

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the term draws to a close and you are reading your child's report please reflect on the achievements, successes and the areas that need improvement. Support your children with their learning by supervising homework and developing strategies to improve in the areas highlighted by their teachers.

The partnership between students, parents and staff is vital in ensuring successful learning outcomes for your children. If you have any concerns or need support please contact the relevant Sub-School Leader (Year7-9: Mrs Carina Barton and Year 10-12: Mrs Chelsea Carter).

Term two has been extremely challenging in terms of staffing and I thank the teaching staff for supporting students and colleagues and thank non-teaching staff for the support they have provided to staff and students.

I also thank and acknowledge the members of the leadership team: Carina Barton, Chelsea Carter, Renee Jukes, Jo McKenzie and John Webb for their support of staff and students and their high level of communication with parents/carers.

I also acknowledge our students for their effort and understanding during this time.

Despite the challenges, students have participated in a variety of activities including:

- Excursions: Noorla Yo-Long 7-12, farm visit related to shearing, careers expos, GD cross country
- Surveys: PIVOT, Attitudes to School
- Testing: Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT), NAPLAN, exams 7-12, General Achievement Test (GAT)
- VCE revision lectures
- Year 11(2024) information session for students and parents

Preparation is also beginning for course counselling in Term 3 for current Year 10 and 11 students who will engage in a thorough process (which will be provided next term by Mrs Carter) that will include an appointment with the careers coordinator Mrs Fidler to look at university/TAFE and other career pathways, a preliminary course selection online before a face-to-face counselling meeting.

It is important that all students receive accurate and relevant advice about their future. Mrs Chelsea Carter and Mrs Carina Barton are the first port of call.

Information about University and TAFE courses is provided by Mrs Delma Fidler following a conversation with either Chelsea or Carina.

Whole School Lunch

On Thursday all staff and students will celebrate the end of semester one with a whole school lunch. This has become an annual event and it is an opportunity for everyone to enjoy a meal together and have a chat in a relaxing environment.

What a great way to wind down after a long six months!

Many thanks to our Canteen Manager, Tori Beever for preparing a wonderful lunch.

Professional Practice Day – Monday 10th July – Please note that buses won't be running on the 10th of July.

The school is closed on Monday, 10th July.

The work undertaken will be consistent with Departmental and school priorities and selected from the following areas:

- Planning
- Preparation
- assessment of student learning
- collaboration
- curriculum development
- relevant professional development
- peer observation including feedback and reflection

*One who gains strength by overcoming obstacles possesses the only strength which can overcome adversity.
Albert Schweitzer*

Enjoy a lovely relaxing holiday!

Meridith

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS, Term 2

John Webb

The students listed below received Citizenship Awards for term two in recognition of their assistance at the District Primary Schools Cross Country, the Kelpie Festival Working Bee, preparation of the combined schools float for the Kelpie Festival parade or participating in the Kelpie Festival parade.

Amelia Bailey, Abby Black, Myles Black, Tamsyn Black, Rachel Forbes, Kaitlan Johns, Eli Koscal, Kirby Vise, April Henty-Anderson, Paul Hippert, Henry Robins, Billy Rhook, Lachie Auld, Felicity Hall, Nate Longhurst, Makayla Hutchins, Amber Spratling, Ebany Jarrad, Nicole Cornish, Alex Hornibrook, Emily Eastman, Riley Winters, Matilda Thompson, Ginny Herbert, Ella McKinnon, Airlie Sawyer, Marlee Robbins, Gabby Iranga, Ivy Lane, Marissa Jamieson, Madeline Patton, Chelsea Hulm.

Values Award Nominees Term 2

The students listed below were nominated for Values Awards this term in recognition of their commitment to our school values (Respect, Accountability and Persistence) work ethic and behaviour.

Year 7: Marlee Robbins, Paul Hippert

Year 8: Ronnie Campbell, John Hutchins-Copeland

Year 9: Archie Lane, Kirby Vise

Year 10: Sam Patton, Emily Eastman

Year 11: Amy Crauford, Aaron Jeffrey

Year 12: Gabby Iranga, Makayla Hutchins

House Points at the End of Term 2

House B RED: 2649.67

House A BLUE: 2605.33

Year 12 s' getting ready for a big finish.



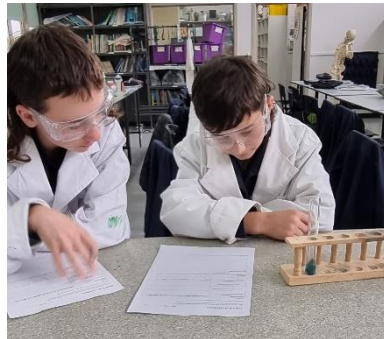
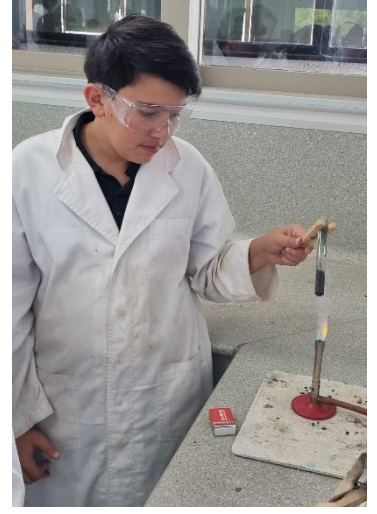
The Year 12s' were snapped enjoying a relaxed breakfast as they head into the business end of their year.

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SCIENCE, Year 8

Brett VanAs



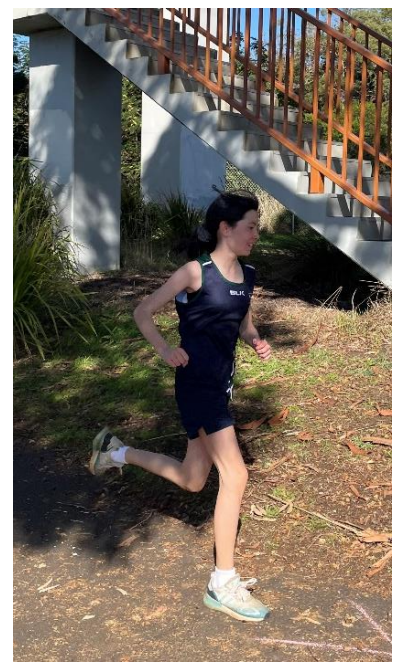
The Year 8's learnt about chemical reaction, and what causes them and, in a follow up lesson, they had the opportunity to put what they had learned into practise by doing experiments using various ways to show indicators of a chemical reaction. This is a great way for each student to cement this into memory.

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GLENELG DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

Phil Sanders



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Sixteen Casterton students travelled to Portland on Monday 15 May 23, to run the Fawthrop Lagoon, in the annual interschool cross country.

The event was well hosted by Portland Secondary College and the weather was near perfect for this time of the year (sunny nineteen degrees). A few students finished in the top twelve for their age group and have, therefore, qualified for the next level (Greater Western Region), which will be held at Albert Park in Warrnambool on Monday 29 May 23. Archie Lane and Madeline Patton both won their age group races, which was a terrific effort against such a strong field of runners.

Results are listed below with placings and times (in brackets). Those students with an asterisk after their time have qualified for the GWR

Age 12-13 Boys (3km) 05 th Jett Lykke (13.38.03 min.) ** 19 th Xavier Cates (16.00.83 min.) 24 th Xander Koscal (18.08.89 min.)	Age 12-13 Girls (3km) 06 th Marlee Robbins (15.25.80 min.) ** 13 th Renee Gorman (17.13.34 min.) 27 th April Henty-Anderson (22.57.18 min.)
Age 14 Boys (3km) 13 th Henry Robbins (14.37.86 min.) 16 th Nate Longhurst (15.39.76 min.) 22 nd Jake McCombe (18.13.77 min.)	Age 14 Girls (3km) 04 th Eily Taylor (15.46.17 min.) ** 06 th Makayla Rees (15.55.42 min.) **
Age 15 Boys (3km) 01 st Archie Lane (11.34.08 min.) **	Age 15 Girls (3km) 13 th Kirby Vise (21.23.52 min.)
Age 16 Boys	Age 16 Girls (3km) 06 th Indi Longhurst (15.51.48 min.) ** 11 th Mathilda Thompson (21.23.92 min.) **
Age 17 Boys	Age 17 Girls (3km) 01 st Madeline Patton (14.22.66 min.) **



FIRST PLACE WINNERS:

Madeline Patton & Archie Lane

NOORLA YO-LONG YR10

Steve Rathmell



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Yr 9 CAREER DAY, PORTLAND

Delma Fidler



The year nine students had the opportunity to attend the Jobs and Skills Expo held in Portland on the 19th of May. Whilst the students were initially reluctant to engage with the presenters, they became more confident as the morning progressed. Students were able to gather information about career pathways including trades and further education. The simulators, including driving a forestry vehicle proved to be very popular.

-Amelia Luers, Caitlyn Gorman, Amelia Bailey, Brydie Carlin, Amelia Richardson with Delma Fidler, Careers advisor



-Archie Lane trying the simulated Forestry vehicle.

Furthermore, the Department of Education is making available for all year nine students a personal online career discovery tool (Morrisby Online) which provides objective and relevant information about the student and the opportunities available. Your child will receive a confidential profile generated through the online career discovery tool. The online profile has been completed and students will be provided with a report and a 1:1 career feedback interview. There is an opportunity for you (the Parent/Guardian) to join the session with the qualified Careers Consultant and your child. These sessions will be conducted on the 13th and 14th of July. Parents are asked to contact the front office to make a booking, there is provision for remote access online.



-Blake Kurzman showing his knowledge of welding

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CAREER INFORMATION

Year 10 updates

Please pay particular attention to the timeline that was circulated by Mrs Carter.

They have also been busy participating in various activities, they have:

- Attended the Careers Expo in Longerenong.
- Completed a resume.
- Achieved a safe@work certificate.
- Completed a Career Profile
- Completed their Career Action Plan.
- Attended a year 10 information evening, with their parents and or guardians.

Students are well underway with their work experience arrangements, with many students having already secured a placement. I will be meeting with the students individually to ascertain where they are at in the process.

Students have been given several copies of their resume to present to potential employers. Once a placement is secured and I have been informed, the employer will need to complete their section on the paperwork. It will be then signed off by the principal and parents/caregivers and employers will be provided with a copy.

Please contact the school if an employer needs further information or any details clarified.

Placement visits

Staff members have spent the last few weeks visiting our students in their workplaces. It is most gratifying to hear how well all the students are progressing and see the personal growth and the skill development that they are accumulating.

Open Days are rapidly approaching please check the relevant XUNO sent and click on this link to find individual dates.

[https://public.careertools.com.au/uploads/teacher-resources/2023-university-open-days-list\(-national\)-1678432326.pdf](https://public.careertools.com.au/uploads/teacher-resources/2023-university-open-days-list(-national)-1678432326.pdf)

FUTURE ME- YR 9 CAREERS

Delma Fidler



In addition, the year nine students participated in the Future Me program that was conducted by Deakin University. This program helped the students to explore the ever-changing world of work. Students are provided with a range of opportunities to develop their employability skills, including communication. During the second session guest speakers from our community and beyond were involved in a speed conversation activity with two-three students. The year nines interviewed our guests about their career pathways and choices.

Many thanks to:

Jason Gorman- Glenelg Shire,

Kane Forbes- Casterton Pharmacy,

Guy Seviar-Headstart,

Kimberley Cameron WestVic

Sue Wray- Edgarley,

Troy Robbins- Element,

Julia Pitman-Acer Radio,

Damien Logan and Narelle Brown-WDEA

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YR 7 FOOD STUDIES, Term2



There is some wonderful food being made in class by the year 7s, we have a class full of budding chefs

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GREATER WESTERN REGION CROSS COUNTRY

Phil Sanders



L-R, Archie Lane, Makayla Rees, Matilda Thompson, Marlee Robbins, Indi Longhurst, Madeline Patton

Age 12-13 Girls (3km)
27 th Marlee Robbins (13:36 min.)
Age 14 Girls (3km)
26 th Makayla Rees (14:16 min.)
Age 16 Girls (3km)
18 th Indi Longhurst (14:27 min.)
45 th Mathilda Thompson (17:52 min.)
Age 17 Girls (3km)
3 rd Madeline Patton (12:19 min.)
Age 15 Boys (3km)
2 nd Archie Lane (10:02 min.)

After their success at the Glenelg District Cross Country, six Casterton students travelled to Warrnambool to compete at the Greater Western Region Cross Country on Monday 29 May 23.

Looking at the times each student ran it was clear that each race was considerably faster than the events leading up to the GWR, most likely because of the quality of runners at this level. Archie Lane and Madeline Patton both finished on the podium and have now qualified for the state finals. A tremendous achievement by these two.

The state finals will be held on Thursday 13 July 2023 at Yarra Valley Racing Club. Go Archie and Madeline!

AG NEWS- YR 10 SHEARING

Annalee McKinnon

The year 10 Agriculture students, last week, were lucky enough to have Sharna and Nathan Fidler share their expertise on shearing and wool handling. The class was split in half with half, one half learning aspects of shearing and the other half learning the aspects of wool handling. Nathan calmly and consciously instructed students on critical shearing techniques including, animal handling, positioning the sheep, and the various blows. While Sharna carefully explain the intricacies of wool handling such as wool characteristics of the different parts of the fleece, fleece length, contaminants and practices affect price received for wool, the process wool goes through from farm to garment and practical aspects of being a rouseabout such as throwing, skirting a fleece, and categorising parts of the fleece. This was the first of a two-day workshop. This Friday the students will be out on farm further practicing their skills in a fully functioning shearing shed. Nathan and Sharna thank you so much for your time time and knowledge. Your knowledge and skills are extremely valuable.



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in a challenging relationship?

All relationships have their ups and downs. And if things do get complicated, it's not always easy to improve them on your own.

If your finding things hard try talking to your friends, family or teacher early and **NIP it in the bud.**

Get other tips and tools to look after your mental health at headspace.org.au/nipitinthebud

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got stuff going on? NIP it in the bud!

Some problems can build and grow until they feel too big to handle. That's why it's good to get help early, for yourself or for someone you know.

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Free courses available for youth in Shire at PORTLAND

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POOL LIFEGUARD FREE TRAINING

YOUNG PEOPLE GET READY TO SPARK YOUR LEARNING AND CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES!

For more information and bookings moynes.vic.gov.au/Our-Community/Youth/FUSE-South-West

FUTURE HEALTHY **VicHealth**

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FUTURE HEALTHY **VicHealth**

Pool Lifeguard Accreditation

When: 12th & 13th August
Time: 10am to 5pm
Where: Portland Leisure & Aquatic Centre
Bookings: [FUSE South West \(moynes.vic.gov.au\)](http://FUSE South West (moynes.vic.gov.au))

Bookings close 5pm, 2nd Aug

First Aid Accreditation (HLTAID011)

When: Wed 5th July
Time: 9am to 4.30pm
Where: Portland Library, 32 Bentick St Portland

Bookings close 5pm Wed 28th June

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

CASTERTON BASED ACTIVITIES

**REBEL REVOLT
YOUTH LIBRARY
LOCK IN!** ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE



**THE MISSION?
STEAL THE ANTIMATTER WARHEAD.**

CASTERTON LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY 5 JULY
2:00PM - 3:30PM
PHONE: 5554 2444

HEYWOOD LIBRARY
THURSDAY 6 JULY
4:30PM - 6:30PM
PHONE: 5527 0666

PORTLAND LIBRARY
FRIDAY 7 JULY
5:00PM - 7:00PM
PHONE: 5522 2265

AGES 12-18 YEARS
FREE EVENT
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL (LIMITED PLACES)




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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. SCAN OR CODE TO REGISTER.

ALCOHOL, DRUG, SMOKE AND VAPE FREE EVENT

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 12-18 YRS

DRAW ATTENTION

FREE YOUTH ART SESSIONS

Wed 28 JUNE	Thurs 29 JUNE	Fri 30 JUNE
CASTERTON LIBRARY 1:00 - 2:30 PM	HEYWOOD LIBRARY 1:00 - 2:30 PM	PORTLAND LIBRARY 1:00 - 2:30 PM

CREATE AN ARTWORK TO ENTER IN THIS YEARS DRAW ATTENTION EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION FOR YOUTH FEST!

MATERIALS PROVIDED & TAKEAWAY PACKS AVAILABLE!



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MOVIES ARE BASED IN PORTLAND



MONDAY 26 JUNE
Portland Arts Centre, 4 Glenelg St
Movie Starts at 2:00 PM

REGISTER NOW!




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FREE Community event & movie snacks
not recommended for people under 15 years

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FREE event & movie snacks
Family Freindly

MONDAY 3 JULY
Portland Arts Centre, 4 Glenelg St
MOVIE STARTS AT 2:00 PM

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