our school. We do require some assistance for the following activities that help us raise money: wood chops, BBQs, Fun Food Fridays, Annual Fete etc.
- 3. Will it cost anything?** No, just your time.
- 4. How do I become a member?** All parents are automatically members of the P&F.
- 5. Who runs the P&F?** The positions of the P&F committee are elected every year at the Annual General Meeting. Parents are nominated and asked to consider being either President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 6. Do I have to attend every meeting?** No, we understand how busy some weeks are.

Do you know what to do if a child suffers a First Aid emergency?

If you're a parent-to-be, new parent of an infant, a parent of young children up to age 7, a grandparent or carer, chances are you will need to provide some form of first aid. From putting everything into their mouths, suffering fevers and illnesses to even stopping breathing, the danger surrounding children are ever-present.

Being prepared with right knowledge and advice based on best practice recommendations from the Australian Resuscitation Council will help you to remain calm in these highly stressful situations. This eLearning course from the trusted trainers at St John Ambulance will arm you with the skills and confidence to tackle all the common and not-so-common scenarios your tiny tots might encounter.

With videos, quizzes and interactive learning scattered throughout the course, you can take it at your own pace one topic at a time or complete the entire course in one session. Either way, your eLearning progress will be saved as you go, and you can return to the topics as many times as you need to prior to getting your final certification.

https://www.stjohnvic.com.au/first-aid-training/first-aid-courses/caring-for-babies-and-kids-elearning/?utm_source=Pardot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=babies%26kids



Child Safety...

The Australian Government has recently launched resources to encourage kindness culture by promoting inclusion, respect, and community. The following site has evidence-informed resources and activities for a proactive approach to bullying education and prevention www.bullyingnoway.gov.au



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



Devotion...

We would probably all agree that an essential ingredient of living a successful life is knowing right from wrong. At a time of increasing confusion and changing values, how can we accurately discern the difference? The Bible clearly states that the answer can be found within its pages: *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness”* (2 Tim 3:16). This amazing assertion, although largely neglected and often denied, can be backed up with compelling evidence. From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible reads as one book. Yet it is made up of 66 books, written by at least 40 different authors, over a period of 1,600 years in 13 different countries on three different continents. It was written in at least three different languages by people of all professions. It never contradicts itself theologically, morally, ethically, doctrinally, scientifically, or historically. It is a perfectly united whole, with one over-riding theme: God's revelation of Himself and his plan to redeem mankind by sending his Son, Jesus Christ. This degree of unity could only be possible if one divine mind inspired all the writers. The Bible also displays knowledge not known at the time of writing. Job, generally believed to be the oldest Bible book, says that God *“suspends the earth upon nothing* (Job 26:7). How did Job know that the earth hung in space before the age of modern astronomy and space travel? Isaiah says that God *“sits enthroned above the circle of the earth”* (Isa 40:22) at a time when the earth was thought to be flat. There are over 300 precise prophecies that deal with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Old Testament that are fulfilled in the New Testament. To say that these are fulfilled by chance is an astronomical impossibility. Despite all the opposition against the Bible over the years, it has not only survived, but continues to thrive, being the best-selling book of all time over a very long period. Countless millions over the centuries have been positively impacted by its truths, and that continues today. If God truly has given us such a magnificent resource, we neglect or deny it at our peril. In these changing and chaotic time, let's ensure we seek clarity by consulting God' Word, not just occasionally, but as a daily lifestyle.

Written by

Jurgen Wiesner

Chaplain





★ Student Awards ★

WEEK 7—RECIPIENTS

Foundation

- ☆ Shaniya Sylvester
- ☆ Lincoln Williams-Smith

Year 1/2

- ☆ Nina Ruge
- ☆ Chase Wilson



WEEK 7—RECIPIENTS

Year 3/4

- ☆ Lexi Alexander
- ☆ Marius Carr

Year 5/6

- ☆ John Carrington
- ☆ Jack Logan



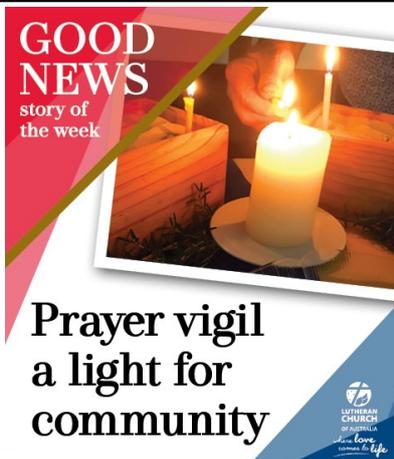
Story of the week

Croc Award Recipient

STORY OF THE WEEK

Read or view the video at

www.lca.org.au/sow



'Encourage one another...'
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Read your GOOD NEWS Story of the Week at www.lca.org.au/sow





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Around the School





What's coming up ...



OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 9	28 MARCH	29 MARCH	30 MARCH Playgroup 9am-11am	31 MARCH Playgroup 9am-11am	1 APRIL 9am Chapel & Assembly Grandparents Day	2/3 APRIL
WEEK 10	4 APRIL	5 APRIL District Athletics	6 APRIL	7 APRIL Trinket the Robot Performance- Whole School	8 APRIL Term 1 ends- Students Dismissed at 2:15pm	9/10 APRIL
WEEK 1 Holidays	11 APRIL	12 APRIL	13 APRIL	14 APRIL	15 APRIL Good Friday 	16/17 APRIL Easter Sunday 
WEEK 2 Holidays	18 APRIL Easter Monday 	19 APRIL	20 APRIL	21 APRIL	22 APRIL	23/24 APRIL





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Community Notices...



Miniroos Soccer Saturdays at 11.00 AM Portland Soccer Club For boys and girls aged 5-9



Please bring water and a hat.

Register at www.playfootball.com.au/miniroos
(Search for Miniros Kickoff at Portland)



Ring Les 0414 559 106 for more information.



PORTLAND AUSKICK CENTRE

WHERE: HANLON PARK, PORTLAND, VIC

WHEN: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

DATES: APRIL 27TH TILL JUNE 29TH (10 SESSIONS)

TIME: 5:00 PM—6:00 PM

COST: \$89.00 INCLUDES AUSKICK PACK , All SESSIONS TERM 2 , 2022

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

<https://play.afl/auskick>

[Portland Auskick Centre](#) | [PlayHQ](#)

CONTACTS:

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COORDINATOR: Michael Carr 0411 841 562

Share your thoughts. Shape our future.



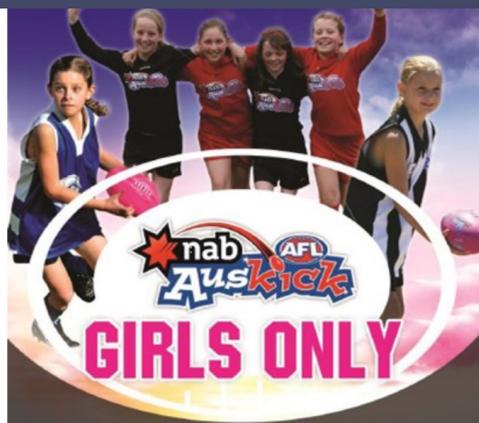
Join our Community Panel to discuss what projects and services are most important over the next five years.

This is your chance to represent your community so we can make the right decisions for the future. You will be thanked for your contribution through a \$350 gift card on completion of the panel in May, with other supports available.

Interested?

Express your interest at engageandexplore.wannonwater.com.au or freecall 1300 926 666 to receive a paper form.

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GIRLS ONLY NAB AFL AUSKICK PORTLAND TIGERS JFC

Please Note: In 2022 we have shifted Auskick to Friday afternoon.

WHERE: HANLON PARK, PORTLAND, VIC

WHEN: FRIDAY March 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th also April 1st.

TIME: 4:30 PM—5:45 PM

COST: \$85.00 INCLUDES AUSKICK PACK ,

and REGISTRATION FOR BOTH GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS AND REGULAR AUSKICK SESSIONS WITHIN LOCAL AREA FOR 2022.

REGISTER ONLINE search clubs & centres (Portland Tigers (all girls) Auskick Centre)

Contact: portlandtigersjfc@gmail.com

M. Sealey 0417 592 969



Pre season training starts for 2022

The GSWJFL
Portland Tigers JFC
are looking to field 3
sides in 2022

Under 11s
(U11s, must be 8-10 years at Jan 1st 2022)

Under 14s

Under 17s

Starting from the 15th March
**Tuesdays and
Thursdays**

Alexandra Park

4: 30 pm to 5:30 pm

Pre-season training, Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 15th.
All past and new players welcome, bring a mate have a kick, all abilities welcome no experience needed.
BYO drinks etc, follow COVID guidelines please do not attend if feeling unwell.

For more details please contact
email: portlandtigersjfc@gmail.com
Simon: 0409 521 789



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Community Notices...

**EMERGENCY SERVICES
MAGIC OF STORYTIME**
with
FIRE RESCUE



**11.00 AM
FRIDAY 1 APRIL 2022
GLENELG LIBRARY PORTLAND**

THIS IS A FREE EVENT

Book giveaways and fun activities, including exploring the special equipment Fire Rescue employ during an emergency.




WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKPACK?

Kids Camp 2022
Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th April, 2022

Tandara Lutheran Camp – Halls Gap
For 9-12 year olds only
\$170

Registrations are limited, use the link to register -
Link:
<http://jstan2.pairserver.com/apps/tlcapp/register/form/7>
manager@camptandara.com
(03) 5356 4253



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a
child of God

Portland Hockey Club



Get started today with
HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

Join us for a 8 week program aimed at Primary School Students (5-12 Years)
Starting Sat 5th of March 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

NO PRIOR HOCKEY EXPERIENCE NEEDED

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Portland Football Netball Cricket Club
Hampden Junior Registration now open.



REGISTER HERE



Under 12s When: Wednesdays Where: Hanlon Park Time: 4:30 - 5:30 pm	Under 14s & 16s When: Mon & Weds Where: Hanlon Park Time: 4:30 - 6:00 pm
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Contact: Darren Burns 0407 949 441