A huge thank you to all of our families and children who marched in the Portarlington Anzac parade on Monday. It was a magnificent day and hundreds of people came to commemorate all of those who served for Australia. We are so indebted to those who served and sacrificed their lives to protect our country. We must also remember that Australians from different heritages served our country including Indigenous Australians, and Australians with British, Asian, Greek and Northern European heritage. Women were an important part of the Australian campaign serving in many roles including nursing. Animals are also involved in war. Horses, donkey, camels, pigeons and dogs were used to carry messages and transport soldiers and equipment. Many Australian women and men from different cultures continue to serve our country today. We honour and respect the work that they do.

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Thank you to Mel Singleton for picking up the wreath of flowers from the florist prior to the Anzac March. Thank you to Chris Reilly for collecting the school banner and Australian Flag after the event and returning them to school. We really appreciate your help.
Geelong Schools Anzac Commemoration

Eleni and Devon represented our school at the Geelong Schools Anzac service last Friday. All of the primary and secondary schools of the region participate (including Catholic, Independent schools and Deakin Uni). It is always a very moving tribute.
Run to Rio

Our Run to Rio campaign is well on its way. There was fun to be had on Wednesday at lunch time with all the staff dressing up in their 1980’s “active wear”. Everyone huffed and puffed their way around our track. So far, we have completed over 20,000 laps. Woo Hoo!

Run To Rio 5/6 VS Staff

On Wednesday the 27 of April grade 5/6 went head to head in a run off with the staff members on the run to Rio track. The staff’s laps were times by 5 to make it fair. The 5/6 won by 47 laps. It was great to see everyone trying their very best. Everyone had fun and that’s the main thing. The grade 5/6 ran 442 laps and the staff ran 395. By Aja Sewell and Blaide Dowie
Cross Country- Good luck to all our 33 qualifiers who will be participating at Barwon Heads on Wednesday in the next round of the Cross Country Running.

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Grade 5/6 Environment day 2016

On the 24\textsuperscript{th} of April grade 5/6 walked down to the foreshore park and met the Bellarine bayside team so we can learn what we are going to do. Firstly we planted native plants that live in the area thousands of years ago and learnt what good effects it has on the environment and the animals who live in the area.

Secondly we walked down some stairs to do a relay that taught you the bad things weeds do in the area such as make the birds unhealthy and block native plants roots so they can’t grab nutrients from the dirt to make them live and block sunlight so they can’t do photosynthesis and live and make flowers.

Thirdly we went beach combing near the new harbour and found a decomposed arrow squid and learnt that the seagulls would feed of the arrow squid and also other animals. Beach combing, running relays planting trees nothing can get better than keeping Portarlington beautiful and pristine.

By Jim T and Caleb T
School Council

April Meeting Summary

1. The **play equipment** will be relocated in the July holidays to the area adjacent to Newcombe Street under the big sign.

2. The **2015 Annual Report** was approved.

3. **Traffic Management Risk Assessment**
Portarlington Primary School has continued (over many, many years) to address the road safety issue with the relevant authorities. This has predominantly been carried out by writing letters and making phone calls. Current school councillor Tony Madigan is experienced in Emergency Management and had conducted a risk assessment for our school. This assessment has taken into account the root causes of the issues that we face on a daily basis.

The school council endorsed the Traffic Management Risk Assessment and this 12 page document will be sent to Vic Roads and the City of Greater Geelong along with a request for a meeting with some of our school councillors.

4. **Fundraising** -
   Our Annual **Golf Day** has been cancelled due to the lack of entries by the golfers. Several hampers will be put together from all the donations. Thank you to all of our families who sent items to school. These hampers will be raffled throughout the year to support our fundraising efforts.

   **Entertainment Books** - now selling

5. **Public Transport on the Bellarine** - a letter has been sent to our local member Lisa Neville and the Minister for Transport Jacinta Allen requesting improved bus services on the Bellarine Peninsula.

6. The following **REPORTS** were tabled and accepted -
   **Principal Report** - the following events were approved -
   **ANZAC Service Geelong for school captains** – 22\textsuperscript{nd} April
   **ANZAC Day Portarlington Community Service** - 25\textsuperscript{th} April
   **District Cross Country** - 22 qualifying students- 4\textsuperscript{th} May
   **Division Cross Country** – for those who qualify – 24\textsuperscript{th} May
   **MLC Camp** - May 25\textsuperscript{th}-27\textsuperscript{th} Anglesea
   **Lightning Premiership** - 26\textsuperscript{th} May (football and netball)

   **Finance Report** – Damage to the shade sail and the outdoor picnic tables was significant during the Easter break. The school council approved the installation of CCTV surveillance at the school.

   **Market Report** – The Easter Sunday Market was a huge success.

   **Healthy Together Report** – Topics discussed included Nutrition Information for families, Traffic Safety, Development of the Play Pod, Grants available from Bellarine Community Health and work was continued on the action plans for Mental Health and Safe Environments.

   **Out of School Hours Care Report** (Kelly Club OSHC) - 17 children participated in the curriculum day care on the 11\textsuperscript{th} of April. The first vacation care program was successful.
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

We live in a digital world. We are immersed in technology and it is now firmly embedded in our culture. Portarlington Primary School has a strategic plan that ensures we are providing the best possible educational opportunities for our school community. We developed our new 4 year plan last year. This involved developing the vision for the school and examining the resourcing required to action the plan.

- Areas covered include-
  - ICT teaching and learning for the children and parent/carer information forums.
  - Hardware and infrastructure.
  - Staffing to resource the programs (technicians and specialists).
  - Professional learning and training for staff.
  - Communication.
  - Overall, the plan incorporates ICT, digital learning and global learning.
  - The COMPASS platform forms the basis of our plan.

Our ICT Vision

At Portarlington Primary School digital technology will be used to enhance our school community’s life-long inquiry learning through engaging, collaborative and morally responsible resources and methods.

Using best practice surrounding the use of technology we will enhance our students’ multiple learning styles through discovery as both independent and collaborative learners who view the real and digital world with an open, but discerning mind.

Our school community will also develop adept technological skills and a digital moral compass, to ensure their digital presence underpins our life long values of Responsible, Respectful, Safe and Kind.

No School on Curriculum Day- Thursday May 19th

The next Curriculum day will be held on the 19th of May. The staff will be involved Mathematics Professional Development with numeracy consultant Michael Ymer.

Curriculum Day Care- Please contact the Kelly Club on 0401 021 581 to book your May 19th places for care.

Save the date- Term 3 Curriculum Day will be August the 9th.
Camp Reflections

MCG by Mackenzie
On Friday the 18th of March, our last day of camp, we went to the MCG. A man took us for a tour around the ground and into the stands. We got to see the change rooms, where the cricket players sit, the Long Room and much more. When we went down onto the group I picked some grass but by the time I got home to show my mum, it was all dark green and disgusting!

ACMI By Ethen
ACMI was an awesome experience, it was a gigantic place full of games and all the games were detailed. All the games were fun to play. ACMI was a technology dream. There was so many games and all of them were funny and awesome. Every screen was in high definition which made it even cooler. I got sad when we had to go!

Universal Pizza by Alex
We were strolling through Melbourne. Daniel and I were talking when we entered Universal Pizza. Daniel and I sat next to each other. We played with his new slap bracelets, he got it from the Aquarium and featured a stingray and another with Pokemon. We ate so much food, there were two types of pasta, about four types of pizza and I ate about 5 slices! Then we had the choice of vanilla or chocolate ice cream in a cone. It was bellissimo!

Aquarium by Sam
On the 17th of March, we went to the Melbourne Aquarium (AKA Sea Life). We saw lots of sea animals, I wanted to see the penguins… so we did! There was also a 4D movie about Ice Age, it was amazing! I liked the part when the arrows were shooting out towards me. I also liked watching the penguins swim around to get their food.

Into Music @ The Channel by Aja
OMG we are finally here, after almost dying from joy! The man in front of us starting talking. We got sent to some computers and started making music using the program Acid. My partner was Charli, she had good taste in music. In the end we didn’t like the song we created but we had lots of fun in the process.

King Pin Bowling @ Galactic Circus by Evander
We left our camp and rushed into a tram. At approximately 7:30pm everyone arrived at King Pin Bowling. We got into our teams and got started. Our first bowl, we pretty much had no clue what we were doing! Alex won the first game, the second game we figured out the lane takes pictures, so we did funny faces at the camera. Flynn won that game. We left King Pin Bowling and headed back to camp on the tram.

Queen Victoria Market by Wanda
Arriving at the QVM in our tram with people at their happiest. When you ask? Thursday the 17th of March. Devon and I were running around searching for stuff we were interested in buying. I bought three bracelets, a mood ring and two emoji pillows. While looking out for a new wallet. The QVM is in the centre of Melbourne where loads of people can search for items that are cheaper than normal. We went there to experience Melbourne at its fullest. The smell of hot donuts and old op shop smell, I will definitely go back!
PHOTOS FROM CAMP SLC

Portarlington Primary .......

[Images of children and exhibits from the camp]

[Images of the camp environment and activities]
Learning to value others

Some girls in Grace's year four class were taking turns at skipping. Grace watched them closely and decided she would like to have a turn too. She asked to join in but Sally said, “It's too hard for you.”

Grace had an intellectual disability. This meant she sometimes took longer to learn things. She was also not as well coordinated in sports as the other girls.

"Come on. Let me have a turn," said Grace. "Anyone can have a turn," said Deepa. "Have your turn after me."

So Grace tried to skip over the rope, but it got caught at her feet. "Try again," a few of the girls said. "You have to jump just as it hits the ground." Grace tried again. They gave her extra tries because she was learning. On the last try she managed two skips in a row. "You did it," said Deepa. Grace was really proud. "I did it!" she said. "And you helped me."

Learning to see another person’s point of view

Learning to see another person’s point of view is important for getting along with others and building positive friendships. Understanding others helps children know what to do in social situations and is the basis for developing caring and responsibility.

It’s not always easy for children to see the point of view of someone who is different from them. Being different could mean having a disability, coming from a different country, being a different age or gender, or having different values and interests. Children who are seen as different may be left out of activities. They may face discrimination because others think they are not as good, as talented, or as important as they are. Discrimination can have very negative effects on children’s self-esteem and mental health and wellbeing.

Skills for empathy

Taking others’ needs into account involves values of caring, compassion and acceptance of others. It also involves emotional skills for empathy. Learning to empathise with another person means learning to ‘walk in their shoes’. It means being able to recognise and value their feelings and needs, even though they may be different from your own.

Skills for empathy develop over time and include:

- recognising your own feelings
- recognising others feelings
- listening to others’ opinions
- thinking what it would feel like if you saw the situation their way
- thinking how you can respond in a caring way
- doing something to help.

Some children find it easy to tune into feelings. Others need more guidance to learn empathic skills. Adults have an important role in supporting children to learn kindness and empathy.

A little kindness can sometimes go a long way. Learning to skip has made Grace’s day. Watching and supporting her has helped everyone else feel good too.
How parents and carers can help

Research has found that the examples shown by caring adults have a big influence on children's empathy. Parents and carers (as well as school staff) can also foster empathy by promoting values of caring and compassion and coaching children to be kind and thoughtful towards others.

- Model empathy by tuning into children's feelings (e.g. "Ouch! That must have hurt," or "You must be feeling disappointed that your friend can't come over").
- Help children think about how feelings affect other people (e.g. "How do you think your friend might be feeling?").
- Help children develop skills for understanding other people's points of view by discussing the effects of discrimination and the importance of respectful and caring attitudes towards everybody.
- Talk about situations that involve empathy (e.g. "What I liked about the story was how kind the hero was," or "That was a mean thing to do. Don't you think she should have helped her friend?").
- Notice when children are kind and let them know you value their behaviour (e.g. "That was a very thoughtful thing to do. I really appreciate it!").

How to support children to accept and include others

- Teach children that there is nothing wrong with being different and that each of us is different to somebody else.
- Teach children that everyone has a right to be respected.
- Help children develop skills for positive friendships and cooperative play.
- Parents and carers of children with special needs can talk to the staff at their children's school about how to support their strengths and about encouraging other children to include them.

Valuing others means seeing difference as something positive. It means trying to understand how others think and feel, and knowing that this helps you as well as them.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

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Our School Community would like to welcome Mr Edward (Teddy) Mercer. He will be teaching MLH for the remainder of term 2.

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
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Portarlington Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the form that went home this week and return it to Wendy or the office as soon as possible. Any questions please see Wendy.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc
"please remember" that foods such as quiche, bacon and egg pie etc are not included due to our egg free policy.
Sugar-free chocolate muffins with chocolate avocado icing

- 225 (1 1/2 cups) plain flour (can be substituted with coconut, spelt, rye, or quinoa flour)
- 30g (1/4 cup) cacao powder
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 80g (1/2 cup) stevia for baking (or coconut sugar)
- 250ml (1 cup) buttermilk
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 100ml macadamia oil
- 50g sugar free milk chocolate, chopped

Chocolate Avocado Icing

- 1 large ripe avocado, peeled and stone removed
- 2 tablespoons cacao powder, sifted
- Liquid stevia, to taste

Step 1
Preheat oven to 180C (160C fan forced), line a 12 hole 80ml (1/3 cup) capacity muffin tin with paper cases.

Step 2
Sift the flour, cacao and baking powder into a large mixing bowl. Add the stevia and stir to combine. Whisk together the buttermilk, eggs, vanilla and macadamia oil. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and stir until just combined. Stir through the chopped chocolate.

Step 3
Divide the mixture between the prepared muffins holes. Place in preheated oven and bake for 20 minutes or until golden. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

Step 4
Meanwhile to make the icing, place the avocado and cacao in a food processor. Process until completely smooth. Add a few drops stevia to taste. Spread icing over the cooled muffins.
We have recently achieved recognition for the Tobacco Control component of The Healthy Together Achievement Program by successfully meeting State wide benchmarks. This means we now have achieved four areas including Sun Protection, Physical Activity, Healthy Eating and Oral Health. Well done to our Healthy Together Team and Portarlington Primary School community.

GROWING FRUIT AND VEGGIES AT HOME?

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**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.

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### APRIL

- **11th April**
  - Curriculum Day
- **14th April**
  - Term 2 Starts (Student free day)
- **19th April**
  - Fresh Fruit Thursday commences
- **24th April**
  - School Council
- **25th April**
  - Market
- **29th April**
  - ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)

### MAY

- **2nd May**
  - Golf Day Fundraiser
- **4th May**
  - District Cross Country
- **4th May**
  - Whole School Dental Program
- **5th May**
  - Mothers Day Staff Fundraiser
- **16th May**
  - Education Week
- **17th May**
  - School Council
- **18th May**
  - Special Visitors Grandparents Day
- **19th May**
  - Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)
- **24th May**
  - Division Cross Country
- **25th—27th May**
  - Grade 3 & 4 Camp
- **26th May**
  - Lightening Premiership AFL/Netball Grade 5 & 6 National Sorry Day
- **29th May**
  - Market

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### JUNE

- **2nd June**
  - Soup at School Day
- **9th June**
  - Region Cross Country Keilor
- **10th June**
  - National Celtic Festival 10th—13th Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- **21st June**
  - School Council
- **24th June**
  - End Term 2—2.30 pm finish
    - Red Nose Day
- **26th June**
  - Market

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### JULY

- **11th July**
  - Term 3 Starts
- **14th July**
  - State Cross Country
- **19th July**
  - School Council
- **31st July**
  - Market
- **16th August**
  - School Council
- **28th August**
  - Market

### AUGUST

- **9th August**
  - Curriculum Day (Student free day)
- **15th—19th Aug**
  - Book Fair
- **16th August**
  - School Council
- **28th August**
  - Market

### SEPTEMBER

- **16th September**
  - Dress Up Footy Day
- **25th September**
  - Market

### OCTOBER

- **3rd October**
  - Term 4 starts
- **13th October**
  - Pink Day
- **18th October**
  - School Council
- **30th October**
  - Market

### NOVEMBER

- **9th November**
  - Whole School Dental Program
- **15th November**
  - School Council
- **27th November**
  - Market

### DECEMBER

- **5th—16th**
  - Swimming whole school
- **7th December**
  - Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival
- **19th December**
  - End of Year Assembly
- **20th December**
  - End of year 1.30pm finish
FANCY A CUPPA? - PARENT CONNECT
Coffee (or tea or hot chocolate!) - Every Monday Morning at 9am in the Library

Our Parent Connect team has started a get-together of interested parents/carers (and some pre-schoolers who love playing with the toys). It is very informal. We have our great coffee and hot chocolate pods available (or tea if you prefer). It is a great way for our school community to get to know one another. Your children also see that you are connecting to our school in a positive way and that really helps to strengthen their sense of belonging which in turn supports them to be better learners.

Portarlington Market
Last Sunday of Every Month

Our monthly market is held at the park opposite the school and within the spacious facilities of Parks Hall. The market is located on the picturesque Bellarine Peninsula overlooking the bay with views to the You Yangs mountain ranges. Inside and Outside stall holder spaces available.

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Sprouts Lunch orders on Fridays:

Lunch orders are available every Friday. You will need to set up a log in at [www.sproutscanteen.com](http://www.sproutscanteen.com) and order from the Portarlington menu only.

Payment is made online. Orders need to be lodged by **8am Friday morning but preferably the night before**. Late orders will not be processed. The menu is delicious, so give it a go. Orders are delivered to the school at 1.15pm.

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School Uniform:

The students are looking amazing in their complete uniforms. If you can’t find an item, please ask, as we will do our best to make sure that we keep them all looking part of a team.

Hair: hair that is past shoulder length is to be tied up
Nail polish other than clear is not welcome
Bike shorts are only to be worn under a skirt or dress, not as a uniform item.
Leggings (dark blue only) can be worn under shorts, dress or skirt, not worn by itself with a long T shirt.
Shoes – runners or **black school shoes only**
Hair ties – **dark blue** or **red**
Jewellery- only sleepers or stud ear rings. No necklaces or any kind for safety.

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PORTARLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Open: Monday-Friday, 10:00am to 5:00pm
(Closed the first Thursday of each month)
28 Brown Street, Portarlington - Email: enquiry@portnh.org.au
Website: www.portnh.org.au   Telephone: 5259 2290

Commencing in Term 2!

Reminder:
Music and Movement for Parents & Preschoolers on Tuesday mornings at 9.15am

FREE

Storytime

** There will be a children's activity after the book reading **

9.15am ~ 9.45am (commencing Friday 15 April)

Fridays, Storytelling with Eleonor
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.
The White Family CONGRATULATIONS on being a safe active traveller this fortnight. Well Done!!
Lachlan Duffield  Working very hard to write a recount about his school holidays
Ziggy Bullock  Being organised and ready to learn. Also helping others to learn
Flynn Buchanan  Staying focussed on his holiday recount
Darcy Dhillon  Participating and sharing his healthy food knowledge on the Community garden. Amazing!
Hyatt Manganelli  Demonstrating a positive beginning in term 2. What an amazing start you have had.
Kya White  Always being a fantastic role model with her prep buddy.
Charli Chester  Finishing her “Goosebumps” book. Well done Charli.
Annabelle Debono  Working out how to fix up her mistakes with fabulous initiative!
Emie dowling-Button  Sharing your grandpa’s war medals and story with our class. Thank you.
Jordan Robinson  Completing a beautiful piece of handwriting. Well done on your efforts.
Taia Devlin  Being a proactive learner and coming to school early for homework club. You’re a star!
All Students  MLH—For being an amazing class. You are all awesome.
Hannah Allan  Displaying all 4 school values during the SLC Environment Day. Well Done MC Hammer!!
Alex Chambers  Persisting with the lattice method in multiplication
**Term 2 at Kelly Club.**

We have a jammed packed two term ahead of us at Kelly Club Portarlington!

After an extremely busy holiday program we are back fresh faced to tackle the longest term of the year. Recently the children participated in making and decorating poppies for Anzac Day as well as making Anzac biscuits.

In the coming weeks we are extremely lucky to have some of the senior men’s Corio Stingray players come to visit our Kelly Club kids and complete basketball activities. They will be attending on the 3rd, 10th and 17th of May during our afterschool program. If you would like your child to attend please email portarlington@kellycluboshc.com.au (places are limited). After school care costs are $21 per session, with CCB & CCR session costs are as little as $7.00.

We will be having a curriculum day at Portarlington Primary on Thursday 19th May, if you would like to book your child into the Kelly Club OSHC day please email portarlington@kellycluboshc.com.au or see Laura or Rebecca to book in. The full cost of the day will be $45, if you are entitled to CCB/CCR the cost of the day will be from $7.00. We will display the plan for the day in the hall in the information area of Kelly Club for you to look at.
**Inquiry investigates lower P-Plate age**

Should Victoria lower the driving licence age to 17?

A parliamentary inquiry is asking young Victorians and the greater community to have their say in the conversation and make written submissions for or against lowering the driving age to seventeen.

As part of the inquiry, the Victorian Parliament’s Law Reform, Road and Safety Committee wants to find out what the impacts could be of reducing the driving age.

‘Other Australian states and territories have a minimum age of 17 for P-plate licences,’ said Committer Chair Geoff Howard.

‘We want to find out whether Victoria should be matching that minimum age.’

Schools and students should think about the following questions and consider making a written submission.

- Could a lower P-Plate age assist young people access employment, study and training?
- Would a lower driving age affect the road toll?
- What other impacts might occur with a change in licence age?

As part of the inquiry, the Committee will be considering the adequacy of transport services for young Victorians, particularly in regional areas.

Written submissions are due by 30 May 2016 and public hearings will then be held in Melbourne and regional Victoria.

To make a written submission to the inquiry, see: [Lowering the probationary driving age in Victoria to seventeen - Parliamentary inquiry](#)

For more information about the inquiry, see: [Law Reform, Road and Community Safety - Parliamentary inquiries](#).

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**Do you know someone who can help foster connection?**

Every year, Victoria experiences a shortfall of more than 300 foster carers. These carers support the lives and outcomes of children and young people who cannot live with their families.

The Victorian Government are looking for individuals who can open their homes to the most vulnerable of Victorian children and young people.

It's the little things foster carers do for a child that make them amazing, like sharing a meal at the table or a trip to the footy.

Carers don't need to be superheroes, but by offering this support foster carers change the lives and outcomes of those most in need.

If you feel you can be a suitable carer, apply now to begin the foster care recruitment and training process. To find out more about the enquiry process, see: [www.fosteringconnections.com.au or call 1800 013 0](#)

For more information or transport assistance, please phone Janine on 5259 1251.
**Soul and Motown – get down and jive**

6.30pm, Friday 20 May at Portarlington Neighbourhood House, 28 Browns Street.
*Funky Mondays*, in association with the Portarlington Neighbourhood House, bring you a night of Soul and Motown.
Enjoy songs from the Temptations, Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye, the Miracles and more - performed by fabulous local singers from the *Funky Mondays*. 
And that's not all! After the Funkies have done their thing, DJ Mitch rolls in to spin the hits and keep that soul vibe going. 
**Warning:** a 1970s flashback might occur!
Dig it? Dress up to get down - outstanding outfits just might win a prize.
Bring a basket supper - and your dancing shoes.
Tickets now available at the neighbourhood house: $5 for adults or $2 if you're under 18.
All ages welcome to the SOUL SHAKEDOWN. Hope to see you there!

**Paradise Hotel - Uke workshop, Kanakapila and Concert**

4.30 – 6.00pm, Saturday 28 May at St Andrew’s Uniting Church Hall, Newcombe Street.
Concert: 7.30 – 10.00pmish, same date and same place.
Calling all Uke nuts and music lovers. Back by popular demand after last year’s fabulous concert, and this time with extra special guests!!
Fantastic Uke workshop and kanakapila (read Hawaiian for jam session) and then the concert with special guests Sarah Carroll *Ukelele Queen of the Bellarine* and the lively Treehouse Uke Band.
AJ Leonard and Jenny Rowlands bring a unique combination of ukulele and cello and you won’t be disappointed.
Be ready to play the concert song – the beautiful *What a Wonderful World* attached.

**Call for volunteers**

*Drive a train or help our miniature railway in other ways!*

Do you enjoy being part of the Portarlington community? If so, we are looking for YOU!!!
The Portarlington Bayside Miniature Railway is located at the end of Point Richards Road. We are fully non-profit and run totally by volunteers.
We are currently seeking community volunteers for the following positions: gardens and ground keeping, train drivers, station assistants, kiosk staff, maintenance crews
If we have enough volunteers, we hope to extend the line, add tunnels and much more. If this sounds like something for you, please call Brian on 0476 124 598.
Get Involved! Volunteers needed for the National Celtic Festival

The National Celtic Festival is coming up fast and excitement is building as we gear up for another great festival. The festival runs from Friday 10 June to Monday 13 June. The program has some of the best international and national artists. We invite you to be a part of our fantastic volunteer team that makes this Portarlington festival a reality. Please visit the National Celtic Festival website to register as a volunteer [http://www.nationalcelticfestival.com/](http://www.nationalcelticfestival.com/) If you are interested in being a billet for festival performers or want more information, please contact ncf.anna@gmail.com

Wine tasting evening

7.00pm, Thursday 5 May at St John’s Anglican Church Hall, Fenwick Street.

A wonderful evening tasting wines provided by Geelong company Unwined. Plenty of delicious finger food served throughout evening, no need to eat beforehand.

Cost $15.00 per head.
BOOKINGS - 5259 2172, St John’s Auxiliary.

Management of violence and aggression training for volunteers

10.00 – 11.00am, Tuesday 10 May at Barwon Health McKellar Centre (was known as Grace McKellar Centre), 45-95 Ballarat Road, North Geelong.
In your workplace, your role as a volunteer or as a client, experiencing or witnessing violence and aggression can result in physical or psychological trauma. This FREE introductory workshop is aimed at volunteers. If you complete the introductory workshop, a free intermediary workshop for volunteers is available the following week. Please read the attached for more information and how to book.

Port Snappers Armchair Travel to the Kimberley

2.00pm, Monday 16 May at Portarlington Neighbourhood House, 28 Brown Street.
Travel with Jan Campbell through Mexico and Cuba.

Sunday Social Dancing is back!!

1.30 – 5.00pm, Sunday 15 May at the Portarlington Senior Citizens Hall, Newcombe Street.
What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.
Gents – polish up your dancing shoes and ladies – freshen up your dancing frock. At long last you need them again!
Dance your favourite steps. Don’t know the dances? Go along watch and in no time you’ll be on the floor.
Cost is $5.00 and includes light refreshments.