PRINCIPAL: Mrs Julianne Emmert  Term 3 Week 9 - 9 September 2014

VALUE: Every child matters every day!

Family and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

Attendance
If your child is away from school can you please notify the school by text, phone call or email before 9.30am? Staff are required to enter a reason into our system, which is then checked by Central Office in Brisbane. A high rate of unexplained absences will be investigated. Either Deb or myself will contact parents in the morning, if no contact has been made by the parent.

Parent Notice Board
I would like to say a huge thanks to Irene Ingrey for designing our new parent notice board under Mr Collins room and on my front veranda. There will be information on display about:
- Behaviour School & Classroom Rules
- Behaviour Levels - Gold, Silver, Green, Amber, Red
- Bookwork Policy,
- Behaviour Brochure
- Strategic Plan 2014 – 2018 (Ed.Qld)
- Our school core priorities
- How we manage student behaviour
- What does PCR mean? Play the Game, Commitment and Respect
- Newsletters
- Playgroup information
- Student Council updates

Each alternate fortnight, starting next week we will send home a one page newsletter providing parents with information on Student Disabilities.

Support Staff Day - Friday 5th September
Last Friday, the Teaching Staff, Student Council and Students thanked our Teacher Aides, Admin Officer, Cleaner, Librarian, Groundsman and our Tuckshop ladies for all their hard work. All of their contributions are essential to the efficient running of the school. It is a team effort and everyone works so well together. Even if you don’t hear it every day you are deeply appreciated and valued by myself, teachers, students and parents.

The tuckshop ladies do such a wonderful job. We are so lucky to have breakfast club every day. I am not sure if there are any other schools that run it each morning. Thank you so much for volunteering your time on a regular basis. The menu is lovely with homemade pasta bake and burgers etc. Last Friday the students had a sausage sizzle and beautiful fresh fruit salad.
Jenny and Lauren kindly accepted the certificate, card and gift on behalf of all of the Tuckshop Ladies from the Student Council, Teachers and Students.

Thanks to Casey Mendham, Jenny Robson, Lauren Daniels, Sally Passman, Tanya James, Angela Winter and Cassandra Blank.

**Footy Colours Day**
It was lovely to see the students come dressed in their ‘Footy Colours’ in support to fight cancer. $29 was raised on the day. Well done to everyone.

**Father’s Day Woodwork Workshop**
I had a lovely day with the senior class making key holders for Father’s Day. The students were all actively engaged and eager to use some tools including a sander, drill, hammer and chalk paint. We learned about how to layer different colours and create texture. They all did a great job and they look lovely. The students were helping each other, taking turns and using their manners, which were nice to see. Thanks to Mrs Baxter for donating all the horse shoes. Next term I will work with the Year 3-4 class and we will make a little project.

I hope you have a wonderful week!

Take Care
Julianne Emmert
Principal
News from the Prep – Year 2 Classroom
A significant amount of research of late has been undertaken with regard to the development of vocabulary in young children, the results of which indicate that planned, explicit and regular instruction in terms of vocabulary assists students enormously in not only widening their exposure to substantive, higher order vocabulary but also in embedding this language in normal discourse.

Each day in the Prep to Year 2 classroom, specific vocabulary related activities are planned and explored. You may have heard your child speak of green level, silver level and gold level words. In essence we have transferred our Behaviour Levels to the teaching of vocabulary. The green level words are basic high frequency words that are commonly used; silver level words are more descriptive and used less frequently whilst the gold level words are highly descriptive, often rarely applied and require sound contextual understanding. Our aim is to widen the vocabulary used by the children in both their oral and written interactions.

The P & C Committee would like to invite all members and non-members to our next meeting.
As the end of the year is coming around quickly, we would love your help and ideas of what we can do for fundraisers to aid our end of year celebrations.
As we are a very small school we need all the help we can get. Can’t wait to see you all there.

Come and join our table on

Wednesday 10th September 8.30am.

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 textbooks
• 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 studying yourself.

Contact Kathy Connaughton, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(07) 4921 0273 / 0408 690 984
or kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by AME and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Association with The Smith Family.
The program is funded by MC and the Australian Government.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs.
Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family.
Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Community Announcements

**LIVE LIFE TODAY SERIES**

**WORKSHOP 1**

**STRENGTHENING AWARENESS**

Come and join like-minded women in small group workshops. Explore the positive ways of improving your life in a fun one day Workshop.

The aim of this workshop is to increase your self awareness, topics covered are listed below.

**Friday 5 Sept**
- Relaxation Session
- Expressive Drawings
- Emotions and the brain
- Fear and anxiety
- Examining values and beliefs
- Detach from outcome

**Venue:** Rockhampton
**Time:** 9:30am - 2:30pm
**RSVP:** Friday 29 Aug
**Cost:** $20.00 / workshop
**Lunch:** BYO Lunch

**To Register**
Email: registrations@centcare.net or Phone 1300 523 985
“Fees are negotiable and no one is refused a service based on an inability to pay. Please speak to the facilitator if you have concerns about the fees”

**September Community Diary**

1-19 August
Buddi Culinary Competition WIN a family movie pass.
Visit your local library to enter.
Rockhampton Regional Library

9-11 September
Weedbuster Week
Visit Council’s Pest Management Unit and talk about garden pests and what you can do to stop the spread of weeds.
9am-5pm Wednesday Stockland Rockhampton

14-15 September
Sticky Stories Seminar
Enjoy experience and listen to the three featured stories.
Rockhampton Regional Library 10:30am

14 September
Heritage Village Markets
The Rockhampton Art Gallery will be hosting their Annual Heritage Village Markets with a focus on local crafts and products.
Rockhampton Regional Library 9am-1pm

17 September
Trivia.Net
1.30pm - 3.30pm
Library Technology Centre Rockhampton Regional Library

20 September
World Parks Day
Come and help us celebrate World Parks Day. Enjoy a picnic in the park. View information on the re-development of Kershaw Gardens and much more.
Kershaw Gardens

24 September
Circus Oz
An Amazing Race Style event.
Visit Kickstart’s website to find out more.
7.15pm Kershaw Gardens

24 September
Living Literature
Come along to Cameron Gay, Utsho Kingston苹果 writer, story teller and much much more.
Rockhampton Regional Library 7pm

26 September
Escape from Planet Earth
A virtual reality experience where participants will experience a journey into an alien planet.
Rockhampton Regional Library 7pm

27 September
Fireworks, live music, short films, arts workshops and more will all be happening at the Full Film Festival Saturday, 27 September 6pm-9pm herer first cut art house.

Visit our events calendar to keep up to date with all that is happening within our Region at www.rrc.qld.gov.au or call Council on 07 4932 9000 or 1300 22 55 77.

Port Curtis Road State School Phone: 07-49223056, Fax: 07-49213258
Archer Park Rail Museum will hold School Holiday Activities:

MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER and
MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 10am - 1pm

Children (18 mths and over) - $8.00
One adult free per family, Extra adults $5.50

We will have the Tram running for rides, and special activities and tour guides. Come along and give the kids some fun during the school holidays!
For more information you can call 49222774.

Interested in 5 a Side Football (Soccer)
Social Fun Competition?
This is a fundraiser for the soccer grounds in Rockhampton to try and raise money for maintaining the grounds and a one convenient location for Saturday morning football and for families with junior players.

Starting Term 4 at Norbridge Park Field 4
On Wednesday Nights - Under lights

$25 per player for registration and $35 team game fees
Taking TEAM nominations now
Please Email junior5asidefootball@gmail.com or phone
Simon on 0419 793 581 or Gwen on 0407 038 440

How to talk so kids will listen
Rockhampton Regional Council in partnership with Anglicare is offering the How to talk to kids workshop designed to provide parents with tips on practical, effective methods of communication to make relationships with young people less stressful.

Thursday
18 September | 25 September | 2 October
This program is designed to be delivered to adults. Please arrange to have your children cared for while attending the program.
Attendance is required at all three sessions.
2:30pm - 5pm
Fitzroy Room
Rockhampton Regional Library

The program is part of Rockhampton Regional Council’s Community Capacity Building Program.
Bookings are essential by Thursday 4th September 2014. Registration forms are available online or contact Communities and Facilities on 4938 8589, or email CommunityDevelopment@rrc.qld.gov.au

Anglicare
Community Capacity Building Workshops:
Introducing and telling the community

School Holiday Activities

Rockhampton Heritage Village
Get your children outside the school holidays.
Activities include: milking the cow, feeding animals, stage coach, fire engine, vintage car, mini-train and pony rides.
Activities are held at different times of the morning.
Please contact us for more details.

September 2014
Tues 23 | Wed 24 | Thur 25
Tues 30 Sept, Wed 1 Oct, Thurs 2 Oct
9am to 12 midday

Cost | $8.50 per child (18mths +)
One adult per family free
Additional adults $8.50
Parental supervision, hats & closed in shoes required.

Phone 4936 8688
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**PLEASE NOTE:** The will be NO TUCKSHOP on Friday 19 September 2014.

The P&C Association will be providing breakfast for the students following our Green Lane Clean-up of Jellicoe Street on Friday 19 September. Students will be required to bring a packed lunch on this day.