PRINCIPAL: Mrs Julianne Emmert

Term 1  Week 3 - 11 February 2014

VALUE: Every child matters every day!

From the Principal

Family and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

Following the rain this year, the mosquitos are well out in force—please consider using some mossie spray on your children each day to assist with their comfort.

Thank you to all parents / carers who are continuing to support our students by preparing them with their book list requirements this year. A reminder to those who still need to bring in their five reams of A4 paper and two boxes of tissues.

Student / Family Update
Please remember if any telephone or emergency contact numbers or care arrangements or addresses have changed to advise the office as soon as possible.

If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter via email please advise the office of your email address. The newsletter is also available on our website: www.portcurtss.eq.edu.au

School Dental Van
The Dental Van will be visiting our school in March. Forms were sent home last week—it would be appreciated if all forms could be completed and returned as soon as possible. Please advise the office if your child will not be visiting the Dental Van. Extra forms are available from the office if you have misplaced yours.

Prep Photos
The Morning Bulletin photographer will be visiting our school on Wednesday 12th February to take photos of our new prep students. Remember to send back your signed permission by 9am Wednesday 12th February if you would like your child to be included in this photograph for publication in the Morning Bulletin on 26th March 2014.

Swimming
Swimming will continue this Friday. A reminder to bring all items to school and children will change into their togs prior to going to the pool. Thank you to those who have paid for the term and a reminder to those who are paying weekly to bring along $6 for transport.

Playgroup
will commence this Thursday 13th February (Week 3) 9.30 – 11.30am.

School Leaders voting was undertaken at school yesterday. Due to Staff being away at training today we would like to advise that leaders will be announced later this week. Our apologies to all who are anxiously waiting.

Have a great week!

Take Care

Julianne Emmert
Principal
From the Prep – Year 2 Classroom
Students in Years One and Two will have begun their homework routine over the last week or so. Homework for these year levels simply entails the students reading their nightly reader to an adult or older sibling, having that signed off in their Reading Log and also writing out and learning their weekly spelling words. In all, the homework should take no longer than 15 to 20 minutes per night at a maximum. Parents please check that your children are in fact completing their homework; it is not designed to be an onerous task, but simply a consolidation of the basic skills that we cover here at school.
Thank you for your co-operation in this regard.

Mr John Collins

From Years 3, 4 Classroom
Welcome to another wonderful week. The class has quickly settled into routines and are working well together. We have been working on reading strategies in the Literacy Café and every student has a reading strategy that they are practicing. In maths we have been practising ‘mad minute’ and ‘s in s’. This week I am continuing to introduce the ‘7 steps to writing success’ with the class. Every child has been given their homework for the term in a book with spelling words and basic facts to practise every day.

Due to all the rain the mosquitoes have moved in, could all parents/carers apply mosquito repellent before school to their children as the mosquitoes here are very hungry.

Swimming was very successful with all students participating despite the water being a bit cool—hopefully the water will be a bit warmer this week. This week we will begin our science unit: Life and Living. Until next time...

Cheers,
Miss Irene Ingrey

Library News
Welcome back to another fantastic year in the library. All students require a waterproof library bag for their books. I have library bags on sale from $4 each.

Library Lessons – All students are required to return their books each week on these days.

- Prep/1/2 – Wednesday
- Years 3/4 – Thursday
- Years 5/6/7 – Friday

The Library is open every lunchtime except Fridays, as we have swimming.

Homework Club is available Thursdays and Friday mornings from 8.30am – 9.00am for students to catch up with their homework. All students are required to complete their homework each week to be able to Level Up on our Behaviour Wall and to participate in swimming each week.
I am happy to assist these students achieve their goals.

Regards
Mrs Cherrie Collins

Website: www.theumbrellanetwork.org

Monthly newsletters are available — please check our website for more information.
PORTY PLAYGROUP would like to extend a Warm Welcome to everyone, we will commence this week on Thursday.

If anyone has the following materials it would be greatly appreciated.

**Materials Needed**
Egg cartons, Ice-cream containers, Fabric, Artificial Flowers, Ribbon, Etc....

Thank you, Sharon West

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Building the Blocks

Porty Playgroup is building the blocks for the future by providing a stimulating learning environment where children can play and learn together and parents and carers can find mutual friendship and support.

Learning Through Play

Playgroup-aged children are going through a stage of rapid brain and skill development, and play is vital to healthy growth.

Porty Playgroup
Mums, Dads and Families who meet together with their babies, toddlers and preschoolers for interaction and fun.

2014 School Calendar

What is a Playgroup?

Playgroup is an informal session where mums, dads, grandparents, caregivers, children and babies meet together in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Porty Playgroup is conducted by Teacher Aides with the assistance of parents and caregivers. An assortment of activities are organized to cater for the varying needs of all children. Activities may include:

- Art and craft activities
- Imaginative play
- Outdoor and free play
- Music and games

Learning Through Play

Children like playgroup because they can:
- Participate in and explore new experiences
- Develop Fine and Gross Motor skills
- Develop and increase their social skills
- Learn sharing, co-operation and simple routines
- Interact with other adults and children in a safe environment
- Enjoy learning more about their world

Adults like playgroup because they can:
- Meet other local families and develop new friendships and support networks
- Relax and talk in a friendly environment
- Share experiences and ideas
- Spend quality time with their children.

We are a SunSmart School so please bring a hat for your child/children and yourself. We are a Smart Choices School so please bring along a healthy snack to share for morning tea time.

Proud Portys build the blocks for success so please join us at Porty Playgroup.

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

SOUTHSIDE UNITED HOCKEY CLUB
SIGN-ON DAY

Under 5s to A Grade and all skill levels

Date: Saturday, 22nd February 2014

Venue: Southside United Sports Club, 84 Wandal Road, Wandal

Time: 11am – 1pm

For further information:
Phone 0417841182

Southside United Hockey Club

north rockhampton athletics centre

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SIGN-ON

Park Avenue Brothers Hockey Club

Friday 14th February 2014
4.00pm – 7.30pm
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Free Family BBQ from 6.00pm
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