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Welcome

Welcome to the start of the 2024 school year. It is wonderful to see all the students again and to welcome our new students. On Monday we started with a Chapel service, and the message was just like a passport is important to get to our earthly home if we are overseas, the Bible is also really important to help us get to our Heavenly home. The Bible tells us about God and His love for us. All the Foundation and new students received their Bible. May we all start the year with the reminder that God loves us so much, He cares for us, and He is always with us. I pray that all students and families this year remember this beautiful truth. We look forward to learning with the young people in our care this year as they wonder and thrive.

Welcome BBQ

We welcome our Foundation students and families, and others who are new in our school community. We have a great opportunity to reconnect and meet new families this Friday, 2nd February 6.00pm at the Welcome BBQ. The P&F provide all meat and salads and we look forward to being able to gather together to celebrate the start of a new school year.

Staff Installation

This Sunday 4th February, there will be an Installation and Blessing of School Staff at the St John's Lutheran Church, 4 Tyers Street, beginning 9:30am. All families and visitors are welcome to attend.

Welcome new staff

This year we especially welcome Mrs Lerina Pantalone as our Year 2 teacher, Mrs Leanne Outtram as our Physical Education teacher, Mrs Sarah Linekar as our Japanese teacher, Miss Madeline Wyllie as Learning Support Officer, and Miss Carlee Menzel as Learning Support Officer.

Staff Training

During the holidays staff completed their First Aid training updates and completed a PeaceWise course which focused on promoting peace and reconciliation in relationships through biblical principles and the power of Christ.

Sport's Day

Our Athletics Sport's Day is on Friday 22nd March held on our school grounds. Please let the front office know if you can assist on the day.





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School Transition

There are some fantastic resources available to support families whose child/ren may be feeling nervous or concerned about returning to school. Our school has access to SchoolTV which is a powerful resource providing you with sound advice and practical strategies that connect, inform, and empower you in raising safe, happy and resilient young people. This month's topic is school transitions.



Whether it is starting school for the first time, moving up to a higher grade or starting a new school, there is no doubt that any school transition is a very exciting time for children and parents. It means your children are growing up!

However, transitioning is an ongoing process. It can continue long after students have entered their new environment and may encounter difficulties at several different stages. These stressors may appear as anxiety and frustration and result in negative or disruptive behaviours. Such behaviours can become problematic making the transitioning process even more difficult for children and parents.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn practical strategies to assist your child during the transition process and reduce stress and anxiety levels.

The link to the "School Transitions" Edition Promotion edition of SchoolTV
<https://stjohnsportland.schooltv.me/newsletter/school-transitions>

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 Megan Alexander malexander@stjohnsportland.vic.edu.au ph. 03 5523 3833

Mrs Lerina Pantalone lpantalone@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



Chapel...

As we had our opening Chapel service on Monday, the next Chapel service will be next Friday 9th February beginning at 9.00 in the Unity Centre. Assembly will follow directly afterwards. All are welcome to our Chapel services and Assemblies.



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Playgroup

Our Playgroup has resumed this week and will continue every Wednesday and Thursday between 9.00-11.00am. *Please note there will be no Playgroup next Wednesday 7th February due to staff professional development training.* For more information, please contact our front office on 5523 3833, Facebook page or our Playgroup Coordinator, Mrs Jess Cook
jcook@stjohnsportland.vic.edu.au



Term 1 Week 1





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Devotion...

EVERY STEP

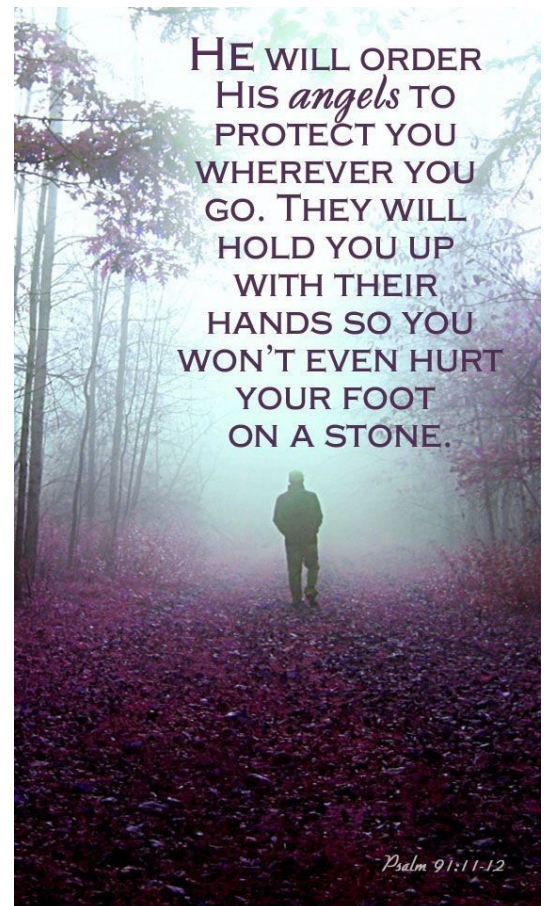
For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go.

- Psalm 91:11 (NLT)

The future is like a huge mountain looming in front of you. Its peaks are spiked with troubles, and its sides are pitted with problems. How can you face something so huge?

The real trouble is not the mountain—it's that you're looking *only* at the mountain. And because you aren't looking at where you're going right now, you stumble on the easy path of today.

I know how much that future mountain worries you. But it may not even be part of our path. You don't know what will happen today, much less tomorrow. I may suddenly turn you away from the mountain, or show you an easier path. But I promise that if I ask you to climb that mountain, I will give you everything you need to reach the top. My angels will protect you. And I will be right by your side every step of the way.





OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Term 1 Week 2	5th February	6th February	7th February - No Playgroup - No Foundations	8th February - Playgroup gam-11am	9th February - Chapel & Assembly gam	10th & 11th February - Tyrendarra Show
Term 1 Week 3	12th February	13th February - Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes	14th February - Ash Wednesday gam Chapel - Playgroup gam-11am - District Swimming - No Foundations	15th February - Playgroup gam-11am	16th February	17th & 18th February
Term 1 Week 4	19th February	20th February	21st February - Playgroup gam-11am - No Foundations	22nd February - Playgroup gam-11am - District Tennis (TBC)	23rd February - Chapel & Assembly gam	24th & 25th February
Term 1 Week 5	26th February	27th February	28th February - Playgroup gam-11am - No Foundations	29th February - Playgroup gam-11am - Division Swimming	1st March - Chapel & Assembly gam - World Day Of Prayer	2nd & 3rd March



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Community Notices...



Meet the coaches, have a swim and enjoy our Welcome BBQ!

COME AND Try

We welcome swimmers who wish to compete, make new friends or just keep up their fitness levels!

Ages 8-18
February 2
5:30-6:30 PM
Outdoor Pool

Belgravia Leisure, Portland
Non-Belgravia members will need to pay pool entry
• portlandswimclub@outlook.com.au



JUNIOR BASKETBALL

REGO NOW OPEN

Portland Junior Basketball
Autumn 2024 Season
Season commences week of 19th Feb

More info and registration link:
www.portlandbasketball.com.au/domestic

WeSupportYou

Disability Services

- Weekly social group - Sporting comps
- Community access - Monthly camps
- Capacity building - Respite care



Exciting upcoming programs:

Sat Feb 3rd - Portland Community Gardens

Come and celebrate the Portland Community Garden's 10th birthday. WeSupportYou are proud members of the gardens.

Sat Feb 10th - All Abilities Surf Day

Learn to surf with specialised equipment inc beach wheelchairs, custom boards and surf bean bags.

Fri 23rd-Sun 25th - Halls Gap Camp

Camping or Holiday home accommodation, campfire cooking, hiking, mini golf and waterholes.

For more info head to

www.wesupportyou.com.au



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