Families and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

Communication: From time to time parents / carers may have concerns about school matters or their child’s progress. Minor concerns may become bigger issues if you do not talk to the school staff about them promptly. We have found most issues are best resolved through prompt and courteous communication. The Port Curtis Road State School teaching staff are always happy to meet with parents / carers to discuss student progress or other matters. Please ensure you have discussed the matter with your child’s teacher before contacting other staff members in the school.

To enable staff members to give your matter their full attention, you may have to arrange a suitable time to discuss this. Equally, leadership, needs to be involved in some matters, but not all. Please don’t hesitate to come and discuss your concerns with me.

Volunteers: Whilst we have had a few new ladies, Rebecca Dingwall and Vanessa Newport assist with Breakfast Club and / or Tuckshop, we still need help! There’s an old saying, “Many hands make light work”. If you can help in any small way, please contact Deb in the office or myself.

This Thursday, we have another volunteer, Roslyn Moss assisting with reading practice in Year 2/3 and Year 4/5/6 classrooms for the morning session.

Thank you to these ladies and to all of our existing volunteers. Research has proven that if parents /carers become involved in their child’s schooling, then the child will perform better as they see the parent taking a vital role in their education.

Reminders: Arrivals / Departures / Supervision Duties—The following is taken from the Parent Handbook:

In partnership with our school community we ask for your firm support with arrival and departure procedures.

Supervision of students by staff begins at 8.30am. This is part of our supportive environment policy. It is strongly recommended that you do not have your child/ren on school site before 8.20am. If there are special circumstances it is requested that written communication to the Principal be undertaken to outline the support needed.

School finishes at 3.00pm. It would be a community partnership courtesy to ensure your child/ren is/are picked up by 3.15pm (at the latest). Again if support is needed to meet this commitment please contact the office.

A safe and supportive school needs families and school working together.

Paper, Tissues and Booklist Supplies: A reminder to all parents/caregivers to ensure that their child/ren have all of the booklist supplies required and that each student has bought in the 4 reams of A4 copy paper and 2 boxes of tissues—these can be left at the office. Prep Parents: My Prep ABC ScrapBook is available at the office for $15 if you still need to buy this book. Thank you to all who have supplied these items.

Take Care

Mrs Susan Thaw, Acting Principal
WEEKLY AWARDS

Week 1

Principal's Award Rhys Mackenzie

Bookwork and Gotchas Award For Year 23—
L-R Back: Jensen Ditroi, Shae Smith, Alexander Macdonald. L-R Front: Jordan-Lee Furness, Wayne Jones, Noah West, Ruby Bell

Gotchas for Prep Year 1—L-R Back: Holly Jones, Janae Vidler, Lewis Matheson, Kayden Schunemann, Mikayla Furness. L-R Front: Harlan Rook, AnnaBell Schuneman, Shiovon Osborne

Gotcha Award for Year 456
Kayla Ware and Jackson Daniels

Week 2

Principal's Award L-R: Kayla Ware, Dash Lindley, Marcus Rodgers

Gotchas Award

Bookwork Award
L-R Shae Smith, AnnaBell Schunemann, Jonathan Maloney Charlotte Macdonald.
NEWS FROM OUR LIBRARY

Hi Everyone.

We have had a great start to our year. The students are really enjoying our books in the Library.

Reminders for our Library
All students must line up outside the library and wait for me (Mrs Collins) or Mrs Olive. Please do not enter Library without an adult.

Opening Times:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday – 8.30am - 8.55am, 11.20am-11.45am, 1.30pm -1.50pm
Wednesday 11.20am-11.45am, 1.30pm-1.50pm
(Library closed 8.30 – 8.55am Staff Meeting).
Fridays only 1.30pm -1.50pm
Parents please ensure all students have a Library Bag for their library book to stay dry and clean.

Library Lessons:
- Tuesday - 4/5/6 class
  Wednesday - Prep /Year 1 class
  Thursday – 2/3 class

Book Club Orders
Book Club orders went home last week; orders are due back to school no later than 9th February. There is the Book Club LOOP if parents are interested in paying online. Details on the back of your order form. Otherwise send in your order with the cash or cheque payable to Scholastics.

Respect
Mrs Collins

SCHOOL BANKING

Get involved in the School Banking program.

Port Curtis Road State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:
- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!
All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online
Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch
Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is THURSDAY. Each week you need to take your bank deposit folder with funds and deposit slip completed to the office or Mrs West.
**NEWS FROM PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup for Term 1 will commence on Thursday 16th February. Please come along. We ask that you bring some fruit to share for morning tea and a gold coin donation.

**WEEK 4**
**16th February**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Brothers Australian Rules Football Club are holding our sign on day on Sunday 19th February 2017 from 9am till 11am at Kele Park.

The Club’s home ground is at Kele Park, Millewa St, West Rockhampton (near the Rockhampton Airport). The Club is the only football club servicing South Rockhampton and Gracemere, and also has close ties with our player group in the Central Highlands.

**Further information**

Website: [www.brothers.aflq.com.au](http://www.brothers.aflq.com.au)
Pam 0417882298

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To be eligible to participate in Saver Plus you must:

be 18 years or over

be a parent or guardian of a student attending school or starting next year, or be attending or returning to vocational training yourself

have a current health care card or pensioner concession card

make your own household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time, cash in hand or seasonal employment.

If you are interested in receiving $500 in matched savings, please contact

Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator
0408 490984 or 49248125 Email - kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au