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Portland School is really looking forward to hosting the 2021 Portland Rural School Cross Country event. To successfully manage and communicate the safety aspects of this event to all schools and parent spectators please ensure all the relevant information is passed onto your staff and parent community. This event is in a farm paddock, which is muddy, has animal pugging, and is on a hill. The children will get muddy and wet so please provide a plastic bag and change of clothes. Warm clothes and a raincoat will be really important.

Event Location

- Tikorangi Rd, Portland which is about 1 km past Portland School

Parking instructions

- Parking wardens will be at both entries of Tikorangi Rd (a loop road) – please respect their instructions for the safety of the children
- A map is provided highlighting parking areas
- No cars are to enter the 'no parking area' on Tikorangi Rd – marked in red
- Limited parking is available on the top end of Tikorangi Rd – please note, no driving through the no parking area
- Buses are to enter from the bottom end of Tikorangi Rd to park below the hall on the road
- Car parking is shown in yellow, on Railway Rd, and also at the bottom end of Tikorangi Rd

Spectators Viewing

- Spectator viewing is marked in green. Most of the perimeter is a footpath on the outside of the fence (bring a deck chair)
- No spectators on the course at any time
- Please access the school gazebo areas through the top gate
- The track is visible from most areas with the start and finish line in the middle
- If possible, please carpool to minimise the traffic movements up Portland Rd and at the event

Toilets

- Two port-a-loos are available closest to the start line and school shelter areas. Please note, teachers are to supervise children at the toilets, which are set up on the closed off road. No vehicle access during the event.
- Junior students will need more support accessing the toilets.

Food

- Sausage sizzle, soup, baking and soft drinks will be available for purchase on the day
- No drinking water on site – please bring your own

We look forward to hosting this event

Kind regards

Shane Nicholas

Principal Portland School

Please see parking / spectator map attached

Portland Rural Schools Cross Country – parking map



Key

- cars
- No parking/vehicle access
- Bus parking
- Port-a-loos
- Running track = white dots anticlockwise
- Spectator viewing

Marshalls – Course marshalls kindly provided by Portland Cement Works

Teachers to support junior runners in particular on the course

Race Start/Finish:	Portland
Course Marshall 1	Top Corner of course by church
Course Marshall 2	Fire brigade corner/Road
Course Marshall 3	Railway Road Fence Corner with wire stay – stop kids running under wire
Course Marshall 4	Culvert Corner above transformer
Course Marshall 5	Gate corner by road
Course Marshall 6	Bottom corner
Course Marshall 7	Road Bridge Corner
Course Marshall 8	Culvert drain end
Course Marshall 9	Y3 1 ½ lap turn up to finish shoot
Road Crossing	Each school is responsible for crossing their own children safely to the toilets.

	9.50		Briefing of marshalls/teachers		
	10:00		Course is visual to the start line. Race starter to explain the laps from the start line before each race		
Race	Time	Age	Course	Distance Portland	Distance Barge
1	10ish start with approx 20min races	Year 0/1 Girls	1 lap Start up hill to corner, down to fire station corner, stay on the outside of rope curve past fire station, down to culvert corner with green transformer,	870m	

2		Year 0/1 Boys	down to road again, follow boundary to bottom two corners, up the hill to tree, across to middle of paddock around the end of culvert, up the hill to finish shoot. 1 lap Start up hill to corner, down to fire station corner, stay on the outside of rope curve past fire station, down to culvert corner with green transformer, down to road again, follow boundary to bottom two corners, up the hill to tree, across to middle of paddock around the end of culvert, up the hill to finish shoot.		
3		Year 2 Girls	1 lap Start up hill to corner, down to fire station corner, stay on the outside of rope curve past fire station, down to culvert corner with green transformer, down to road again, follow boundary to bottom two corners, up the hill to tree, across to middle of paddock around the end of culvert, up the hill to finish shoot.	870m	
4		Year 2 Boys			
5		Year 3 Girls	1 ½ laps Start up hill to corner, down to fire station corner, stay on the outside of rope curve past fire station, down to culvert corner with green transformer, down to road again, follow boundary to bottom two corners, up the hill to tree, across to middle of paddock around the end of culvert, up the hill to past the finish – do top loop again to marshall 9 – turn up to finish shoot.	1740m	1800m
6		Year 3 Boys			
7		8 years Girls	2 laps Don't enter finish shoot on second lap – head up past the start line again	1740m	1800m
8		8 Years Boys			
9		9 Years Girls	2 laps This is a challenging course on a hill that can be run at a faster pace for senior students. (note: 3 laps could be too challenging with mud and distance factors).	2080m	2200m
10		9 Years Boys			
11		10+ Year Girls			2200m
12	Approximate finish midday	10+ Year Boys			

For Year 4 up : Age as at 1st January as per Barge Park– Please sort your students prior to arrival. Year 7/8 to run with 10 year olds but recorded as 11/12 Years.