



PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

PRINCIPAL: Mrs Jo Northey

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Term 2 Week 3 - 2nd May 2017

Core Priorities: Writing Attendance Wellbeing

VALUE: Every child matters every day!

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

2017 Dates to Remember

Term 2

18 April–23 June
Public Holidays
Anzac Day–25 April
Labour Day–1 May
Show Day–15 June

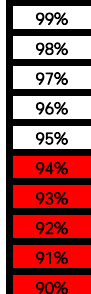
Term 3

10 July–15 September

Term 4

3 October–8 December
Student Free Day 16 October

Attendance Thermometer



94% Wk 2

Every Day is a Learning Day!

P & C Association

Next Meeting
2nd May 2017–3.30pm
Classroom near Office

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

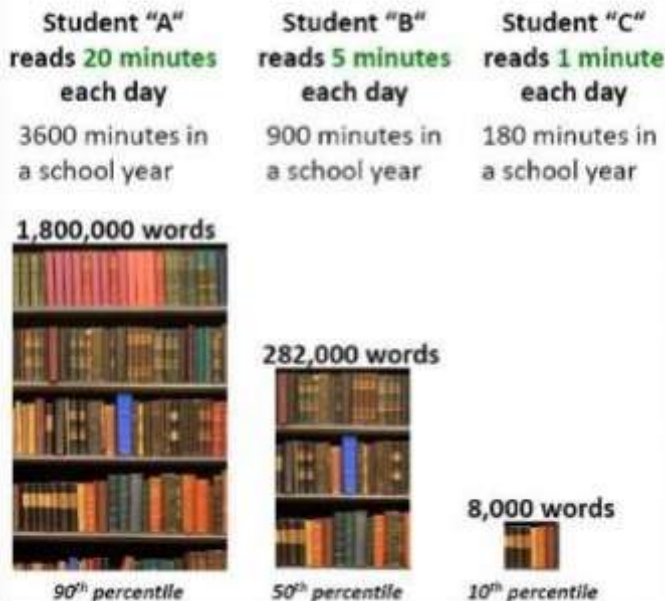


From the Principal

Families and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

Over the past few weeks I have been spending a lot of time in classrooms and am supporting the three classes in reading and maths. I am really enjoying working with the children and building relationships. Through the reading sessions I am supporting students with their fluency, comprehension and vocabulary. Students need to be reading at home to practise the skills learnt at school in an age appropriate book of choice. Research shows that students who read at home improve in all aspects of their education. **Did you know that students who read 20 minutes per day are exposed to 1.8 million words in every school year?**

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



Absences

A very big thank you to those families who are notifying us promptly of their child/ren's absence from school. We are required by the Department to have all absences accounted for. Chasing absences up can be quite time consuming so your assistance in proactively letting us know is appreciated.

P&C

Don't forget P&C Meeting this afternoon in the room next to the office at 3:30pm. It would be wonderful to have some new members providing input into our school happenings.

Thank you to those parents who have been able to help with Breakfast Club. As you would be aware, Hastings Deering is sponsoring our Breakfast Club and are providing us with healthy breakfast options to serve our kids. We are relying on parent volunteers to run this program so if you can spare a morning a week, please let me know.

Student Absences: Every Day Matters—Every Day is a Learning Day. Please advise the school if your child is/or will be away.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students in Years 3 and 5 will complete assessments in Language Conventions and Writing, Reading and Numeracy at Port Curtis Road SS next Tuesday 9 May – Thursday 11 May. Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program. Please ensure students are well rested and arrive on time after enjoying a healthy breakfast to ensure they can achieve their best.

Calendar


Please be sure to keep the calendar at the back of the newsletter handy to keep up to date with what's on at school. This term we have our Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 11th May (students will need to bring along \$5 to be able to choose a gift for their mother) and sports day planned. This calendar will also help you keep informed of Public Holidays. Dental Forms reminder to return.

Take Care


Mrs Jo Northey *Principal*

AWARDS FOR WEEK 1		AWARDS FOR WEEK 2	
GOTCHAS Prep 1 Years 23 Years 456	Lewis Matheson Dash Lindley Bryce Leddy	GOTCHAS Prep 1 Years 23 Years 456	Ayla Corrie, Jayson Mackenzie Raina Rook Bindy Brannock
BOOKWORK Prep 1 Years 23 Years 456	Lucas Laidlaw, Jayson Mackenzie Jensen Ditroi, Ruby Bell Bryce Leddy, Sanne Greenhalgh	BOOKWORK Prep 1 Years 23 Years 456	Anna-Bell Schunemann, Mikayla Furness Raina Rook, Jordan-Lee Furness Jessie Neale, Tayleah Daniel
PRINCIPALS AWARD Prep 1 Years 23 Years 456	Ethan Ware Ruby Bell Bryce Leddy	PRINCIPALS AWARD Prep 1 Years 23 Years 456	Daan Greenhalgh Shae Smith Blake Mackenzie
CAUGHT AT THEIR BEST	Lachlan Macdonald –Great sportsmanship 'Playing the Game'	CAUGHT AT THEIR BEST	Mrs Jo Northey (see photo Page 4) Emptying a Printer Cartridge.

PLAYGROUP THURSDAY 4th MAY

Game	Resources	Book	Song
Searching for the Voice	Baby mat and instruments	Goose, Goose, Duck	Track 4
Animal Sounds	Animal pictures and puppets		Jingle jive
Using Different voices	Goose and Duck puppets		
Searching for sounds	Outdoor sound station - pots, pans, rice shakers ect		
Same Sounds	make up sound cards with images		

PLAYGROUP THURSDAY 11th MAY

Game	Resources	Book	Song
Parachute Circle	Parachute chime ball	Piranhas don't eat Bananas	Side to Side
Scarf catch	Coloured scarves		Track 6
Obstacle course	skipping rope, 5 hoops, tunnel, 10 bean		
Clown face	Markers, hoops and ping pong balls		
Cat and Mouse, Ring a Rosey	Parachute		
Cooking Activity			



Connect and Grow with Playgroup

Does your playgroup, service or school want to be a Connect and Grow program site?

Playgroup Queensland is now taking expressions of interest from local playgroups and other service providers including schools in the Capricorn region to receive a Connect and Grow program. Each term there will be up to four places available for eligible playgroups and services to receive the Connect and Grow program.

What is Connect and Grow with playgroup?

Connect and Grow with playgroup is a free nine-week course run in term time using a playgroup format to help families and children:

- connect within their community through play
- experience and participate in play that promotes health and wellbeing
- share music and games
- engage in activities that develop their skills and abilities appropriate to their child's age and developmental stage
- support capacity and capability in parenting and play.

What is available for participating playgroups and services?

- A free nine-week program run in your venue for two hours each week.
- Delivery of an evidence-based program by a trained early childhood educator.
- Access to educational resources and information around child development, health and well-being and attachment.
- Opportunity to promote play-based and age-appropriate learning.
- Access to referral pathways and resources where appropriate.

What are the benefits to families and children who participate?

- Opportunities to experience healthy physical play through games and music.
- Opportunities to build their knowledge and understanding of healthy play activities that support development and well-being.
- Opportunities to develop or enhance their parenting capacity through play.
- Support to build attachment.
- Healthy morning tea each session.

What will the playgroup service be asked to provide?

- A safe venue for two hours one morning each week for nine weeks. Ideally the venue will have outdoor space to cater for about 10-15 families.
- A playgroup contact person or service staff member and a venue to help with the roll out of the program, and as a point of contact.
- Promotion and awareness raising of the program within the community.
- Commitment to the program through a Memorandum of Understanding.

What will Playgroup Queensland provide?

- A facilitator to run the program each week.
- Resources and equipment for the program and for families to take away.
- Promotional material to help engage families and support enrolment in the program.
- Coordination and management of enrolments and support for families to complete membership (complimentary to all families) and evaluation forms.
- Access to early childhood experts and resources to support families requiring referral or additional supports.
- A quality, evidence-based program to support child development and health and wellbeing.

Interested in participating?

If your playgroup or service would like to be a Connect and Grow with Playgroup site, please complete the Expression of Interest form and return to: connectandgrow@playgroupqld.com.au.

For further information about the program please contact Playgroup Queensland on 1800 171 882 or email: connectandgrow@playgroupqld.com.au

Communities for Children Learning Partner Centre
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and facilitated by The Smith Family



COMMUNITY NEWS

Mt Larcom Horse Sports

will be held on Saturday 13 May at the Mt Larcom Showgrounds.
Please have your entries complete
and be ready to start activities at 3pm.
There will be a range of traditional and fun events.
Pre-nominations are appreciated.
For more information and nominations,
please contact Jenny Grother on 0409 75 11 58.

CAUGHT AT THEIR BEST



Congratulations to Mrs Northey who was enjoying an adventurous time with a printer cartridge.

The Smith Family is delivering the “Saver Plus” program in Central Queensland



The “Saver Plus” \$500 matched savings program is looking for new participants. I would welcome the opportunity to work with you to help inform your families who may be eligible for this wonderful program.

In Central Queensland, 287 participants have already benefited from Saver Plus, approximately \$86,000 in matched funds which assists people on lower incomes to strengthen their financial skills and save for educational costs.

Saver Plus participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings to help pay for educational costs for themselves or their children, including school uniforms & shoes, textbooks & stationary, sporting, fees, uniforms and equipment, excursions & camps, laptop/computer/tablet, music tuition, instrument hire, dance classes, TAFE, traineeship or apprenticeship costs and much more.

As the Saver Plus coordinator for The Smith Family here in Rockhampton, I would really appreciate your support for us in being able to assist disadvantaged families within your school community. I have included a choice of a couple of flyers which I hope are suitable for inclusion in your next few newsletters.

Like \$500 matched savings for school expenses? SMS name to 0408490984. Saver Plus, The Smith Family. Health care/pension card, income from work.

People may be eligible to join Saver Plus if they or their partner:

- have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card;
 - are at least 18 years or over;
 - have some regular income from work; themselves or partner, full time, part time, casual or cash in hand
 - are a parent or guardian of a child at school this year, or starting next year
- OR are attending or returning to vocational education them self.

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government

Kind regards

Kathy

Happy Saving

Kathy Connaughton

Saver Plus Program Coordinator | The Smith Family Allenstown State School (Mon, Wed, Thurs)
A Block, 13 – 33 Upper Dawson Rd

TUCKSHOP - Friday 5 th May		
Orders must be in by Wednesday 3rd May by 3pm		
NAME:	Year Level	
Small Meal Deal	\$6.50	
<small>(Spag Bol, Fruit Cup & Drink)</small>		
Large Meal Deal	\$7.50	
<small>(Spag Bol, large Fruit Salad & Drink)</small>		
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$3.50	
Fruit Cup	\$1.00	
Large Fruit Salad	\$2.50	
Water	\$1.00	
Juice popper	\$2.00	
Yoghurt	\$1.00	
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00	
Strawberry Milk	\$2.00	
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1	17 Apr	18 Apr	19 Apr	20 Apr PLAYGROUP CANCELLED	21 Apr <i>Tuckshop</i>
2	24 Apr	25 Apr ANZAC DAY Public Holiday	26 Apr	27 Apr <i>Playgroup</i>	28 Apr
3	1 May LABOUR DAY Public Holiday	2 May	3 May	4 May <i>Playgroup</i>	5 May <i>Tuckshop</i>
4	8 May	9 May <i>Naplan Testing</i>	10 May <i>Naplan Testing</i>	11 May <i>Naplan Testing Playgroup Mother's Day Stall \$5</i>	12 May
5	15 May	16 May	17 May	18 May <i>Playgroup</i>	19 May <i>Tuckshop</i>
6	22 May	23 May	24 May	25 May <i>Biggest Morning Tea Playgroup</i>	26 May
7	29 May	30 May <i>Interhouse Sports 1/2 Day</i>	31 May	1 June <i>Interhouse Sports Full Day</i>	2 June
8	5 June	6 June	7 June <i>Westwood SS Sports Day</i>	8 June <i>Playgroup</i>	9 June <i>Tuckshop</i>
9	12 June	13 June	14 June	15 June SHOW DAY Public Holiday	16 June
10	19 June	20 June	21 June	22 June <i>Playgroup</i>	23 June <i>Tuckshop</i>



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BE Safe
BE Responsible
BE Respectful
BE A Learner