



# PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

PRINCIPAL: Mrs Julianne Emmert

Term 4 Week 7 - 18th November 2015

VALUE: Every child matters every day!

## From the Principal

Families and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

### NO TUCKSHOP THIS FRIDAY - 20th NOVEMBER 2015

Gee this year is moving very quickly. Tomorrow we have our Christmas Fair from 5pm to 8pm in the school grounds. There will be stalls, soft drinks and snacks, tickets available in a multi-draw raffle and Santa will be visiting at 7pm. Students can hop on the jumbo slide and jumping castle at \$5 each (unlimited rides). Access will be via the front gate only and students will need a stamp before entering the rides. Children under the age of 4 are not permitted on the rides. Parental supervision is required for all children.

### Christmas Fair 19 November 5 - 8.00pm.

Can each family please bring a plate of food to share? We do not have the facilities to heat up large quantities of food so if you can please bring food that does not require heating or already warmed at home.

**Bill's Amusements** will set up the jumbo slide and jumping castle. Cost is \$5 per child for unlimited rides. Bill will also have fairy floss for sale.

The **Student Council** will be holding:

**Bottle Stall** - For those students who have not brought in a bottle filled can you please send them in by the end of the week?

**Paddle Pop Stall** - everyone wins a prize.

**Donated Goods Stall** - Household items

Other Stall holders are: (donation of \$10 for site fee to go to the P & C)

**Scentsy** - Krystal North

**Tupperware** - Elizabeth MacKenzie

**Plant Stall** - Robert Greenhalgh

**Handmade Items** - Merle Beatson

P & C will have drinks and chips on sale.

**Xmas Multi-Draw Raffle** Tickets will be on sale and a book of tickets will be sent home with students shortly. The raffle will be drawn Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**Swimming**—It would be appreciated if all payments could be received by 4th December 2015.

- December 2 — Rockhampton State High School Orientation Day for Year 7 2016
- December 8 — LOTE Luncheon at Mercure Capricorn Resort for Year 6
- December 10— Gold Level Mystery Tour

Have a great week!

Take Care

Julianne Emmert, Principal

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

### Dates to Remember 2015

**Term 4**  
6 October—11 December

### 2016

**Term 1**  
27 January—24 March

**Public Holidays**  
Student Free Day—25 January  
Australia Day—26 January

**Term 2**  
11 April—24 June

**Public Holidays**  
Anzac Day—25 April  
Labour Day—2 May

**Term 3**

## P & C Association

**NEXT MEETING  
To Be Advised**

Please come along!

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



## REMINDERS

### SWIMMING

Every Friday—\$4 for bus and remember swimshirt, togs, towel.

### PLAYGROUP

Thursday 9—11am

### TUCKSHOP

Friday 20 November  
NO Tuckshop

Friday 27 November  
FINAL TUCKSHOP Day

There will be no tuckshop in December.

## BEHAVIOUR LEVELS

**P1:** Ruby Bell, Jordan-Lee Furness, Riley Milliner, Jensen Ditroi, Lacey Harris, Wayne Jones, Alex Macdonald, Jonathan Maloney, Sahara McCasey, Jayden Nicholson, Raina Rook, Kody-Greg Steer, Cooper Hill, Shae Smith, Noah West, Hayli Osborne

**234:** Sanne Greenhalgh, Christopher Olive, Jessie Neale, Brianna Hill, Logan Smith, Bindy Brannock, Lachlan Macdonald, Logan Nicholson

**56:** Caige Dahler, Loretta Mackenzie, Charlie Neale, Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie, Michael Baxter, Shyann Daniels, Courtney Leddy, Georgia Horspool, Savannah Sanderson, Hayden Hill

**P1:** Evelyn Levy, Rhys Mackenzie, Joeseeph Rodgers, Joel Vidler, Dante Grealy

**234:** Matthew Maloney, Darlene Ruff, Jaiden Ditroi, Eliza Grealy, Ben Smith, Bryce Leddy

**56:** Sam Crichton, Shaniquwa Kelly-Farr, Hayley Rodgers, Kyle Bunn, Abbie-Rose Carroll-McMahon, Reagan McGlinchy, Jorja Smith

**234:** Kayden Smith, Jackson Daniels, Zi Farr, Blake Mackenzie, Lincoln Newman, Jack Rodgers, Tayleah Daniel, Geneva Smith, Logan Dingwall

**56:** Madison Sander, Phoebe Sander, Conrad Dingwall

## WEEKLY AWARDS for Week 5

### GOTCHA AWARDS

(Students with the highest number of Gotchas)

Prep / 1: Sahara McCassey

2 / 3 / 4: Eliza Grealy

5 / 6: Savannah Sanderson

Class: Year 5 / 6

### BOOKWORK AWARDS

2 / 3 / 4: Zi Farr, Tayleah Daniel, Logan Dingwall

5 / 6: Caige Dahler, Savannah Sanderson

### **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

2 / 3 / 4: Lachlan Macdonald, Tayleah Daniel

### ATTENDANCE for Week 4

Prep: 100.0%

Year 5 100.0%

Whole School: 94.3%

## END OF YEAR AWARDS Week 6

### LEARNING AWARDS – High Achievement / Independent Workers

Prep	Jordan-Lee Furness Jensen Ditroi
Year 1	Dante Grealy Raina Rook
Year 2	Jaiden Ditroi Eliza Grealy Christopher Olive
Year 3	Logan Smith
Year 4	Lachlan Macdonald Bindy Brannock
Year 5	Caige Dahler
Year 6	Jorja Smith Georgia Horspool

## END OF YEAR AWARDS Week 6

<u>Award</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Athletics	Commitment Sportsmanship	Lachlan Macdonald
Greg Belz Citizenship Award	Commitment to values promoted at PCRSS	Shyann-Elizabeth Daniels
Proefke Children's Trophy	Overall sports person Spirit of the Game	Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie
Pierce Family Bursary	Always trying hard	Charlie Neale
Spirit of the Game	Future Leaders	Hayley Rodgers Sanne Greenhalgh
Principal's Award	Learning Leadership	Georgia Horspool Loretta Mackenzie
RSHS Bursary	Year 6 student	Hayden Hill
Junior LEARNER	Learner who Engages Achieves Respect	Kayden Smith
Senior LEARNER	Need support Enjoy school life Responds to encouragement	Bryce Leddy
Bookwork Award	100% for the whole year	Noah West
Graduating Year 6 Students	Michael Baxter Kyle Bunn Abbie-Rose Carroll- McMahon Shyann-Elizabeth Daniels Hayden Hill Georgia Horspool Courtney Leddy Reagan McGlinchy Savannah Sanderson Jorja Smith	
P & C Award  <b>Three B's Award</b>  ▪Be Safe ▪Be Responsible ▪Be Respectful.	Prep Year 1 Year 2 Year 3  Year 4 Year 5  Year 6	Ruby Bell Lacey Harris Sanne Greenhalgh Brianna Hill Logan Smith Bryce Leddy Samuel Crichton Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie Savannah Sanderson Kyle Bunn
Japanese Academic Awards	For great effort and high achievement  For great effort and improvement	Georgia Horspool Samuel Crichton Caige Dahler  Hayden Hill

## News from the Years 2 / 3 / 4

Time is flying fast and we are rapidly approaching the end of the year. We are busying continuing to practice our writing skills. We are busy trying to improve our writing skills with the writing elements and 7 steps. Each week we also focus on editing and proofreading skills.

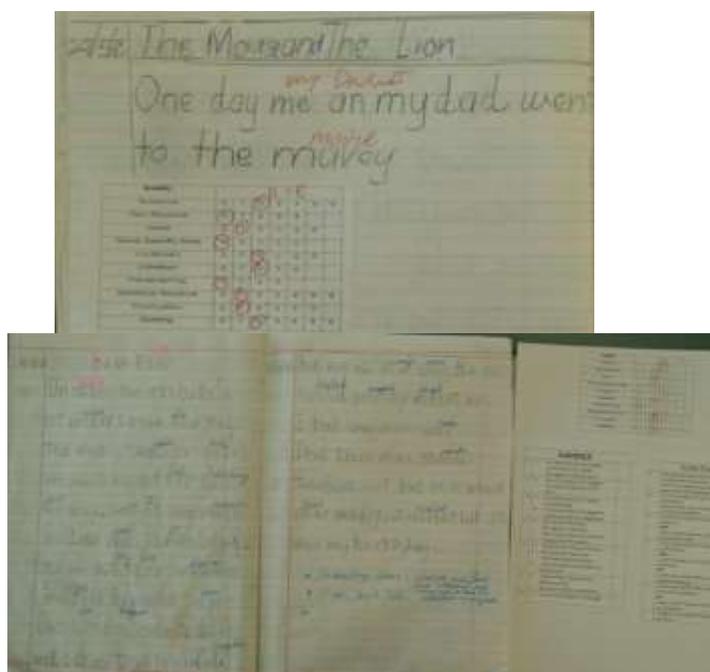
The rain has been lovely and are gardens are continuing to flourish.

Attendance is a big focus for us. If your child is away because of illness or some other reason, could you please either send a note with your child when they return to school or contact the school. It is also important that if your child is late coming to school that you sign them in on the attendance register in the office please. Also if they leave the school grounds early, your child needs to be signed out at the office on the attendance register.

Homework is still an issue for a lot of the students. Students should be doing their homework every night and returning the completed work on a Friday. I send homework with students on a Monday and it has to be returned on a Friday. If your child is unable to complete their homework for that week, please send a note explaining *why*. I have had some students tell their parent's that I do not give them homework-not true. I always send a note home to parents if there is no homework for that week.

Until next newsletter, Cheers Miss Irene Ingrey

To highlight the improvement in our writing since the beginning of the year, here is some writing from Darlene.



## From the Years 5 / 6 Classroom

*It's hard to believe that we have only four weeks until school is out for our Christmas break. Term 4 has flown by us and we have seen some excellent results. Our writing has been spectacular. Students have been working hard to create fantastic imaginative short stories. We have also been focusing on improving our editing and proofreading skills.*

*Across the term we have been exploring light in science. Our investigations have helped us to recognise how light allows us to see and how we can manipulate light to see around a corner. Students' ideas and perceptions have been continually changing and growing as they explore with the hands on activities. Students have worked fantastically in their investigation teams.*

*Friday swimming has been a little chilly but once we are moving about we forget all about it. Students have been working on developing their strokes in freestyle and breast stroke. We sure do have some fish in our class! Students have taken on board the feedback and we have seen some out of the water improvements.*

Regards, Miss Rebekah Shearman

### Dangerous Mango Tree

**"Tom. Tom. Where's Tom?"** Spoke Miss Shearman with a searching tone. **"He was picking mangoes earlier, but I haven't seen him since,"** I informed Miss Shearman. **"Caige, take Bob with you and kick-start a search party for the missing munchkin,"** ordered Miss Shearman.

Bob and I opened the creaking door in the dangerous garden. My heart was pounding across my chest as I took a couple of steps **into the garden. "Tom?"** I whispered hastily. **Why was Bob staring at the tree? He looked hypnotised. I blinked, a tree popped with an eye popped up banging its gigantic arms. My feet were glued to the ground.**

**I heard mumbles. "Tom!"** I shouted. **I bolted and pushed Bob out of the trees reaching with all my might. Bob nearly choked when he saw the gigantic vicious mango tree. Tree sap was dripping from the side of the dangerous mouth of the mango tree. Bob's body was covered in goose bumps, his hair was sticking up and he was trembling with fear.**

Bob bolted around the sappy tree. The tree tried to grab him with **its striking vines. Now's my chance to leap into its mouth. Splash! Tree sap was all over me. "Caige!"** Shouted Tom **excitedly. I grabbed my deadly light saber and swung with all my might to stab the trees heart deeply.**

Exploding on impact, tree sap sprayed through the entire garden. Tom and I shoot up from the tree like a rocket lifting off. Smashing through the roof, we crash landed, skidding across desks before smashing into Miss Shearman. Tickling tree sap slipped from our **flesh. "What on earth happened?"** Croaked Miss Shearman.

By Caige Dahler

## Library News

We are already at week 7 of our term. This means we only have two more weeks left for borrowing. I will need the last two weeks to get all the books returned for the end of year stocktake. *Please ensure all books are returned to the library by Friday 27th November 2015.*

### Bookfair News

I would like to thank students, staff, parents & caregivers for their support for our November Bookfair. Thanks to the P&C for their continuing support for the end of year books for each student as well. Our November Bookfair sales came to \$2134.00 which our school earned \$749.00 in book value. A big WELL DONE to you all.

Thank you for your ongoing support to help your children ensuring their library books are returned each week. Thanks also to all our Library Monitors throughout the year, supporting me in the library.

Mrs CherrieCollins

## Rockhampton SHS Orientation Day Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015

### 2016 Year 7 students

Rockhampton SHS will hold an orientation day for all prospective year 7 students on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2015. The day provides an opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the **school's physical surroundings, procedures, staff and curriculum.**

Students will be greeted by the Principal, Year Co-ordinators and Support Staff before undertaking a tour of the school by senior mentors in allocated groups. Students will engage in a range of subject-related activities during the day on a rotational basis. A sausage sizzle will also be provided for lunch. If you have any further questions, please contact Julie Granville, Junior Secondary HOD, [jengl64@eq.edu.au](mailto:jengl64@eq.edu.au) or 4920 4341.

**WHEN:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.

**TIME:** START - 8.30am arrival for a 9.00am start  
FINISH - 3.05pm

**WHERE:** Rockhampton SHS school hall.

**ITEMS TO BRING:** Full PCRSS School Uniform, Hat, wear enclosed shoes, water bottle recommended, additional food/snacks and a pen/pencil.

## PLAYGROUP

### WEEK 7 – 19<sup>TH</sup> November Recycle Week



TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Clean Sea
9:15 - 9:30	Reading Corner/ Puzzles
9:30 – 10:45	Rhyme: Fish Alive.
	Group Painting – Under the sea stamps
	Paint a yellow recycle bin
	Craft – Lunch bag Fish
10:45 – 11:00	Big Books
11:00 – 11:15	Shared Snack

### WEEK 8 – 26<sup>TH</sup> November



TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Pre Xmas
9:00 - 9:30	Reading corner/Jigsaw puzzles
9:30 – 10:45	Painting – xmas wrapping paper/tree
	Craft – Jigsaw Xmas tree
	Craft - decorations
	Construction Blocks
10:45 – 11:00	Story book
11:00 – 11:15	Shared Morning Tea

LAST CHANCE ORDERS FOR

CHRISTMAS PUDDING DRIVE

DUE BACK AT SCHOOL

BY WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2015

**Christmas Pudding Drive 2015**

Port Curtis Road State School  
P&C Association is running a  
Bramby's Christmas Pudding Drive

**Puddings - \$17.50**

Puddings will be baked from scratch at Bramby's Abbeyside from the beginning of December, they have a shelf life of 3 weeks.

Orders and payment need to be into school by **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015**.

Puddings will be available for collection on **9<sup>th</sup> December 2015**



## QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE

Capricornia District Crime Prevention Unit  
101 Staines Street, Rockhampton QLD 4700  
P.O. Box 1341, Rockhampton QLD 4700  
Ring Policelink 131 444 for reporting non-urgent crimes, or 000 for or best to progress



### SCHOOL WATCH - YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED

The 2015 Christmas school holidays commence on 26 November for many private schools, 4 December for Catholic schools and 11 December for State schools, and recent trends indicate crime increases in school grounds during this holiday period. If you reside near a local school, Police are seeking your assistance in reporting any suspicious activity occurring at that school.

Police will increase patrols in the area in response to this issue. However, the best protection against this type of crime is the vigilance of members of the public who live or work nearby.

Police should be advised if you hear glass breaking or any other unusual noises coming from the school, or if you see any suspicious behaviour by persons or vehicles around the area of the school or in the school grounds.

Police are asking the community to particularly take note of the following:

- descriptions of persons seen loitering or acting suspiciously in the area at any time, or who are in the school grounds when the school is closed;
- the registration number and description of vehicles associated with any suspicious activity in the area; and
- any other information you think may assist police.

If you notice any suspicious activity which is actually happening in or around the school, please immediately ring 000 and ask to be directed to the Police. If you see damage that has occurred previously but do not see any offenders still at the school, please ring Policelink on 131 444. You can also report anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

**PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURS' AND OUR COMMUNITY'S PROPERTY.**



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE

Jaime Parnell (Clinical Psychologist) and  
Kristy Stewart (Occupational Therapist)  
are collaborating to offer the

## 'Getting Set for High School' Camp

over the 2016 school holidays

This camp is for children who are transitioning into year seven. Children who have organisation difficulties with school tasks and social difficulties would benefit from this group.

The following skills will be covered:

- using timetables & diaries
- using and reading a high school map
- following instructions
- managing homework, assignments and projects
- coping with stress
- studying, note-taking, summarising
- preparing for exams
- making new friends
- initiating and engaging in conversation
- problem solving
- managing own feelings

Children are provided with strategies to increase their capacity to focus on important detail, stay focused for the duration of whole task, choose the most efficient strategy to approach a task, sequence steps within a task, prioritise tasks, and complete tasks within set time frames.

**When:** 18th- 20th January, 2015

**Where:** 6/130 East Street

**Time:** 1pm-4pm

**Cost:** \$395 (early bird by 11/12/2015)  
\$450 (standard after 11/12/2015)

For further information, or to enrol in the program please contact  
Kristy on 0476 046 024

*A rebate is available through Medicare with a current mental health care plan specifying attendance at the group.*