VALUE: Every child matters every day!

From the Principal

Family and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

We have had a fantastic start to the term with such great results from our recent Behaviour Audit. Our results were amazing. We received outstanding and high achievements in all areas of the domains which included:

- Principal Leadership
- Parent and Community Involvement
- Data Informed Decision-Making
- Clear Consistent Expectations for Behaviour
- Explicit Teaching of Expected Behaviours to all Students

The auditor was very impressed with the high level of quality documentation which was very clearly implemented across the school. The auditor spoke to staff, parents, P & C President (Jenny Robson) and students and it was evident that the high level of expectations and behaviour management has been consistently actioned throughout the whole school community. The auditor mentioned he had audited 140 schools and had only given 5 outstandings during this time, so we are very proud of this achievement.

I would like to thank the staff and students for all their hard work. Thanks also to Jenny Robson and the parents for all your support. It is a team effort at Porty!!!! Thanks Everyone!! Our audit results will be uploaded onto our website.

Welcome to our new students, Shakira Ardell, Levi Ardell, Ethan Ardell, Jayden Wells, Brok Hannant and Coen Bunn. We hope you enjoy your time here at

RSL Adoption Ceremony

Yesterday we had quite a few visitors to our school which included Councillor Ellen Smith, Mr Tiny Clark from the RSL Capricornia and Rockhampton Sub-Branch, RSL Capricornia and Rockhampton members and Mr Mark Smith from Smithy’s Fabrication.

Ms Ingrey and our school leaders (Isaac and Emily) did a great job presenting their speeches. We are the first school in Qld to have an adoption ceremony.

The RSL is one of Australia’s oldest and most respected national organisations. The League was founded in 1916 and supports serving and ex-service Defence Force members and their families. The RSL’s mission statement is to ensure that programs are in place for the well-being, care, compensation and commemoration of serving and ex-service Defence Force members and their dependents.
Between 2014 and 2018 Australia will commemorate the Anzac Centenary, marking 100 years since our nation’s involvement in the First World War. The Anzac Centenary is a milestone of special significance to all Australians. The First World War helped define us as people and as a nation. Over a period of five years, the country will observe a number of important events, including the centenary of the Anzac landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey, on 25 April 2015. During the Anzac Centenary we will remember not only the original ANZACs who served at Gallipoli and the Western Front, but commemorate more than a century of service by Australian servicemen and women.

The Centenary is an opportunity to remember those courageous Queenslanders who have fought and served in all wars, conflicts and peace operations, and especially remember the sacrifice of those who have given their lives in service.

It is our chance to honour the digger qualities of mateship, teamwork, resilience, courage, integrity, duty and sacrifice that live on in the spirit of Australians to this day.

Capricornia and Rockhampton Sub Branch was formed in 1994 and was granted a Charter by Queensland Branch on February 13, 1995.

In 2015 to commemorate the 2015 ANZAC Centenary we will be honouring the memory and sacrifice of an ANZAC soldier who attended Port Curtis Road State School as a child.

Private James Hamilton Phillips 1380A, 15th Battalion 2nd reinforcement was born in Depot Hill and attended Port Curtis Road State School as a child with his two sisters. Private Phillips had to walk all the way to Port Curtis Road State School as Depot State School did not exist at that time. James’ parents were William and Elizabeth Phillips of Campbell Street, Depot Hill. James had been working in the Rockhampton area as a carpenter when he enlisted. He enlisted on 3 December 1914 and his unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A48 Seang Bee on 13 February 1915. Private Phillips was killed in action on 9 May 1915. He has no known grave but is commemorated at Panel 48, Lone Pine Memorial, Lone Pine Cemetery, and Gallipoli. Private Phillips served in Egypt and Gallipoli. He was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal, and the Victory Medal. A memorial garden will be constructed on the school grounds to honour the memory and sacrifice of Private Phillips.

On this day as part of our lead up commemorations to the 2015 ANZAC Day Centenary, Port Curtis Road State School is formally adopting the RSL Capricornia and Rockhampton Sub Branch. This unique school and community partnership will strengthen the education of our current and future students on the importance and significance of ANZAC Day and the 2015 Centenary.

Tiny presented our school leaders with replica badges which can be worn during ANZAC Day ceremonies or during special days throughout the year.

Irene Ingrey was also presented with The Spirit Award—Australia in the Great War 1914-1918 medallion.

Tiny also very kindly donated two precious items to the school which includes a Pebble that was gathered from Anzac Cove, Gallipoli and a piece of the foundation base of the Long Tan Cross, Vietnam.

Swimming commences Friday. Please make sure all items of clothing are named. It is suggested that students should wear swimming caps especially with the high number of students from other schools who also use the pool who could possibly have headlice. Headlice can be transferred from one another even in the water. All students must wear a sunsmart swim shirt. If you have any concerns please contact the office.

Group 1—Prep, Years 1, 2 and 3 will be going swimming first. They will leave at 9.15am and return at 10.45. Students can wear their togs under their uniform if they wish. This is only for the first group. Staff attending will be John Collins, Irene Ingrey, Sharon West and Cherrie Collins.

Group 2—Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 will leave at 10.45 and return at 12.45. Students will swim from 11.00 – 12.30. Cost is $6 per child—all students will be participating in swimming as part of our curriculum.

Camp
I would like to thank the staff and students for a great camp. I have heard lots of fantastic feedback and it is great to hear everyone had a wonderful time.
Many of our students have been participating various extra curricula activities.

**Bindy Brannock** recently participated in Gympie and won Junior Champion Under 20’s Barrel Racing riding “Dodger”. Bindy was given a purple saddle cloth and $500 voucher to ride in America in October 2015 with paid airfares. Congratulations.

Gracemere Little Athletics stars include:


**Blake Mackenzie**  
U/8 Centrepoint Champion  
U/8 Age Champion

**Lacey Harris**  
2014 U/6

**Christopher Olive**  
Most Improved 100m Centrepoint Champion  
2014 U/8

**Loretta Mackenzie**  
U/10 Age Champion  
U/10 Age First  
Encouragement

**William Neale** has been participating in Outrigging at Mackay and received 2 x 1st place and 1 x 2nd place, **Charlie Neale** was also participating in Outrigging and received 2 x 1st place, and **Jessie Neale** came 2nd on Bars in a Rockhampton Gymnastics Competition.

I hope you have a wonderful week!
Take Care
Julianne Emmert  
Principal
AWARDS:

Week 1
Gotcha Awards: Savanna Sanderson, Jorja Smith, Lachlan Macdonald.

Week 2
Gotcha Awards: Riley Passman, Raina Rook, Taylah Daniel, Peter Maloney
Bookwork Awards: Peter Maloney, Courtney Leddy, Mackenzie Bailey, Jai Ireland
Principal Award: Sanne Greenhalgh, Ethan Haughton, Cyean White
Reading Award: Phoebe Sander

Online safety for parents - ThinkUKnow web conference

Help our kids keep control while using computers and other online communication devices safely

Want to know more about protecting the safety of young people online? Whether you are a parent, a grandparent a teacher or a carer, this presentation will prepare you with knowledge to help keep our kids safe when they’re using internet and other communication channels. ThinkUKnow, which has been developed by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia for an adult audience, includes short videos and real life case studies.

Join the ThinkUKnow teacher, parent and caregiver program on 15 October to find out how you can make safe and responsible decisions about our kids’ involvement in the online world.

Book your place on the ThinkUKnow – Online safety for parents web conference.

PLAYGROUP

WEEK 2 – 16TH OCTOBER

TIME ACTIVITY & THEME
9:15 - 9:30 Reading corner/Jigsaw puzzles
9:30 – 10:45 Painting
    Colouring in farm animals
    Craft – farm animals
    Playdough – make animal shapes
    Lego – Farm animals
10:45 – 11:00 Storybook & song
    Old Macdonald had a Farm
11:00 – 11:15 Shared Morning Tea

WEEK 3 – 23RD OCTOBER

TIME ACTIVITY & THEME
9:15 - 9:30 Reading corner/ Puzzles
9:30 – 10:45 Story: Little Red Hen
    Lying hard boiled eggs
    Craft – Cut Out & Decorate Hens
    Craft – Egg shell collage
    Poster – Animals who do & who don’t lay eggs
10:45 – 11:00 Big Books
11:00 – 11:15 Shared Morning Tea

LOUD SHIRT DAY
Friday 17th October
Gold Coin Donation
Wear your brightest sunsafe shirt

PCRSS P & C Association

Fancy Dress Disco
Friday 31st October—6pm to 8pm
Sausage Sizzle $2, Soft Drink $2
Lolly Bags 50cents plus more
Prizes to be won
Entry for PCRSS students $5.00
includes sausage and popper
COMPETITION
Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.

The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing prizes that you could win a share of:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip‘N Slide Double Wave Riders

Here’s how to win
Every deposit you make with School Banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition. So the more you save, the more chances you have to win (up to a maximum of 6 entries).


To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepsavers
Having a Pink Ribbon Day Event?

invite BreastScreen Queensland along as your guest speaker

The Breastscreen Health Promotion Officer can conduct a light hearted but informative and entertaining breast cancer awareness session at your community event.

Topics include:

- Breast cancer awareness
- Risk factors
- Common misconceptions
- Breast cancer screening and early detection
- The Breastscreen Queensland Program

There are a number of presentation times available throughout the month of October, so make contact and book your session!

Contact: Roxanne Hodda
Breastscreen Health Promotion Officer
roxanne.hodda@health.qld.gov.au
4920 7269

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
PCYC CAP COAST

SUMMER CAMPS ARE STARTING SOON
at the PCYC Cap Coast...A fun holiday program for kids aged 9-15 years. Age specific activities, including raft building, team & leadership games, pool & beach games, circus skills, art & craft, possum glider, crate climb, flying fox, rock climbing and abseiling, just to name a few.

Programs run from 8am to 5pm each day.

Dates: 13 & 14 December, 2014 and 5 day blocks in January: 5-9, 12-16 & 19-23.

Please call 4930 2022 or drop into the centre at 170 Matthew Flinders Drive, YEPPON, during business hours (9-5pm – Monday to Friday), for details or to register your child/ren.

Limited spaces available!

Halloween Disco 31 October
at PCYC CAP COAST
170 Matthew Flinders Drive, YEPPON
6-7pm (Primary School age) & 7.30-9.30pm (High School age)
$5 ENTRY - Fully supervised.

Prizes to be won for best dressed female and male. Sausage sizzle, drinks, chips, lollies and Halloween gadgets for sale.

Joint fundraiser for School Aged Care and PCYC CAP COAST
TUCKSHOP for this week—Friday 17 October 2014.

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