



PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

PRINCIPAL: Mrs Susan Thaw

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Term 1 Week 1 - 7 February 2017

Core Priorities: Writing Attendance Wellbeing

VALUE: Every child matters every day!

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

2017 Dates to Remember

Term 1

23 January–31 March

Australia Day

Public Holiday—26 January

Term 2

18 April–23 June

Anzac Day

Public Holiday—25 April

Term 3

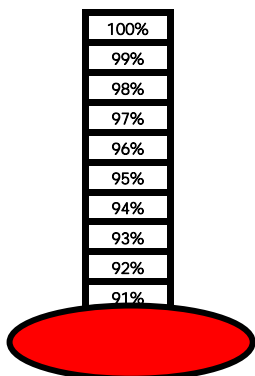
10 July–15 September

Term 4

3 October–8 December

Student Free Day 16 October

Attendance Thermometer



Every Day is a Learning Day!

P & C Association

Next Meeting
February 7 at 2pm

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



From the Principal

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 have supplied these items.

Take Care

Mrs Susan Thaw, Acting Principal

Student Absences: Every Day Matters—Every Day is a Learning Day. Please advise the school if your child is/or will be away.

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
L-R Back: Matthew Maloney, Wayne Jones, Bindy Brannock, Cruz Lawrie.. L-R Front: Janae Vidler, Ava Chant, Jayson Mackenzie.



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:

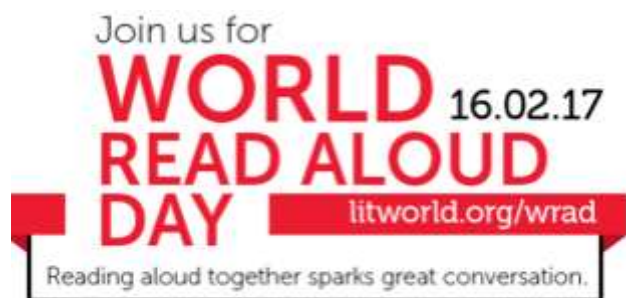
- **Tuesday** - 4/5/6 class

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.



Regards
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



TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME - 'Welcome'
9:00 - 9:30	Reading Corner/ Puzzles
9:30 - 10:45	Craft - Paper Friends Chain
	Group Painting - Quack! Quack! Welcome Back
	Craft - Ducks
	Playdough
	Lego play
10:45 - 11:00	Big Books - Five Little Ducks
11:00 - 11:15	Shared Morning Tea

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

Pam 0417882298



TUCKSHOP - Friday 17 February

Orders must be in by Wednesday 15th Feb at 3pm

NAME:	Year Level
Chicken Fingers 5 per pack \$2.50	
Chicken Hamburger \$4.00 (chicken patty, mayo, tomato, lettuce, carrot, cheese)	
Fruit Cup \$1.00	
Large Fruit Salad \$2.50	
Yoghurt \$1.00	
Water \$1.00	
Juice popper \$2.00	
Chocolate Milk \$2.00	
Strawberry Milk \$2.00	
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Saver Plus Fact Sheet



Would \$500.00 help cover the cost of school expenses?



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
- have some form of 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

What is Saver Plus?

Saver Plus is Australia's largest and longest running matched savings and financial education program. The program is offered locally by community organisations in over 60 locations across Australia.

Who can join?

- To be eligible, participants must:
- have a Commonwealth Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card;
 - be at least 18 years old;
 - have some regular income from work (themselves or their partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment; and
 - be a parent or guardian of a child at school OR be attending or returning to vocational education themselves.

ANZ has provided more than **\$10 million dollars** in matched funds to participants across Australia since 2003.

Participants have saved more than **\$43.5 million dollars** during the program.

Successes

Contributed to the success, by the Financial Literacy and Inclusion Partnership, of a Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Community Business Partnership (2006 and 2007).
 Third place winner of Best Socially Responsible Product in Money Magazine's Best of the Best Awards 2007.
 Gold winner of Best Socially Responsible Product in Money Magazine's Best of the Best Awards 2008.
 Recognised as world's best practice in 2008, outperforming similar programs in the UK, USA, South America and Asia.
 Outstanding Achievement Award in the Community category North Small West 2009.

How does the program work?

Saver Plus participants are assigned a Saver Plus Wicket at their local community organisation and open an ANZ Progress Saver account at their local ANZ branch, into which they make regular deposits. They attend MoneyMind workshops to build their financial management skills and when they reach their savings goal after 60 months ANZ matches the amount, up to \$500, for the purchase of the nominated educational item.

Since 2003, Saver Plus has supported more than **23,000** Australians to save.

How did the program start?

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

What are the benefits of the program?

Independent research published by RWIT in 2013 found that of participants who completed the program:

- **87%** continue to save the same amount or more up to 12 months post completion.
- **93%** reported that achieving their goals increased their self-esteem.
- **81%** are better equipped to deal with unexpected expenses.
- **84%** encouraged family members, including children, to save.
- **88%** are more aware of where to get help with financial decision-making.

How to find out more

To find out more, contact Saver Plus saverplus@bfsl.org.au 1300 630 336



Port Curtis Road State School

Term 1 - 2017

BE Safe
 BE Responsible
 BE Respectful
 BE A Learner

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	Jan 26 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Australia Day	Jan 27
2	30 Jan	31 Jan	1 Feb	2 Feb	3 Feb Swimming Yrs 1-6 Tuckshop
3	6 Feb	7 Feb P & C Meeting	8 Feb Preppies Photo for Morning Bulletin	9 Feb	10 Feb Swimming Yrs 1-6
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