The school holidays are here!

What are your plans?

It is amazing how quickly Term 3 has flown by! So much learning has transpired over the past 11 weeks along with so many extra curricular activities run by our amazingly dedicated staff.

The last 2 weeks have seen staff and students participate in our inaugural Art Show, an author visit, aerobics before school, Division Athletics and The annual Footy Day Parade just to name a few!

Our students have certainly earned a 2 week break to recharge their batteries ready for the final term of the 2016 which will involve whole school transition, the swimming program, reports and graduation among other things.

As school comes to close later today I would like to take this opportunity today to say thank you to our staff, students, parents and the wider community for making this school what it is today.

Please ensure you stay safe during the holidays by buckling up, driving safely and watching the road closely, particularly with the flooding conditions we are currently experiencing.

We look forward to seeing all the smiling faces back at school on Monday October the 3rd.

School finishes at 2.30pm
WOW! What an amazing show. The quality of our student’s art work was second to none and they should all be extremely proud if themselves.

A big thankyou to our families who supported this event. To see the pride in each child’s face as they shared their art work with you must have been a great feeling.

Many hours of time was put into the organisation and setting up of this Art celebration and we need to congratulate not only the children but also our art teacher extraordinaire Mr Tim O’Hara and his very capable assistant Jo Twomey who worked many extra hours to showcase the talent of our students. Thank you also to all our staff who supported this amazing event.
Author and Illustrator Visit

Our students were lucky enough to experience a wonderful literacy immersion with author, Michael Wagner and Illustrator Wayne Bryant. These guest speakers spent time with our children story telling, reading and developing the art of illustrating. Thank you to Mr Michael Nelson for organising these inspiring speakers.

Mrs K-T - “Kids loved it. I loved it. I was laughing at the kids laughing. It was so much fun!”

Miss Marchbank - “I had little tears of laughter throughout it”

Quotes from the Preps

Tomi - I want to buy all of his books

Jackson - I laughed so much I thought I was going to wet my pants

Hamish - I want to write a book called Muffin Dude (like Pig Dude)

Clair - Michael did lots of funny voices - I think he's a great reader

Eellee - I can't believe it takes him days and days and days to write a book, he must really love it
How to turn requests into problems for kids to solve—Michael Grose

When parents solve all children’s problems we not only increase their dependency on adults but we teach them to be afraid of making mistakes. That’s fertile ground for anxiousness and perfectionism, which often go hand in hand.

Kids get used to bringing their problems to parents to solve.

Of course, if you keep solving them, they’ll keep bringing them. “Mum, my sister is annoying me?” “Dad, can you ask my teacher to pick me for the team?” “Hey, I can’t find my socks!”

It’s tempting if you are in a time-poor family to simply jump in and help kids out.

Alternatively, you can take a problem-solving approach, cueing them to resolve their own problems and take responsibility for their concerns. “What can you do to make her stop annoying you?” “What’s the best approach to take with your teacher?” “Socks, smocks! Where might they be?”

Here are 5 questions you can ask kids to encourage them to resolve their own problems:

1. “Can you solve this yourself?”
Get kids thinking they can do it.

2. “What do you think needs to happen?”
Start kids thinking about solving problems.

3. “What’s the first step?”
Sometimes just getting kids started is enough to get them working out issues themselves.

4. “How would you like me to help?”
Get kids considering the type of assistance they need.

5. “What’s the best way to do this?”
Get kids assessing and prioritising.

Problem-solving is one of the four major skills (optimism, social skills & independence being the others) that resilient kids share, yet it’s the one that many of us aren’t equipped to develop. Start by stepping back and asking good questions when kids bring you their problems to solve.
Coooooeeeee! – Sun Bear Children’s Festival – September Holidays

Sunday 2\textsuperscript{nd} October. 11am-2pm. Spring Creek Reserve Torquay
The Sun Bear Children’s Festival (2nd October 2016, 11-3pm, Torquay), is bringing together families, schools and students from the Surf Coast, Geelong and regional Victoria. The not-for-profit, Sun Bear Children's Festival runs alongside World Animal Day and has nature, wildlife and the protection of their habitat at its heart.

It is a spectacular day of celebrating children's love of animals and their innate connection to nature. The program is rich with wildlife and conservation activities, workshops, talks, music & food including well known nature organisations and figureheads such as: opening by Captain Koala, Eco Logic demonstration and activities, Wildlife Costume-making workshop, Mark Trinham presentation, Animal Yoga, Indigenous Bush Toys workshop, GORCC nature activities, The Connies as the super-fun and entertaining eco-educators, Totem Animal workshop, Endangered Wildlife Costume Parade and many more nature based games and activities.

This year we are also privileged to welcome the incredible, Short Black Opera to the stage alongside many local, musical talents. Have some fun during the holidays creating a wildlife costume with the kids to bring along or make one at the festival workshop. Visit the Sun Bear Children’s Festival website or Facebook page to see the fun, hand’s on and educational work.
Communities of the Bellarine

**Walk for Wellbeing**

11 am Sunday October 9th 2016
Foreshore Pier Street, Start & Finish (3km)

_Celebrate the importance of health and wellbeing_  
Launch Mental Health Week October 9th – 15th 2016  
Entry is a donation  
Funds go to Bellarine communities’ mental health and wellbeing activities

CONNECT  SUPPORT  CELEBRATE
Portarlington Primary School

We are proudly associated with the following programs and initiatives that underpin our school values - Respect, Safe, Responsibility and Kindness.

**Victoria Police**
Leading Senior Constable Robbie Noggler
Robbie supports our staff and students with training and education programs.

**Healthy Together**
From drug education, sun protection, healthy eating, physical exercise to mental health and wellbeing - this framework helps coordinate our health and wellbeing actions across eight health priority areas.

**White Ribbon - Breaking the Silence and Preventing the Perpetration of Violence against Women and Girls**
This framework helps us to learn and embed models of respectful relationships in our school culture.

**Child Wise**
Parent sessions and classroom programs are implemented with children by our teachers to build awareness, deliver education, and provide the tools to empower individuals and communities around Australia so they can actively prevent child abuse and exploitation.

**Child Safe Standards**
We are committed to ensuring the safety of every child. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously. We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

**Brave Hearts**
Australia's leading child protection advocate.
Ditto and the Team support our staff and students and perform Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure at our school.

**E-Smart Cyber Safety**
Our programs and policies are designed to help the cyber-safety of everyone and reduce cyber-bullying.

**Kids Matter**
This is a mental health and wellbeing framework proven to make a positive difference to the lives of children. Kids Matter supports schools to work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids.

**Our School Values**
I am safe. I am respectful. I am kind. I am responsible.

**A Positive Approach to High Levels of Learning for All**
Keeping our Beautiful Children Safe in the Sun!

Hats must be worn outside commencing the 1st of September until the 1st of May each year.

## School Calendar

Please check the calendar regularly as some events are subject to change.

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**Nude Food Lunch Boxes**

An amazing lunch box with NO WRAPPERS !!!!!

Is what is required each day for a healthy lunch box.
IV Model Boat Exhibition
Queenscliff Maritime Museum
September 24th - October 1st
10:30am - 4:30pm
info@maritimequeenscliff.org.au
(03) 5258 3440

Primary School Model Boat Competition
- The model boat must be no longer than 300mm.
- All models to be delivered to the QMM on Saturday the 24th of September from 10:30am and picked up on Saturday 1st of October.

Supporters
Portarlington Primary ……..

Reminder-Student Supervision
Staff supervise the school yard between 8.40—9am, 11-11.30am, 1.40-2.15pm and 3.15-3.30pm. Children arriving at school before 8.40am must be booked into the before school care program. Kelly Club, no supervision is provided before this time.

Yard Supervision
Please discuss this with your child. Our school yard is always supervised. Staff wear fluorescent vests for easy identification. Staff members may also be found in the office and staff room during break times. Passive play operates (with a teacher), at lunch time in the library.

Active Travel
Wednesdays are Walk to School Days. Please make sure that you are walking a safe route when you come to school. We have spotters looking out for children being active and staying safe.

Thank you to children and parents for walking safely to school every day.

School Fruit and Vegetable Garden Volunteers
We are seeking any parents/grandparents or friends that would like to volunteer in our Fruit and Vegetable Garden. You choose what you would like to help with.
Some things to do include-

🎉 Watering
🎉 Planting
🎉 Weeding
🎉 Harvesting
🎉 Preparing fruit and veggies for distribution to the children. Helping during the MLC garden classes
🎉 Collecting seeds and cuttings
🎉 Potting
2017 GIRLS JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Are you a girl aged 9 to 14 who loves her football?

Why not get involved with your local junior football club

Come and join the 2017 Portarlington Demons first girls Under 12’s & Under 15’s Football Teams!

Local Portarlington star female footballer Temmika Beeston will also be the Portarlington Demons Girls Football Ambassador

Temmika started her junior football at Portarlington in Auskick, then onto player for the Demons in 2007 to 2010 and then started Youth Girls for Moderwarre and has represented Victoria on 4 occasions and also was Vice Captain for the Victorian Country team in 2015 and Leguaes Best and Fairest in 2014 and 2015

Temmika is currently playing football for Geelong in the Victorian Womens Football League

Under 12’s Junior Girls is played with modified rules and designed to encourage participation and player development. Under 15’s is played the same as the boys competition expect there is no kicking off the ground & 40 metre penalties instead of 50.

An Information Session will be held in November 2016 details to be confirmed.

Please express your interest to either:

Claire Hughes - scanhughes@yahoo.com.au (0488 579 719)

Sam English - samantha.english0705@gmail.com.au (0407 482 523)
FANCY A CUPPA? - PARENT CONNECT
Monday Morning at 9am at the Bakehouse Portarlington

Our Parent Connect team is now meeting at the Portarlington Bakehouse for an informal chat and coffee. It’s a great way for like minded parents to get together and chat.

See Gabrielle Waller or Karen Button for more information.
Dear Parents

As the school holidays are approaching, you may have plans to travel on Victoria’s roads. Significant rain is expected to fall over much of Victoria over the next few days, which may result in flooding.

Because of this rainfall, there is an increased risk to those travelling on our roads, and it is possible that houses across the State may be impacted as well.

I urge you to heed the following advice from emergency services:

• You should never drive through floodwater – it only takes about 15 centimetres of water to lose control of your vehicle.

• Drive to the conditions around you and be aware of road hazards such as mud, debris, damaged roads and bridges.

• Roads in your area could be damaged by the bad weather so plan your journey and monitor Vic Traffic for road condition updates and any road closures, see: Vic Traffic

• Never swim, walk or play in floodwater, it is dangerous and may contain hazardous debris or toxins.

• If your property is at risk of flooding, please raise belongings onto tables, benches or beds and if you are on a farm, consider moving your livestock to higher ground.

• Remain informed with emergency broadcasters to ensure you are up-to-date with the latest conditions and if possible, make sure your neighbours are aware of the situation. For more information, see: Vic Emergency

Many thanks, and have a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Jackie Kaiser
Acting Principal