From the Principal

Family and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

Well done to Staff and Students – NAPLAN Testing
I am very proud of how well the students strived to do their best last week, during our NAPLAN testing. Each day the students arrived motivated and keen to participate. Schools and parents will be notified of the results during the last week of Term 3.

I would like to thank the P & C for volunteering your time serving breakfast last week. It has proven successful and we will continue daily breakfasts this week.

Work Place Health and Safety Audit
Last Friday, we had a WPH&S Audit and I am very pleased to say that the auditor was very impressed with our school processes and with staff responses. The auditor also commented on how lovely our school grounds looked. Well Done!!!!

Behaviour Audit
During Term 3 our school will be undergoing a Behaviour Audit which is conducted in a very similar way to our Teaching and Learning Audit 2012. All schools throughout Queensland are required to be audited and many schools have already completed theirs. Parents from the P & C, Staff and students will be questioned to ensure the whole school community is aware of the processes we have in place at Port Curtis Road State School.

I would like to thank John Collins for his many hours of hard work in preparing a Whole School Behaviour Program which incorporates the following values. Teachers will begin implementing “Play the Game” over the next few weeks.

Play the Game
Commitment
Respect

How we Play the Game at PCRSS

- Caring
- Confidence
- Co-operation
- Determination
- Doing your best
- Fairness
- Pride

More information will be provided in future newsletters.

XO’s Professional Development
Today from 9 – 12am all staff including teacher aides will be attending Professional Development at Berserker State School on how to use our XO’s. An XO is very similar to a mini laptop and we are purchasing enough for one per child throughout the school. All XO’s remain the property of the school and students will not be permitted to take them home. Our students will be able to access their own computer at any time of the day. This great little computer can do many functions as listed: It has a video camera, camera, microphone, it can be a tablet or a touch screen, you can download books onto it, you can share work collaboratively at the same time with
other users within the school, project chat room, Wikipedia, calculator, stopwatch, paint, graphing, journals and it has lots of literacy and numeracy games. We can load our software onto it such as reading eggs, Magic 100 words etc. There are lots of possibilities which will benefit the students and teachers can use this tool as a whole class activity.

Principal Conference
Next week I will be away at a Principal Conference 26th May – 29th May 2014. All Principals in this region are required to attend. John Collins will be Acting Principal and I will be in touch with the school daily.
I hope you have a great week

Take Care
Julianne Emmert
Principal

Values Education at Port Curtis Road State School

The term ‘values education’ refers to the education of children about the values which are set forth as being a solid standard for living one’s life. Values are basically the principles and fundamental convictions which act as general guides to behaviour, the standards by which particular actions are judged to be good, worthwhile or desirable.

They are the ideals that give significance to our lives, they are reflected through the priorities we choose and that which we act on consistently and repeatedly.

Here at Port Curtis Road State School our Values Education is centred on our motto of “Play the Game”, aligned to Commitment and enacted upon through Respect.

Play the Game
Commitment
Respect

Through Playing the Game students are encouraged to show care towards others, to grow in confidence, to co-operate, to build determination, to demonstrate fairness in their endeavours and interactions, to display pride in that which they do and at all times to do their very best.

Commitment is achieved through developing students’ ability to demonstrate patience, to display perseverance, to act independently, to be steadfast and resolute in their beliefs and actions, to demonstrate enthusiasm and above all to strive towards excellence.

Respect is encouraged through actively promoting loyalty, a sense of responsibility, trustworthiness, honesty, thoughtfulness and tolerance.

These are the values which we hold true at Port Curtis Road State School.
From Year 3 4 Classroom

NAPLAN for the year 3’s is over now. Well done to all the year 3’s who put in a great deal of effort in the run-up to NAPLAN. We will be continuing Literacy Café, Reading Steps and Writing Steps and our literacy warm ups. We have started learning times tables during maths and still continue to do Maths Café and Maths Warm ups.

Each Friday afternoon we have been practicing ball games in readiness for Sports Day. The student’s skills are developing nicely with great team spirit coming to the fore.

As the year progresses a number of students are experiencing ‘growth’ spurts and are munching through the food in their lunch boxes during first break and have nothing left for the second break snack; and are complaining of being hungry. I have encouraged all parents to pack more food/snacks in their child’s lunch box during this ‘growth spurt’ period.

Homework is handed out on a Monday and is to be returned on a Friday. I have noticed a number of students who haven’t been returning their homework regularly.

Homework each week is very simple:
1. Reading every night
2. Learning and writing down spelling words every night.
3. Learning and writing down a set of times tables or basic facts every night. The homework booklet is optional.

I encourage all students to be consistently returning their homework on a Friday. If homework is finished before Friday, please feel free to hand in homework earlier than Friday. I realise that families have busy home lives so if you have any concerns or questions about homework, please feel free to get in contact. If your child has been unable to complete their weekly tasks, please just write a short note for me to let me know that homework wasn’t able to be completed.

Until next time
Cheers
Irene

PLAYGROUP

Under 8’s Week 19th – 23rd May

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Student Council is hosting and inviting parents and friends to the

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

When: Thursday 29th May
Time: 11am
Where: Porty Playgroup
Cost: $2 (Cake and drink)
Raffle $1

“Raise Your Cup
Together We’ll Beat Cancer “

Kindy Roadshow in Central Queensland
Jay Laga’aia and the Kindy counts! Team are heading to Central Queensland to share the benefits of kindy. The ‘Say g’day to Jay’ Kindy Roadshow kicks off in Rockhampton on Monday 2 June 2014 and will continue on to Blackwater, Emerald, Barcaldine and Longreach over the week. Jay will be presenting free music concerts in each town.

LIBRARY NEWS

Last week was a big week of NAPLAN, with the Library unavailable for the week. We are back to normal this week.

BOOK FAIR: May 26th – 28th is our Book Fair and the Theme will be “Reading Oasis”. There will be a “Dress Up Day” that week, some eg: Egyptian Pharaohs, Tutankhamun, mummies, slaves, noble women and noble men. So put your thinking caps on and start organising your outfit.

BOOK CLUB orders should be back this week and will sent home with your child.

Homework Club – Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 9.00am
Library Lunchtimes - Monday – Thursday, first break ONLY
Library Lessons – Wednesday – Prep/1/2, Thursday – Year 3/4 and Friday 5/6/7 after Sports.

May is the National Family Reading Month. Scholastic is giving away over $10,000 worth of prizes to the families, classrooms and schools that read the most in May.
See Flyer Attached

Enjoy your reading!
Mrs Cherrie Collins

GRACEMERE LITTLE ATHLETICS TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 24th May 2014
at the
Gracemere Community Service Hall
Barry Street, Gracemere
Entry—$5
We will be having supper and a bar operating. For more information please call Tim on 0417 303 559 or Sue 4933 1980
Dear P&C Association

The students from Prep to Year 2 would like to thank you for the things you do for our school.

We really appreciate your work like:
- Preparing tuckshop for us
- Making breakfast on special days
- Paying bus fares for sport and swimming and
- Raising money to help our school.

Thank you for helping us.

From Prep, Years 1 and 2.

Thank you P & C.

Pop, bang, bam. You won’t believe what happened when I bought up all of the chips in the tuckshop. It was amazing. I was so hungry. The P & C had to go and buy more chips...

I would like to thank the P & C for organising the yummy food. Thank you for organising events and activities for the school.

Thank you for helping charities and our school raising money for events such as Footy Colours Day, Bandana Day, Jeans for Genes Day, Free Dress Days, and Crazy Hair Day. The P & C are very important to our school.

Written by Eowyn.

Thank you P & C.

Sizzle, sizzle, sizzle. You won’t believe what happened when I ate all of the lollies in the tuckshop and the tuckshop ran out of lollies to sell. It was a disaster...
The P & C had to buy new lollies for the tuckshop.

I want to thank the P & C. They always help out with things like Walk to School Day and activities for the school like Breakfast BBQ. They help charities like Jeans for Genes Day, Crazy Hair Days and free dress days to help raise money.

Written by Bindy.

Thank you P & C.

Crunch, crunch, crunch. You won’t believe what happened when I had four pieces of toast for breakfast. It was as yummy as a cake.

I want to thank the P & C for helping us for getting good things for us. I want to thank the P & C for getting good things for us.

I want to thank the P & C for all the hard work for us. I thank the P & C for helping us.

Written by Bryce.

Thank you P & C.

Crunch, crunch, crunch. You won’t believe what happened when I ate all of the tuckshop’s food for lunch...they had to make more for the other students.

I would like to thank the P & C for all the organising and making of yummy food for us. I want to thank the P & C for breakfast morning’s like for when we did the NAPLAN test and for doing Tuckshop on a Friday, for helping raise money for charities like the Cancer Fund, for letting us have Snack Shack, for being nice to us, helpful, kind and always helping out.

Written by Sam.

Thank you P & C.

Yummy, yummy, yummy. You won’t believe what happened when I went to the Tuckshop and bought all the chips from them. My tummy was full and the Tuckshop helpers couldn’t believe their eyes! Thank you to the P&C for breakfast club and for making our Tuckshop on a Friday. Thank you for all your help.

Written by Phoebe.

Thank you P & C.

Crunch, slurp. You won’t believe what happened when I ate and drank all the chips and soft drinks and chocolate. It was hysterical. I want to thank the P&C for all their hard work. I have several reasons for this point of view. They make tuckshop for everyone on a Friday. They make breakfast for people like on the NAPLAN test days. They buy bottles of cordial for icy cups. They do a BBQ for the school. If we didn’t have the P&C we would not have anyone cook for us. What would we do if we didn’t have a P&C?

Written by Bradly.
FRIDAY SPORT for 23 May 2014.

RUGBY LEAGUE
Alton Downs v Berserker St at McLeod Park @ 12.45pm

SOCCER
Alton Downs v St Marys at Port Curtis Road SS @ 1.35pm

NETBALL
Ridgelands v Allenstown on Court 2 Jardine Park @ 1.50pm
The following meal deals are being offered by the P&C for the next two weeks. Please place your orders in the Tuckshop Box.

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