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Swimming

Tomorrow we have a number of students who have qualified for the next level in District swimming. We wish them all the best and congratulate them for reaching this next stage of competition.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills. Students in Years 3 and 5 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and Numeracy. The dates for NAPLAN this year are 13th to 25th March. On Wednesday 13th March, the students will complete their Writing test, on Thursday 14th March the students will complete their Reading and Language Conventions test, and on Friday 15th March the students will complete their Numeracy test. We will also provide catch-up days for students to complete the assessments.

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 cost of school uniforms.

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

School Attendance

Please remember that supervision of our students begins at 8.30am and students should not be dropped off unsupervised before this time. Please be mindful that we have staff meetings every morning until 8.30am and often in the afternoons after 3.30pm.

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



Playgroup

Our Playgroup will be Wednesday and Thursday next week between 9.00-11.00am. 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



Chapel...

The Year 3/4 class will be leading Chapel tomorrow. Assembly will follow. All are welcome.



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SRC Fundraiser

Support for Pomonal and Dadswells Bridge - Easter Fundraising Initiative.

On the 16th of February 2024, our hearts go out to those affected by the loss of approximately 46 homes in Pomonal and Dadswells Bridge, Western Victoria. In response to this, the Student Representative Council (SRC) has undertaken a compassionate initiative to bring our school community together for a meaningful cause.

At the end of this term, we are excited to announce our Easter-themed fundraisers:

Activities During Week 9:

Guess the Egg Jar: throughout week 9, we're setting up the 'Guess the Egg Jar' challenge out the front of the library. It's a gold coin donation to take a guess, and you can do it in the morning, at lunch, or after school.

Easter Themed Biscuit Sale: During week 9 lunchtimes, SRC will be selling Easter-themed biscuits for a gold coin donation.

Easter Bonnet Parade - Thursday, 28th March:

On the last day of Term, coinciding with Grandparents' Day on Thursday, 28th March, we will be having the Easter Bonnet Parade at 10:45 am. Join us in celebrating the spirit of Easter and showcasing your unique, festive hats for a gold coin donation.

Let's make this Easter unforgettable, supporting our school and lending a helping hand to Pomonal and Dadswell's Bridge.

The image shows a screenshot of the GIVIT website. At the top, the GIVIT logo is visible, followed by navigation links: WHAT WE DO, APPEALS, NEED HELP?, WHAT'S NEEDED, DONATE ITEMS, DONATE TIME, and DONATE FUNDS. Below the navigation is a large banner for the 'VIC Bushfires 2024' appeal, featuring a background image of a bushfire and a fire hose. The banner includes a 'DONATE ITEMS' button and a 'DONATE FUNDS' button. Below the banner, there is a section titled 'The best way to help people impacted by bushfires' with an 'UPDATE 16 FEBRUARY 2024' section stating that approximately 46 homes have been destroyed in Pomonal and Dadswells Bridge in Western Victoria. There is a 'DONATE TO VIC BUSHFIRES APPEAL' button. To the right of the main banner, there are two smaller boxes: 'Do you need help?' with a 'FIND AN ORGANISATION' button, and 'Organisations & charities' with a 'REGISTER TO USE GIVIT' button.



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Term 1 Week 4





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Devotion...

THE EMPTY SPOT

Ask and you will receive. And your joy will be the fullest joy.

- John 16:24 (ICB)

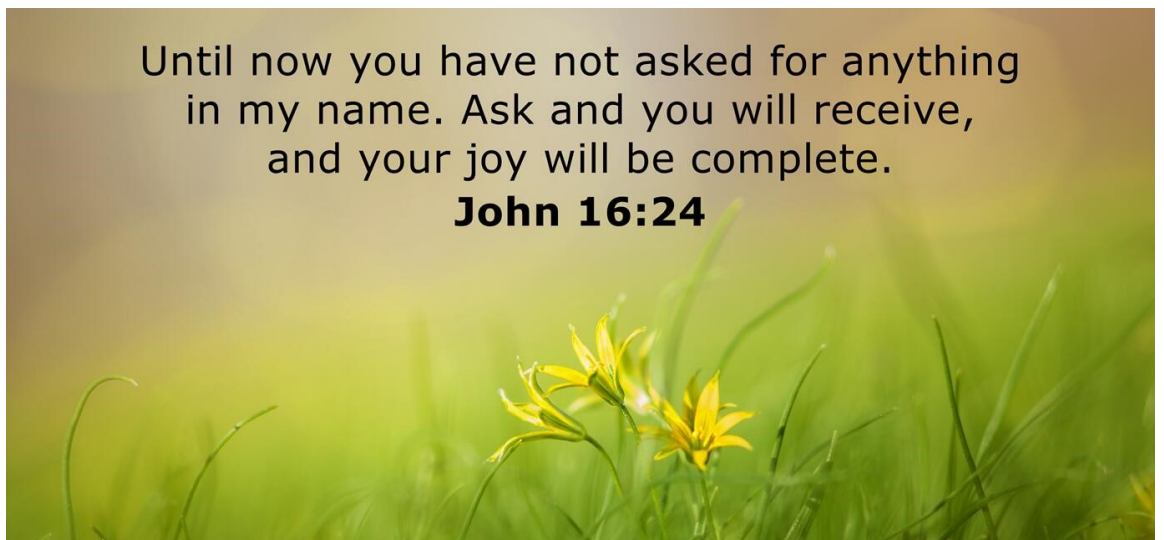
I created you with a need. It is an empty spot inside you. You may try to fill that empty spot with stuff or with friends, or even with sin. It may even work for a short while. But sooner or later, those things will fail you and you will be left feeling even emptier than before. I am the only one who can fill your empty spot.

You need Me every second of every day. And you can reach Me every second of every day. Pray all the time. It doesn't have to be a long prayer or one full of fancy words just say a simple, short prayer about whatever is happening at the moment. Let Me know you are thinking about Me. Or simply say My Name.

or whisper to yourself a verse from My Word. Just keep talking to Me; I will always be listening.

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

John 16:24





OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
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 - District Tennis & Golf	2nd & 3rd March
Term 1 Week 6	4th March	5th March - Bayview Orientation Day	6th March - Playgroup gam-11am - No Foundations	7th March - Playgroup gam-11am	8th March - Chapel & Assembly gam	9th & 10th March
Term 1 Week 7	11th March Labour Day—Public Holiday	12th March - GRIP—School Leaders	13th March - Playgroup gam-11am - Foundations Start full time - NAPLAN starts	14th March - Playgroup gam-11am	15th March - Chapel & Assembly gam	16th & 17th March
Term 1 Week 8	18th March	19th March	20th March - Playgroup gam-11am	21st March - Playgroup gam-11am	22nd March - Sports Carnival	23rd & 24th March



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Community Notices...



Portland Secondary College
Creating the opportunities

2025 Year 7 Information Evening

Portland Secondary College invites you to an Information Evening for prospective 2025 Year 7 Students and Families.

Join us for information/question and answer sessions for parents/ guardians. Following the Information sessions we invite you to join a school tour conducted by our school leaders.

Tuesday 6th March at 6.30pm

Can't be there on the night? Contact our General Office on 5523 1344 to arrange a school tour.



[portlandseccollege](https://www.facebook.com/portlandseccollege) [portland_secondary_college](https://www.instagram.com/portland_secondary_college) [portlandsc.vic.edu.au](https://www.portlandsc.vic.edu.au)

You're Invited!



Good Shepherd College's Senior Campus Open Day

Sunday 25th February
2:00-4:00pm
Senior Campus

Register at
<https://forms.gle/EEAQtji5HWhWRgc6>
or call 03 5571 2236



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PORTLAND TIGERS AFL KICKSTART PROGRAM

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2024!

Every Wednesday 5 - 6pm 17 April -26 June
Halon Park Portland
Mixed genders
Ages 5-10 years

\$40

INCLUDES TRAINING SINGLET, FOOTBALL
8-10 TRAINING SESSIONS
AND
HALF TIMES GAMES AT HALON PARK ALONG
SIDE THE PORTLAND TIGERS SENIOR TEAM!



Register Here



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PNCC Coordinator Michael Carr 0411 841 562



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STARTED
TODAY!**

**MOVE MORE
IN 2024**

4 WEEKS FREE, \$0 START UP FEES & MORE!