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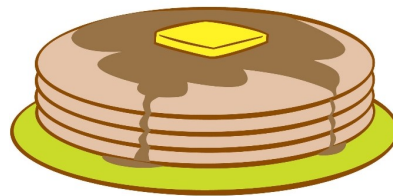
Welcome BBQ & Installation

Thank you to all who attended the P&F Welcome BBQ last Friday night. It was a great way to reconnect with one another, welcome our new families and build community in our school. A big thank you to the P&F for providing the delicious salads and meat. Thank you also to those who attended the Church Installation and Blessing of staff service on Sunday. It has been a great start to the school year.



Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent – a time set aside for focus on repentance and preparation for Easter. To help the students gain a better understanding of the season of Lent, the students will make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, which is next Tuesday, 13th of February. Rather than holding chapel at our regular time on Friday morning, our Chapel service for next week will be on **Ash Wednesday**. A separate letter will be sent home which explains more about our Ash Wednesday Chapel service.



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**



A S H
W E D N E S D A Y

Valuing Safe Communities

If any parents or carers would like to volunteer in our school, you need to attend an information session, complete an online training module, and provide a Working With Children's Check to the front office. Information sessions this year will be held on Thursday 15th February 2.00-3.00pm and on Monday 19th February 6.00-7.00pm in the Unity Centre auditorium. If you have previously attended an Information session and completed the online training, this is valid for 3 years. Please contact the front office to register for one of the information sessions. To indicate your preference for volunteering this year, please complete the Volunteer Time and Talents sheet which has been sent home today.



VALUING SAFE COMMUNITIES

Geelong Cats Football Visit

Next Wednesday 14th February the Year 3/4 class will be attending the AFL Geelong Cats visit to Portland. Could all students in Year 3/4 please wear their sport's uniform on this day.





Anaphylaxis

We ask that everyone in our school community please support the children in our school who are at risk of anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. Food allergies are the most common cause of anaphylaxis. There is no cure for food allergy, therefore avoidance of known food allergens is crucial. Peanuts and tree nuts are the foods most likely to cause anaphylaxis. We support children at risk of anaphylaxis at school by training staff, encouraging children to wash their hands before and after eating and providing education to children about food allergies. We ask you to support children at risk of anaphylaxis by:

- Being mindful of sending nuts to school. We do not ban foods with nuts but just prefer parents to be mindful.
- Teaching your child not to share food with friends.
- Explain to your child to get help immediately if their schoolmate gets sick.

Thank you in advance for helping us provide a safe environment that meets the needs of all our children.



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.



Child Safety

Traffic safety

In order to keep our students safe around traffic especially for morning drop offs and pickups in the afternoon, please observe the following:

- **PLEASE drive slowly** when you enter the school grounds.
- Use the yellow pedestrian zebra crossing if parked.
- Do not park across the yellow zebra crossing if doing quick drop off or pick up.

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



Chapel...

The Chapel service tomorrow will be led by the Year 5/6 students beginning at 9.00 in the Unity Centre. Assembly will follow directly afterwards. All are welcome.



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Applications for CSEF is now open.

"Camps Sports and Excursion Funding (CSEF)"



The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like school camps, trips, school organized sports programs, outdoor education programs, excursions, and incursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. A Special Consideration category also exists. Payments are \$125 per eligible primary student. Students starting Foundation or Year 7 who are eligible for CSEF may also receive assistance toward the cost of school uniforms.

For more information visit the CSEF website <https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

Information and Application Forms have been sent home today.

Term 1 Week 2





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Devotion...

I WILL LIFT YOU UP

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

- Ephesians 2:6

I am above all things: your problems, your disappointments and hurts, and all the ever-changing events that fill up this world. And I want to lift you above all these things too.

It's a fact: You will have problems in this life. You will stumble and fall into the dirt and dust of this world. But don't give up! Don't let the dirt and dust be the only thing you see. See Me! Reach out your hand and call out, "Help me, Jesus!"

I am always near you. I will grab your hand, and I will pull you up. I will dust you off and sit you beside Me. And I will show you how— together—we can get through it all.

...and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable *riches of his grace in kindness* toward us in Christ Jesus.

-Ephesians 2:6-7-



OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

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



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Community Notices...

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

SEA CHANGE PORTLAND COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

THURS 22nd FEBRUARY

Action planning for community projects
focused on improving health and wellbeing

1pm OR 7pm



SEA Change is a community driven movement supporting healthy eating and active living through social connection

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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