



PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

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Term 3 Week 5—9 August 2016

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.

Dates to Remember 2016

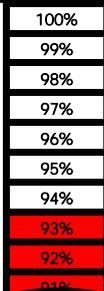
Term 3
11 July—16 September

Term 4
4 October - 9 December

Public Holiday Queen's Birthday Monday 3rd October

Student Free Day

Attendance Thermometer



WEEK 93%

Congratulations to Year 4—100%

P & C Association

NEXT MEETING - To be Advised

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

Naplan

Last week, 2016 Naplan results were released and I am very proud to say our Year 3 and Year 5 students did extremely well. I received a phone call this morning from the Executive Directors of Schools – Mrs Trudy Graham congratulating our staff and students on such a fantastic effort.

Year 3: 57% of students were in the Upper 2 Bands for Reading, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy.

All students were at and above the National Standard in all areas.

Year 5: 30% of students were in the Upper 2 Bands for Reading and Grammar & Punctuation.

All students were at and above the National Standard in all areas.

If a student is working in the Upper 2 Bands they are working 2 levels above the National Average, which is a very high level.

Parents should have received the Naplan reports by now and you will be able to **compare your child's results with the Nations.**

It is so lovely to see all the hard work has improved student outcomes.

Writing

As you know writing is one of the core priority areas we are working on this year, along with Attendance and Wellbeing.

At the end of last term, teachers sent home a postcard with a sample of your child's **writing and some written feedback and a score.** The students' writing goals were also attached. Can you please sign the postcard and provide some written feedback for staff and send it back to school this week?

Students in Years 2-6 have been working on a Narrative called "The Secret Tunnel", for this term. The students are doing a wonderful job with their stories so far, using descriptive language and some fantastic high level vocab. They are very interesting to listen to.

Writing Wall

The Writing wall as shown on the next page can be found on display in each classroom and on the display notice board under Mr Collins classroom. Each child is allocated a number and their writing results are displayed according to their raw score along the horizontal axis.

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

Achievement Levels are displayed as follows:

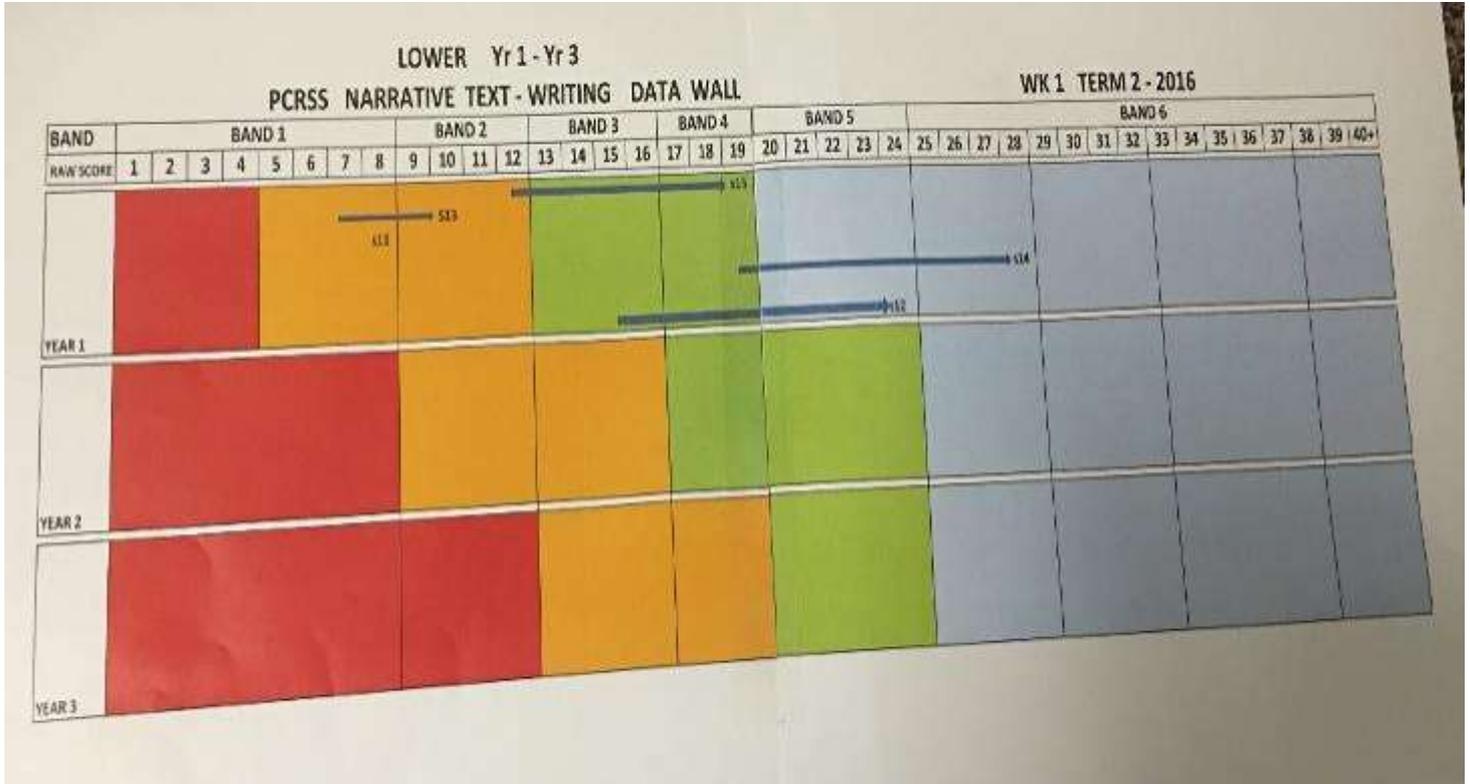
Red area: Below National Minimum Standard (Below average)

Orange area: At the National Average (Average)

Green area: Above the Nation (High achievement)

Blue area: In the Upper 2 Bands (very high achievement)

If you have any questions about interpreting this graph please feel free to come and ask myself or one of the teachers.



Our Vision

We acknowledge that all stakeholders play a vital role in ensuring that our vision for Port Curtis Road State School is enacted broadly and purposefully and that each and every day counts for each and every student.

Planned Participation

Overall Organisation

Routine Respect

Towards Trust

Challenged Curiosity

Unlimited Understanding

Realistic Rigour

Thoughtful Teaching

Individualised Inspiration

Sequenced Success



Recently Year 2/3 participated in a colouring competition for the Emergency Services. Cruz was awarded first prize in the 5-8 year old section, and Sahara was awarded second prize in the same section. Cruz recently accepted his prize at the Emergency Services Day at the Heritage Village.

Have a great week!

Julianne Emmert, Principal

News from Prep Yr 1

Parents/caregivers you may have noticed over the last few *days I have been sending home copies of the "Courier Mail."* The school signed up for a deal the newspaper offered in relation to the coverage of the Olympic Games. We discuss the Games each day at school covering aspects including athletes, sports, geography, and the like- we also refer to articles that appear in the newspaper- specific to the Olympics. As a point of interest I thought that you might like to follow up these discussions at home hence the children receiving a newspaper.

All students have shown an interest in the Olympic Games and it affords a great opportunity to explore curriculum based concepts in a real life/life like manner.

Have a great week.

John Collins

News from Year 2 / 3

Welcome to week 5 of the term. Reading and writing are essential skills, not only in literacy, but for all subject areas.

Some helpful reading tips for Parents:

1. Sit side-by-side with your child.
2. *Don't 'tell' the words.*
3. *Move beyond 'sound it out'.*
4. Have your child re-read some passages for fluency.
5. Allow some mistakes to go uncorrected.
6. Allow the same book multiple times.
7. Keep reading to your child.

Pause: Pause when a child experiences difficulty reading a word. Pause before expecting an answer. Be patient.

Prompt: Prompt to help a child continue reading, give a hint. But if the word is not correct after prompting, say, *"The word is.."*

Praise: Praise a child who is working at being a great reader. Use general praise, *"Good job!"*. Use specific praise, *"Great expression!"*

Writing is a core priority for our school this year and it is vitally important that writing is not only a focus for our school but also at home. Parents can make a huge difference

in helping their child/ren develop their writing skills. Writing involves more than just putting pen to paper-it is a communication process and plays an important part in our lives.

The class has been busily working on the writing project *for the term "The Secret Tunnel". The stories that are currently being written are beginning to take shape with some students about halfway through their writing task. Last term a writing postcard was sent home to parents with a sample of their child's writing attached-if you child didn't bring this home, please let me know.*

Some helpful writing tips for Parents:

*Daily writing activities at home: write a letter to a family member; send a birthday card to a family member; write notes (using sticky notes) to each other and leave around the house; write out the weekly shopping list; write out recipes; keep a daily journal; draw a picture and write the story;

**buy a container of magnetic letters and 'write' sentences*

**using chalk, write a 'silly' sentence*

* *create a 'word wall' of vocabulary*

*keep a supply of pens, pencils and different types of writing paper

*encourage and motivate your child to write by resisting the urge to focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar errors. Focus on the positives and let them enjoy the craft of writing. Mechanical errors can be corrected afterwards.

Happy writing!

Until next newsletter

Cheers

Irene Ingrey

News from Year 4/5/6

In week 3 a bunch of us spent Wednesday and Thursday at District Sport. I would like to give a shout out to those students who attended for their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. It was wonderful seeing *these students in action and 'having a go'. For running events everyone is to be commended for their running*

technique, with fantastic movement of their arms and legs. It was evident that they had taken on board our lessons and feedback. Charlie ran well in his 800m event, earning him a place in the final. He kept a good pace in the final, but unfortunately did not place. Bindy, our only girl, ran exceptionally well. Those little legs were moving pretty fast and she did a great job, injuries and all.



Saving the big news until last...a massive congratulations to Lachlan Macdonald. I am one proud teacher. Lachlan threw a whopping 19.76m in discus, taking out 1st place in *the C School's division*. *This fantastic throw was also the best for the day, earning Lachlan 1st place across all competitors.* To give you a snapshot, Lachlan had a beautiful first throw, however, his foot slid forward with his momentum leading to the throw being a foul. We had a little chat, he took on board my feedback and then he went on to throw his winning distance. The news gets even better! Lachlan also competed in shot put. He placed 3rd overall, throwing 8.76m. *Lachlan's success continued when he represented the school at the Regional level.* Unfortunately I could not be there, but this did not stop Lachlan from knowing that myself and the school were right behind him. On his final throw for discus, Lachlan threw an even greater distance, setting himself a Personal Best of a massive 21m. This earned him 2nd place, only being centimetres away from the winner. This has earned Lachlan a place in the Capricornia Trials to be held on 22nd August. Lachlan also threw well in his shot put, placing 4th. I will say it again, I am one proud teacher, not just for Lachlan's achievements but also his attitude and sportsmanship. Well done Lachlan!

Across to the classroom we have been busy perfecting our writing. We have been discussing their goals and improvements as well as pulling apart their recent writing task. Everyone has been working hard with writing activi-

ties and during small group sessions everyone has recognised their own areas for improvement in their writing. Students are currently working on two narratives; one for our 7 Steps Writing program with the 2/3 class and their new and improved NAPLAN resit story.

If you have been past the school during our maths and science lessons you would have noticed that the school yard has become our classroom. We have been doing lots of hands-on activities away from the classroom. Last week in science, students created small cup sandcastles and used measure amounts of water to see first-hand the impact of water erosion. Students not only worked outside but they also worked with each other in small groups. It was fantastic to see cooperation across the groups and hear the interesting learning conversations. In maths we have been looking at angles and symmetry. We explored the school to find where different angles are used in buildings. We became tech-savvy too, using the iPads during our symmetry lesson to create fantastic representations of symmetrical patterns. Once again, students showed spectacular cooperation, discussing patterns with each other and sharing the iPads due to the limited number we have.

Miss Rebekah Shearman



Giraffes

Giraffes are only found in Africa.

They have four very strong legs, a short tail, patterns with brown fur and an extremely long neck...just long enough to reach leaves on the trees. Giraffes walk, crawl and run.

They are herbivores. Giraffes eat leaves that are very thorny. They are only found in bushland.

Giraffes make a neighing sound. They have very tough tongues as well. Not all giraffes have the same body pattern.

A male giraffe can weigh as much as a pickup truck. That's about 1400 kilograms.

By Jensen Ditroi

Yr 1

Informative Text

Rocket

Look at the rocket.

It is big and shiny.

I'm in the rocket going to the moon.

By Lucas Laidlaw

Prep

The Planty Birthday

"Help" I scream while boulders of slime stick to my legs.

The plant thrashes its head with rage while it tries to digest me. It's ferocious teeth reaches up to my skinny neck. I couldn't breathe, the fresh air has escaped from my throat.

Ding! Ding! Ding! The loud school bell has rung, kids pile out of the front door, it was summer holidays, the sweet air has kicked in. I bolt out of the slamming door and I kick off my stoppers from my bike and I start peddling fort the hills and all the way home.

"School holidays!" I yell joyfully. I jump off my creaking bike and dump it on the ground. "Mum!" I yell .Out of the corner of my eye, a note was stamped to the fridge.

Dear Caige,

I have gone next door and I may not be back for 30 minutes or more. Before you have fun, do your chores:

*washing up

* clothes in washing machine

*make sure you eat something, but before all of that, play outside.

"Unhh" I groan. "It's school holidays, why chores?" I say. I stomp outside, slamming the screen door.

I run over to the gardens to see my venus fly traps, then I notice that something moved. I turn around, noticing something lumbering over me, a thirty foot fly trap! I Start running and calling out, "Mum help"

There was no use; it grabs me with its long sticky vines and starts devouring me.

I slide down its long stem, like a slippery slide except slime." Aahhhh!" I try to straighten myself up but I'm too weak. I notice something surrounds me, gooey sap hangs from the ceiling and vines wrap me up. Will I ever get out? Until.....

By Caige Dahler, Year 6

BEHAVIOUR

GOLD

Prep / Year 1: Lily-Rose Brigg, Mikayla Furness, Rylee Godfrey, Daan Greenhalgh, Holly Jones, Lucas Laidlaw, Charlotte Macdonald, Harlan Rook, Anna-Bell Schunemann, Ruby Bell, Jensen Ditroi, Jordan-Lee Furness, Rhys Mackenzie, Riley Milliner

Year 2 / 3: Cooper Hill, Wayne Jones, Raina Rook, Shae Smith, Sanne Greenhalgh, Kayla Ware.

Year 4 / 5 / 6: Brianna Hill, Jessie Neale, Logan Smith, Bindy Brannock, Lachlan Macdonald, Sam Crichton, Caige Dahler, Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie

SILVER

Prep / Year 1: Marcus Rodgers

Year 2 / 3: Lacey Harris, Alex Macdonald, Hayli Osborne, Jaiden Ditroi, Cruz Lawrie, Matthew Maloney, Christopher Olive, Darlene Ruff

Year 4 / 5 / 6: Lincoln Newman, Bryce Leddy, Loretta Mackenzie, Charlie Neale

GREEN

Year 2 / 3: Jonothan Maloney, Sahara McCasey, Jayden Nicholson,

Year 4 / 5 / 6: Jackson Daniels, Logan Nicholson, Madison Sander, Phoebe Sander.

WEEK 3 AWARDS:

GOTCHAS - Prep/ Year 1 Jensen Ditroi
Year 2/3 Christopher Olive,
Lacey Harris,
Sanne Greenhalgh
Year 4/5/6 Sam Crichton

DOJOS - Prep/ Year 1 199 Positive
Year 2/3 117 Positive
Year 4/5/6 171 Positive

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD Year 2/3 Matthew Maloney
Christopher Olive
Year 4/5/6 Caige Dahler

ATTENDANCE Year 1 98%
Whole School Average 91.1%

CAUGHT AT THEIR BEST Loretta Mackenzie
Phoebe Sander
Madison Sander
For helping Miss Ingrey

BOOKWORK Prep/ Year 1 Jensen Ditroi, Ruby Bell,
Jordan-Lee Furness
Year 2/3 Matthew Maloney
Year 4/5/6 Caige Dahler, Sam Crichton,
Logan Nicholson

WEEK 4 AWARDS:

GOTCHAS - Prep/ Year 1 Rhys Mackenzie
Lucas Laidlaw
Year 2/3 Sanne Greenhalgh, Cooper Hill,
Jaiden Ditroi
Year 4/5/6 Lincoln Newman,
Tayleah Daniel,
Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie

DOJOS - Prep/ Year 1 234 Positive
Year 2/3 93 Positive
Year 4/5/6 129 Positive

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD Year 2/3 Christopher Olive
Year 4/5/6 Sam Crichton

ATTENDANCE Year 4 100%
Whole School Average 93%

BOOKWORK Year 2/3 Shae Smith, Hayli Osborne,
Cruz Lawrie
Year 4/5/6 Sam Crichton,
Phoebe Sander



SIGN ON DAY

Join a lifestyle | lifesavingpathways.com.au

Where: Emu Park Surf Life Saving Club

When: Sunday 28 August 2016
09:00 to 11:00

Who: Nippers Date of Birth between
1 October 2002 and 30 September 2011

Bring: Identification – birth certificate and driver license
Togs, towel, goggles, sunscreen

Cost: Family membership - \$220

Stinger suits, hi-vis rashies, nipper caps,
togs, t-shirts on sale

Season start: Sunday 18 September 2016 at 09:00

Come and try: September school holidays
Sunday 18 Sep, 25 Sep, 2 Oct

Contact: Zane Hooton

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WHEN?
August 27th,
2016

WHERE:
Community Hall
Barry St,
Gracemere

Gracemere Little Athletics
(Non-profit organisation)
TRIVIA NIGHT
TIME: 7pm

Pre-book your
table and go into
the draw for a
Weekend's
Accommodation
6-8 people per table

MULTI-DRAW Raffle
LUCKY DOOR Prizes
\$10 per adult & \$5 per playing child
BOOKINGS CONTACT: 0419 391 863 or
Gracemere Little Athletics FACEBOOK page

BAR operating and supper supplied
SEE YOU THERE ☺

PORTY PLAYGROUP

Week 5 - 11th August
OLYMPICS



TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Olympic Games
9:15 - 9:30	Reading corner/Jigsaw puzzles
9:30 – 10:45	Paint Olympic Rings
	Olympic Sports activity
	Running Shoe – colour, cut, lace up
	Fruitloop ring necklaces - threading
10:45 – 11:00	Construct & decorate a Olympic Torch
10:45 – 11:00	Story book
11:00 – 11:15	Morning Tea



Week 6 – 18th August -
Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well

TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well
9:15 - 9:30	Reading corner/Jigsaw puzzles
9:30 – 10:45	Sorting Fruits, Vegetables Healthy foods
	Colour in fruits for Fruit Salad
	Playdough
	Poster – Cut & paste pictures from magazines
	Prepare- Fruit Salad
10:45 – 11:00	Music & Dance – Wiggles Fruit Salad
	Story book
11:00 – 11:15	Morning Tea- Fruit Salad

TUCKSHOP - Friday 12 August		
Orders must be in by Thursday 11 August by 9 am		
NAME:		Year Level
	Cheerios in a Cup \$2.00	
	Chicken Hamburger \$4.50 <i>(chicken patty, mayo, tomato,</i>	
	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	
	Total	
Money Enclosed		Change Required

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Early Education Transition Incentive

PLAYGROUP TO PREP

Prep Students for 2017 who attend a minimum of 8 weeks during Semester 2 at Porty Playgroup will be eligible for a 'Prep Starter Pack.'

Prep Starter Pack

- One PCR Uniform Shirt
- Back Pack
- Pencil case- containing lead pencils, a glue stick, colours , scissors
- 2 Display folders
- 2 Scrapbooks
- 1 Homework folder



The invitation is open to current and new playgroup members, so come along and commence your early education journey. For any further information please don't hesitate to contact the school on 49223056 or email principal@portcurtss.eq.edu.au



August 2016



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 PARADE 11:45 -12	2	3	4 Playgroup	5 Jeans for Genes Day NRL Backyard League	6	7 <i>Week 4</i>
8 PARADE 11:45 -12	9 Newsletter	10	11 Playgroup	12 Tuckshop Oz Tag	13	14 Alton Dns Gymkhana to 11 Sept
15 PARADE 11:45 -12	16	17	18 Playgroup	19	20	21 <i>Week 6</i>
22 PARADE 11:45 -12	23 Newsletter	24 School Photos Lego Club Minecraft Club	25 Playgroup	26 Tuckshop Oz Tag Daffodil Day	27	28 <i>Week 7</i>
29 PARADE 11:45 -12	30	31				<i>Week 8</i>

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