



PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

PRINCIPAL: Mrs Julianne Emmert

Term 3 Week 1- 14 July 2015

VALUE: Every child matters every day!

From the Principal

Families and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

Welcome Back, Term 3 already!

Gee it has certainly cooled down and winter is finally here. Can you please make sure your child comes to school each day with a jumper because it is often 3 or 4 degrees cooler here at Porty, (especially in the classrooms).

School Opinion Surveys: Please find attached an invitation to have your say about what we do well at Porty and how it can improve. Each invitation letter may only be used once. The surveys can be completed on any computer or device with internet access. Please feel free to use school computers if you do not have access to one at home.

NAIDOC Week

This week each class will be learning about the culture of our indigenous people and they will be doing an activity to celebrate NAIDOC Week. I look forward to seeing their artwork on display in the library.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

Greg Norman Foundation - Golf Lessons

We are very fortunate to have Doug Gardiner from the Greg Norman Foundation at our school. Doug travels around small schools teaching golf. All golf clubs and balls are kindly donated by the Foundation. Each student will receive a 45 minute lesson over 4 days (14 July, 28 July, 4 August, 11 August). Cost is a gold coin donation for each lesson—Total cost per student \$4.

Rocky District Sports - 22, 23 July (Next Wednesday, Thursday)

Permission forms for those students attending will be attached to the newsletter. Please complete and return to the office by Friday 17th July. Other information was sent home before the holidays. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Extra-Curricular Activities: We have a number of students who are achieving at high levels in their chosen sport or activity. This week we celebrate the following students:

Lachlan MacDonald - Football Year 4

On 25 June Dad and I travelled to Townsville for a football competition - 'The Lorry Spinner Shield'. It started on 26th June - 27th June and our team 'Brother's Blue' won 2 games out of 6 and we stayed at the "Seagull Hotel". We got to see the women's State of Origin and the Cowboys V's Sharks game. The Queensland girls won their game but the Cowboys lost theirs. The score was 24 to 18 and I competed in a relay across the stadium.



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

Dates to Remember 2015

Term 1
27 January—2 April

Term 2
20 April—26 June

Public Holidays
Anzac Day 25 April
Queen's Birthday 8 June
Show Day 11 June

Term 3
13 July—18 September

Term 4
6 October—11 December

P & C Association

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY 21st JULY
in the Library 8.30am
Please come along!

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



REMINDERS

GOLF

\$4 for 4 weeks
Please send in to the office in an envelope with name and amount enclosed

PLAYGROUP

YES playgroup is back this week!

Tuckshop

Please have orders placed in Tuckshop Box by 9am Thursday morning. Orders to be written on brown paper bag.
NEW PRICE LIST FOR TERM 3 attached

Klay Mendham – Barrel Racing Year 4

Klay came first for Barrel Racing on the holidays at the Gracemere Saleyards.



Jessie Neale- Gymnastics

Jessie came 9th Bars, 8th Vault, and 16th overall at the Sunshine Coast recently.

Bindy Brannock—My Trip to America

We spent two days in Texas then we spent ten days at my Grandma’s farm in Pennsylvania. I loved seeing my Grandma. Then we went to Mississippi for the Barrel Race. I have a really good time riding my horse “Pistol”, then we drove through Louisiana back to Texas. It was a fantastic trip and I had lots and lots of fun.



WEEKLY AWARDS for Week 9

GOTCHA AWARDS

(students with highest number of Gotchas)

Prep / 1: Sahara McCCasey

2 / 3 / 4: Bryce Leddy

5 / 6: Caige Dahler

Prize Winners:

Prep / 1: Sahara McCCasey, Raina Rook

2 / 3 / 4: Bryce Leddy, Lola Gordon

5 / 6: Savannah Sanderson, Georgia Horspool

BOOKWORK AWARDS

Prep / 1: Wayne Jones

2 / 3 / 4: Christopher Olive, Jessie Neale, Angelina Winston, Tayleah Daniel, Bryce Leddy

5 / 6: Courtney Leddy, Savannah Sanderson

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

2 / 3 / 4: Christopher Olive

5 / 6: Charlie Neale

ATTENDANCE for Week 9

Year 6: 100%

Whole School: 92.2%

TERM 3

BOOKWORK AWARDS for Week 1

2 / 3 / 4: Lola Gordon, Jessie Neale

Newsletter from Prep / Year 1 Classroom

Welcome back to school one and all. It certainly is a cool start to the term. I hope and trust that everyone had an enjoyable break.

This term the English curriculum for Prep and Year One students will focus on Australian literature; students will explore a range of Australian texts and primarily identify text structure and features; the vocabulary used and the images evoked through these texts.

We will also commence a study of Geography this term, highlighting landscapes – both natural and managed; whilst work in Science will centre on weather patterns and the influence that weather has on our lives.

Reading and spelling homework will continue as it did during Terms One and Two. Please take the time to continue nightly practice of sight words.

Regards

John Collins

Newsletter from Year 5 / 6 Classroom

Welcome back for another exciting and action packed term! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and are ready and raring for the busy term ahead of us. I have made some changes to the Literacy and Numeracy CAFÉ with the students already excited about them. We are exploring space in science this term and for the semester will be studying geography, extending our mental map of the world, looking at Europe, North America and Asia.

Homework this term will continue to have times-tables practise and spelling words; 10 focus words and 10 words from across our learning areas. I will be looking at setting an assessment task for students to complete at home and at school.

Boot camp will begin tomorrow at 8:30 am. All students are welcome to join in and they will find me on the oval. Boot camp activities will primarily consist of students using their body weight.

Regards

Rebekah Shearman

PLAYGROUP

Week 1 – 16th July Closing the Gap

TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Clean Sea
9:00 - 9:30	Reading Corner/ Puzzles – Aboriginal culture
9:30 – 10:45	Rhyme: Fish Alive.
	Group Painting – Under the sea
	Craft – Turtle dot painting
	Craft – Lunch bag Fish
10:45 – 11:00	Tt – turtle colouring in
	Big Books
11:00 – 11:15	Shared Morning Tea

WEEK 2 – 23rd July Under the Sea



TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Under the Sea
9:00 - 9:30	Reading Corner/ Puzzles – Aboriginal culture
9:30 – 10:45	Playdough
	Craft – Rainbow fish
	Craft – Jellyfish
	Painting –sea shape sponges
10:45 – 11:00	Classifying - land and sea
	Big Books – The Rainbow Fish
11:00 – 11:15	Shared Morning Tea

Library News

Welcome back to all—hope you had a great holiday. A reminder that everyone needs to have a library bag to be able to borrow. Thanks to all parents and students who return their books after borrowing.

Our next Bookfair will be in November getting ready for Christmas.

Regards

Cherrie Collins



Expressions of Interest

Alton Downs Pony Club is hosting the
2015 Saddleworld Open Interschool Gymkhana
 on **Sunday 16th August, 2015.**
Please note amended date.

If your child is interested in competing please see
 Mrs Sharon West.

Nominations close—Mon 27th July 2015

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL!

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Do you receive your newsletter each fortnight?

Commencing in Term 3, we would like to email the newsletter to parents/carers.

I do not wish to receive the newsletter by email.

I am happy to receive the newsletter by email,
 please complete below and return to office:

Email address:

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Name:

Signed:

Dated:

✂ Please cut out and return to the office by Friday 24th July



Community Capacity Building



Tips on Parenting

Rockhampton Regional Council in partnership with Anglicare CQ is offering this program designed to assist parents and carers to develop more competent and confident methods of parenting children.

Wednesday
 22 July | 29 July | 5 August | 19 August
 26 August | 2 September

*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 six sessions.
5 pm – 8 pm
Fitzroy Room
Rockhampton Regional Library

The program is part of Rockhampton Regional Council's Community Capacity Building Program

Bookings are essential by Friday 17 July 2015. Registration forms are available online or contact Communities and Facilities on 4936 8569, or email CommunityDevelopment@rrc.qld.gov.au

Community Capacity Building Workshops: **Anglicare**
 informing and skilling the community

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