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Swimming

Today we have Fynn, Zeke, Jordan, and Ruby, representing our school at the Division Swimming in Warrnambool. We wish them well and congratulate them for reaching this next level.

World Day of Prayer

Tomorrow our School Captains will be representing our school at the World Day of Prayer Service.

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.



NAPLAN
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

Athletics Sport's Day

Our Athletic Sport's Day is on **Friday 22nd March** held on our school grounds.

Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day is on Thursday 28th March. 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 Unity Centre followed by classroom visits. Guests will then be asked to make their way back to the under cover area at 10.45 to view the Easter hat parade and then conclude with morning tea in Unity Centre at 11.00am.



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>



Term 1 Week 5

NCCD

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) provides State and Federal Governments with information they need to plan for how to support students with disability. Our school provides data to the Australian Government and all information provided is protected by privacy laws. The following link has more information https://www.nccd.edu.au/sites/default/files/nccd_parent_fact_sheet_english_0.pdf

Bushfires

Our school has been identified as being a Category 4 school on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR).

Our school will close on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic** fire danger rating in Southwest fire district.

The department's [Bushfire and Grass-fire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior via and/or email, the Seesaw app, or PAM.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

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





Child Safety

What are the Child Safe Standards?

- The Child Safe Standards (the Standards) began in Victoria in January 2016.
- The Standards help keep children safe from abuse and harm.
- There are 11 Child Safe Standards.
- Organisations working with children¹ must *comply* with the Standards. *Comply* means that your organisation must have things in place to show that you² follow and meet each standard.

Child Safe Standard 1

Organisations make sure that Aboriginal children feel culturally safe. They respect and value the identity and experiences of each child.

Your organisation and staff must:

- welcome Aboriginal³ people, their culture, and their rights
- understand how this helps Aboriginal children to feel safe and well
- not allow racism and have rules and actions to deal with racism
- assist Aboriginal children to express their diverse identities, customs, beliefs, and languages
- help Aboriginal children and their families to be involved in your organisation
- make sure they feel culturally safe
- have policies and systems that show you have done these things.

3 We use the word 'Aboriginal' to talk about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



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



Chapel...

The Year F/1B class will be leading Chapel tomorrow. Assembly will follow. All are welcome.



Students Awards



Term 1 Week 4 –RECIPIENTS

Foundation/Year 1A

- ☆ Isaac Alexander
- ☆ Bentley Hofmaier

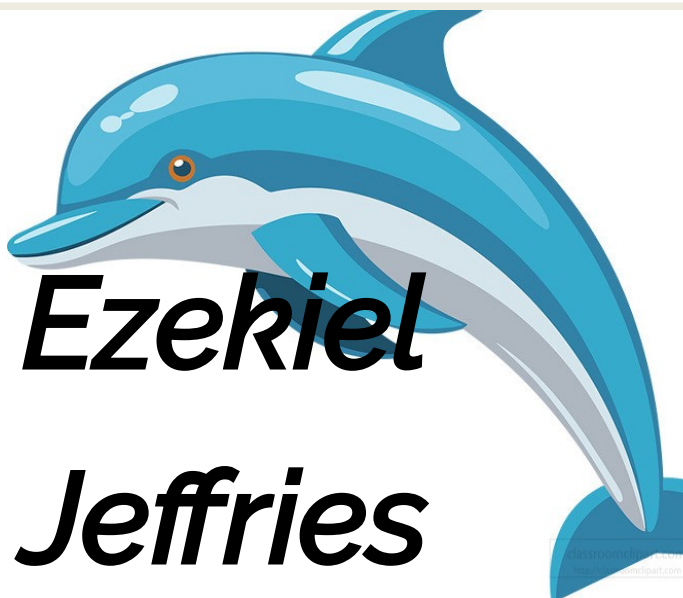
Foundation/Year 1B

- ☆ Imogen Malcolm
- ☆ Rory Wells

Term 1 Week 4 –Art Award

- ☆ Marli Chapman

Dolphin Award Recipient



Term 1 Week 4 –RECIPIENTS

Year 2

- ☆ Ezekiel Jeffries
- ☆ Maeve Merrett

Year 3/4

- ☆ Elva Cook
- ☆ Harper Ponturo

Year 5/6

- ☆ Elkie Gollasch
- ☆ Marius Carr

Term 1 Week 4 –Music Award

- ☆ Zeke Cleary
- ☆ Fletcher Wilson





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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 screenshot shows the GIVIT website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GIVIT logo and several menu items: WHAT WE DO, APPEALS, NEED HELP?, WHAT'S NEEDED, DONATE ITEMS, DONATE TIME, and DONATE FUNDS. Below the navigation bar, there is a large banner image of a bushfire. On the left side of the banner, there is a red box with the text "VIC Bushfires 2024" and two buttons: "DONATE ITEMS" and "DONATE FUNDS". Below the banner, there is a section titled "The best way to help people impacted by bushfires" with a sub-heading "UPDATE 16 FEBRUARY 2024: Approximately 46 homes have been destroyed in Pomonal and Dadswells Bridge in Western Victoria". Below this text, there is a button "DONATE TO VIC BUSHFIRES APPEAL". To the right of this section, there are two white boxes with blue borders. The first box is titled "Do you need help?" and contains the text "Are you an individual looking for an organisation that can help you? Find local support organisations to request items on your behalf." and a button "FIND AN ORGANISATION". The second box is titled "Organisations & charities" and contains the text "Are you an organisation in need of donations for people you support?" and a button "REGISTER TO USE GIVIT".



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Term 1 Week 5





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Devotion...

FOLLOW ME

Jesus Answered . . . “You must follow me.”

- John 21:22 (CEV)

The evil one wants you to follow his path instead of Mine. He will tell you his way is easier—that you can do whatever you want. He will tell you other people don't follow Me, and they seem to do just fine. He will tell you that other kids will laugh at you for following Me.

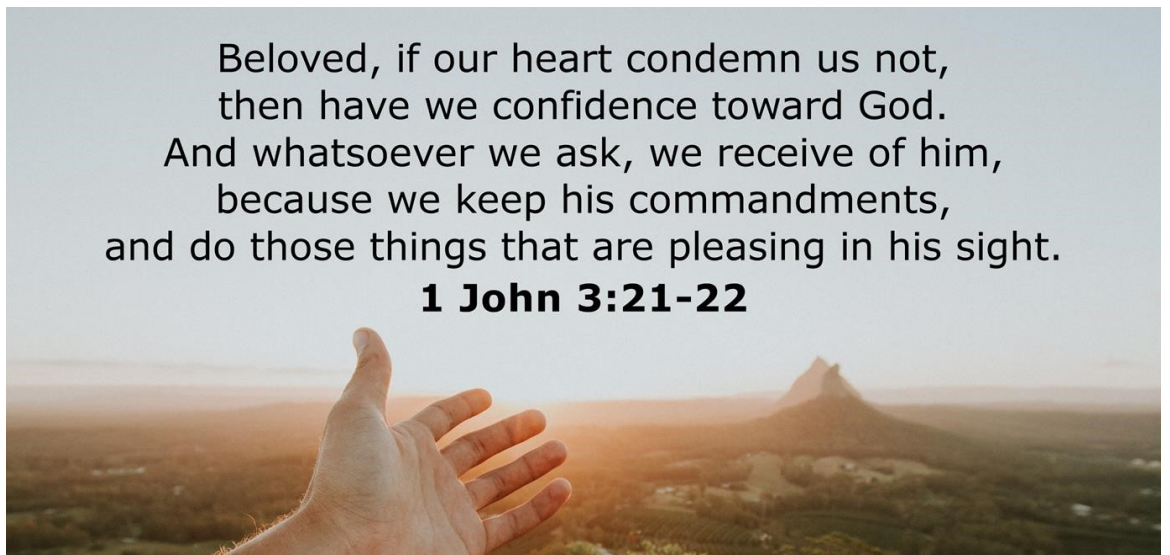
These are all lies. If you choose his path, you will fall. But he will not help you up; instead, he will hold you down.

I created a path just for you, and I will lead you down it day by day. I will help you over every obstacle. I will pick you up whenever you fall. I will walk alongside you so that you are never alone.

Just as I said
to My
disciple
Peter, so I say
to you:
“Follow Me”.

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not,
then have we confidence toward God.
And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him,
because we keep his commandments,
and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

1 John 3:21-22





OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Term 1 Week 6	4th March	5th March - Bayview eDay	6th March - Playgroup gam-11am - No Foundations	7th March - Playgroup gam-11am - Year 5/6 Local excursion	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 - Secondary come and try day	21st March - Playgroup gam-11am	22nd March - Sports Carnival	23rd & 24th March
Term 1 Week 9	25th March	26th March	27th March	28th March - Chapel & Assembly gam - Grandparents Day - Easter Bonnet Parade 10:45am - Grandparents Morning Tea 11:00am	29th March Good Friday	30th & 31st March Easter Saturday & Sunday



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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.



FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP

PARENTING 101: BRINGING BACK THE FUN

PRESENTED BY ANDY MCNEILLY

Where has all the fun gone? Through our life journeys, we enjoy having fun.

Spending time together telling stories, playing, and laughing, are some of the joys of being alive. It is through these fun times together as a family that we form strong, connected, and loving relationships. But the busyness of life can often get in the way.

As adults, we can find ourselves distracted with all those so-called important tasks we need to do. This fun-filled online workshop will leave parents and carers with simple strategies and reminders to take home and use immediately, needing little resources. We'll talk about the importance of building strong, connected relationships, and some of the challenges our children are facing. This online workshop will offer suggestions to help us to remove some of the barriers that get in the way and to create some time to spend with our loved ones.

MONDAY 4 MARCH

Online workshop
7.30pm-9.00pm

BOOKINGS

Scan the QR code or visit
geelongcity.ptf.com.com/232838995304059

This is a free event but bookings are essential.



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PORTLAND TIGERS AFL KICKSTART PROGRAM

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2024!

Every Wednesday 5 - 6pm 17 April -26 June
Halton 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!



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TODAY!**

**MOVE MORE
IN 2024**

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