



PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

PRINCIPAL: Mrs Julianne Emmert

Term 4 Week 9 - 2 December 2014

VALUE : *Every child matters every day!*

From the Principal

Family and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

Well this is the last newsletter for the year.

It has gone so quickly. It has been an enjoyable year and we have achieved a lot thanks to our wonderful staff and hardworking P & C. I would like to thank Tanya James, Jenny Robson, Casey Mendham, Elizabeth MacKenzie, Matt Neale, Sally Lewer, Lauren Karlsen, Cassandra Blank and Angela Winter for all your help with Tuckshop, Breakfast Club and P & C functions. We appreciate your support and it makes a huge difference in for our school.

I'd like to thank the fantastic staff for such a wonderful job this year. We had a busy time with all our audits. A lot of time and effort goes into ensuring we are ready and have completed all of the necessary tasks. Well done to everyone we have achieved such outstanding/high results. I appreciate all your hard work and efforts this year. We are so lucky to have such a great staff.

Enrolments

It is fantastic to see we are gaining students and our enrolments are rising. We still need a few students to gain our 4th teacher.

This is the last week for **swimming**. Next Thursday 11th December we have our **Mystery Tour** for our Gold Students and first lunch will be provided for Silver and Gold Students. Please see the attached permission form. Students are required to wear school uniform and they will need a bottle of water and a hat for the Tour.

Capricorn Resources on Alexander Street has a copy of our booklists and they have all of the items listed. You can collect your stationery or book items anytime from now until January. You will need to check their opening hours over the Christmas break.

Report Cards will start coming home today or tomorrow. If you would like to have a parent interview please contact your classroom teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Pizza and Popcorn Night this Friday 5th December from 5.00pm to 8.00pm—\$5 per person. Come along and have some fun and then watch a movie in the library. All students will be required to be signed in and out by parent/carer.

I hope you all have a Happy and Safe Holiday and I look forward to next year.

School starts on Tuesday 27th January 2015.

I hope you have a wonderful week!

Take Care
Julianne Emmert
Principal

Port Curtis Road State School acknowledges the traditional Dharumbal people on whose land it stands.

Dates to Remember 2014

Term 4
Public Holiday
Labour Day 6 October
7 October—12 December

2015

Term 1
Public Holiday
Australia Day 26 January
27 January—2 April

Term 2
20 April—26 June

P & C Association
Our next meeting is

Friday 5 December
at 8.30am in the Library



Your voice is needed
Your ideas are valued
You are important
to our school community spirit.

REMINDERS

Staff Meetings
will now be held each
WEDNESDAY- 8am-9am
Please see the teacher on duty
should you have any queries

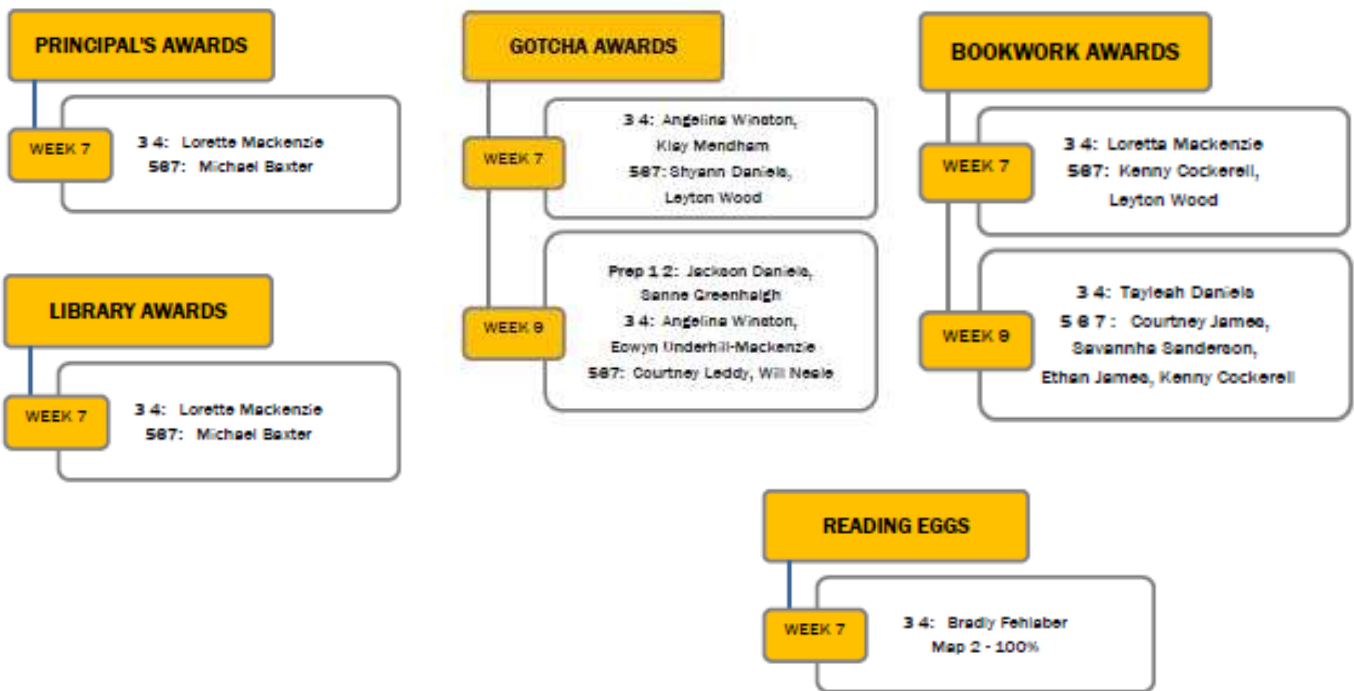
Playgroup Each Thursday
9.00am to 11.00am

Tuckshop: Each Friday
Order forms attached

Swimming for all students
FRIDAY - \$6 PER CHILD
Please send money in a envelope/
zippy bag with name, amount and
swimming noted



Winners of Category 2 Empire Rockhampton Competition are Pictured—Wayne (Developer), Noel, Samuel Crichton, Tammy (NAB) and Andrew (Developer). Sam won \$2,000 for his artist's impression of the Empire Rockhampton.



Department of Education, Training and Employment

QSchools

mobile app

The QSchools app is a convenient way to share up-to-the-minute information with the school community.

The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites. When a school publishes content to their website, the app is automatically updated with the latest news, events and newsletters.

Emergency announcements and push notifications, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, can be published by the department.

All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app, however only schools who have upgraded their school website with Websites for Schools will benefit from all the features of the app.

Encourage your school community to download for free
via the Apple iTunes Store, Google Play and Windows Stores.

Parent and Community Engagement Framework alignment

The QSchools app is a useful tool for schools implementing the Parent and Community Engagement Framework to facilitate:

- better communication with the school community
- community collaboration
- encourage participation in the school community.

Compatible with the following devices:
 Android Apple Windows

Benefits for parents, carers and families:

- access the latest school news, newsletters and calendar events
- receive emergency announcements and push notifications
- follow multiple schools
- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb.

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- 1** Download or update the QSchools app
Compatible with the following devices:
 Android Apple Windows 8
- 2** Search for your school
The QSchools app allows you to search by:
 - School name search
 - Map search
 - Schools near your current location
- 3** 'Favourite' your school to receive updates
By favouriting your school, you will:
 - Have access to school information, newsletters, reports and more
 - Automatically receive important updates and push notifications from your school

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Season's Greetings from Cr Ellen Smith

It's always rewarding at this time of year, particularly as we reflect on our achievements, our joys and even the challenges we faced throughout the past 12 months. As your elected member for Division 4, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for welcoming me into your school family.

As we head into the school holidays, I urge you to take care, drive safely if travelling, and please take the time to arrive safely at your destination this Christmas.

I wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

I look forward to continuing to work alongside you in 2015 for the very best outcomes for your community, now and into the future.

Regards
 Councillor Ellen Smith
 Division 4 Rockhampton Regional Council 0409 632 680



PLAYGROUP WEEK 9 - 4th December

TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Break-up
9:15 - 9:30	Reading corner/Jigsaw puzzles
9:30 – 10:45	Xmas Gift
	Games – balls, races, balloons, etc
	Xmas Activities
10:45 – 11:00	Story book
11:00 – 11:15	Shared Morning Tea - Party



Rocky High Orientation Day 2014

YEAR 8 – 2015 3 December 2014

- To:** All students intending to enrol for Year 8 in 2015 at Rockhampton State High School
- When:** Wednesday 3 December 2014
– 9 am to 3pm
- What:** A taste of life as a Year 8 student at Rocky High, a chance to meet some of your teachers for next year and to start making new friends. A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch.

YEAR 7 – 2015 4 December 2014

- To:** All students intending to enrol for Year 7 in 2015 at Rockhampton State High School
- When:** Thursday 4 December 2014 – 9 am to 3pm
- What:** A taste of life as a Year 7 student at Rocky High, a chance to meet some of your teachers for next year and to start making new friends. A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch.

Where: Rockhampton State High School,
Campbell Street, Rockhampton

What to Bring: Students will need to wear their school uniforms and shoes suitable for playing sport. Bring a hat, water bottle and pencil or pen, and afternoon tea (school tuckshop will be open).

Meet at the Assembly Hall at the start of the day

For further information, contact Amanda O'Beirne at Rocky High (aobei3@eq.edu.au or 49204333)

GET YOUR KIDS INTO THE
T20ACTION! **T20BLAST**

**SUPER FUN, SOCIAL AND ACTIVE.
IT'S CRICKET AND IT'S A BLAST!**

YOUR NEAREST MILO T20 BLAST CENTRE:

Indoor Sports Arena Rockhampton (ISA) School Holiday Program
Where: 37 Hollingsworth Street, North Rockhampton
When: Tuesdays 6th & 13th, Thursdays 8th & 15th of January 2015
Time: 2:30pm to 5:30pm
Cost: \$99.00 (includes Brisbane Heat bag, cap & giveaways)
Contact: Trent Clarke (07) 4527 8499 / admin@isarocky.com.au

Register and Sign up at www.t20blast.com.au



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WHY KIDS AND PARENTS LOVE T20BLAST

MILO T20 BLAST GIVES GIRLS AND BOYS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY FUN GAMES OF CRICKET IN AN ACTIVE AND SOCIAL SETTING.

- ✓ Play modified games of T20 cricket
- ✓ Kids make new friends and team mates
- ✓ Fun, fast and always active
- ✓ Receive coaching tips in our weekly skills zone
- ✓ All equipment supplied, including a soft ball
- ✓ Everyone gets to bat, bowl and field each week
- ✓ Delivered by accredited coaches
- ✓ Weekly games lasting up to 90 minutes
- ✓ Festival-like atmosphere
- ✓ Music and Dancing

BONUS FUN STUFF!

EXCLUSIVE MILO T20 BLAST PLAYER PACK

FREE FUN MEMBERSHIP TO THE AUSSIE CRICKET CREW

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IT'S EASY!

- 1 VISIT T20BLAST.COM.AU
- 2 ENTER YOUR POSTCODE INTO THE REGISTER NOW SECTION
- 3 SELECT YOUR PREFERRED CENTRE FOR FURTHER DETAILS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO FIND YOUR LOCAL CENTRE, VISIT T20BLAST.COM.AU

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

SPORT & RECREATION BULLETIN
Central Qld Regional Newsletter

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Funding information

CONTACT US

This month...

CHRISTMAS is just around the corner and, before we know it, we will be back into the swing of a new sports year. The holidays could provide a perfect opportunity to get ready for 2015 so, alongside your Christmas/New Year celebrations, give some thought to following the Scouts' lead and 'be prepared'.

All of us at Sport and Recreation Services wish our valued clients and contacts a relaxing and safe Christmas and a happy, prosperous and active new year.



SRS Central Queensland will be closed from December 25, reopening on January 2

Contact us: Visit our website - www.nprsr.qld.gov.au Local call - 1300 656 191
Rockhampton Regional Office - 4936 0510 Bundaberg Area Office - 4131 2702
Emerald Area Office - 4982 1510 Hervey Bay Area Office - 4125 9352
Email - sroentrakld@nprsr.qld.gov.au

A NOTE FROM SANTA AND YOUR
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER



Christmas time is almost upon us again! This year Santa Claus has asked MSP Photography to help him with Santa photos at Gracemere Shopping World.

As MSP Photography provided your school photos earlier this year we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for your patronage in 2014 with this exclusive offer.

Any Port Curtis Road State School family to present for Santa photos at Gracemere Shopping World with this newsletter item will receive a 10% discount on their total order.

Just cut out this newsletter item and hand it to Santa's helper to receive your discount.

All the family is welcome to join Santa for a photo and you are able to choose your favourite image immediately after they are taken. As we print these photos on site, you will receive your prints within minutes of the photo being taken.

If you have any queries in regard to Santa photos, please don't hesitate to contact our MSP Photography office on 4921 3355 or email schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au

(Please note our office will be closed commencing school holidays and Santa enquiries can be directed to photographers at the shopping centre thereafter.)

Santa's Visiting Hours

1st Dec - 23rd Dec

Monday-Wednesday: 2pm-6pm

Thursday: 2pm-9pm

Friday: 2pm-6pm

Saturday: 10am-2pm

Sunday: Santa's RDO

HAPPY HOLI DAYS!!!



This offer is made by MSP Photography independently of Gracemere Shopping World. Limit of one discount per transaction per day. This newsletter item must be surrendered to gain discount. This newsletter item not valid with any other offer. Additional conditions may apply. This voucher expires at 6pm on 23rd December 2014.



Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Kathy Connaughton, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(07) 4921 0273 / 0408 490 984
or kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Rockhampton by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

www.summerreadingclub.org.au

SUMMER READING CLUB

15 December 2014 – 19 January 2015

Register and pick up a Reading Log from

- Mount Morgan Library
- North Rockhampton Library
- Rockhampton Regional Library

Pirate Launch Party on
Monday 15 December, 3.30pm – 4.00pm
Rockhampton Regional Library

Presentation Party on
Wednesday 21 January, 7.00pm – 8.00pm

More support

for students with disabilities

CENTRAL QLD REGION CONTACTS

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International Day of People with Disability

December 3rd



The 3rd of December is International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD), a United Nations sanctioned day that celebrates progress in breaking down barriers, opening doors, and realising an inclusive society for all. Disability organisations,

businesses, governments and the community come together at events across the country to mark the occasion and celebrate the achievements of people with disability. International Day of People with Disability is an opportunity for the community to make positive changes to the lives of 4 million Australians. For more information and educational resources go to www.idpwd.com.au.

CHECKOUT THESE INSPIRING STORIES!

The Australian Human Rights Commission in 2012 put together an inspirational series of stories celebrating 20 years of the Disability Discrimination Act—*Twenty Stories*. To view these amazing stories go to www.humanrights.gov.au/twentystories.



The *Focus on Ability Short Film Festival 2014* reached over 250,000 people in 163 countries and features highly entertaining and motivating films focusing on ability. Here are the entries:

<http://www.focusonability.com.au/films.asp?CompYear=2014>



Great state. Great opportunity.



TUCKSHOP for the next week—Friday 5 December. *Note: NO Tuckshop on Friday 12 December.*

TUCKSHOP – FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2014	
NAME:	YEAR:
<u>\$6.50 MEAL DEAL</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Toasted Sandwich – Ham/Cheese OR Ham/Cheese/Tomato</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Flavoured milk</i> or <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Fruit popper</i> or <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Water</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Surprise</i>	
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

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TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

PLEASE NOTE:

The P&C Association will be providing a sausage sizzle breakfast
for the students on Friday 12 December 2014..

Students will be required to bring a packed lunch on this day.

There will be NO TUCKSHOP on Friday 12 December 2014.