



PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

PRINCIPAL: Mrs Julianne Emmert

Term 4 Week 3 - 20th October 2015

VALUE: Every child matters every day!

From the Principal

Families and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

Term 4 will be very busy with report cards, assessments, Christmas Fair, Remembrance Day, Awards Presentation Day and Swimming.

Wednesday, we have 'Bravehearts' visiting our school and they will be talking to all students from P - 6. The program is called "Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Education Program". This session will provide students with the basic principles of personal safety, the tools to stay safe. Just as teaching children the road rules cannot guarantee our children's safety on the roads, no program can guarantee to 'abuse-proof' our children. By teaching them the principles of personal safety we are giving them the knowledge they need to stay safe and know what to do if anything session.

Friends for Life Program

Next Tuesday 27 October we will have a visit from "Pathways to Resilience" and they will be talking to years 4 - 6. Learning how to manage feelings and get on with others is an important part of children's development. It helps them become better learners and feel good about themselves. Teaching children social and emotional skills as part of the school curriculum gives them tools for coping with emotions, solving problems and learning more effectively. Pathways to Resilience Trust has an array of professional development opportunities for educators and allied health professionals to assist students in learning these invaluable skills and through the training explain how to incorporate the principals into everyday language and cultural of the curriculum. All our facilitators have a wealth of practical experience and have a teaching background and are currently working within schools here in Queensland. After the student workshop 9 - 9.45am the presenters will talk with staff about PD opportunities and how to implement Fun Friends and Friends for Life in our school.

University of Central Queensland

Last Thursday, Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to listen to Lecturer's from UCQ about career opportunities and moving onto high school.

Writing

Writing is one of our core priorities! The staff and students have been working very hard to ensure we see growth and improvement particularly in the area of Audience, Punctuation and Persuasive Devices. The only way we can improve any skill is to practice it daily, so we have been doing writing for half an hour each day and every Friday all students from P - 6 write a narrative or persuasive text during the Writing Hour. Students then do self and peer evaluation before the teacher assesses it and provides constructive feedback. The students are really enjoying 'The Seven Steps' Program which includes Sizzling Starts. Please see attached some stories the students have written.

P & C News

* Awards Presentation - 12noon on Monday 16 November in the library

* Christmas Fair 19 November, 5 - 8.30pm -

Slide, Jumping Castle \$5 per student unlimited rides.

Can each family bring a plate of pre-heated/cold food to share please?

Santa will hand out Books to the students.

Stall holders - Scentsy - Krystal North, Tupperware - Elizabeth MacKenzie, Plant Stall - Robert Greenhalgh, Handmade tea towels - Merle Beatson
Parents are welcome to set up a stall - please let the office know.

Bottle Stall (Student Council) - thanks so much to all those who have brought in their bottles. We are still waiting on quite a few to come in. All bottles need to be brought in by next Friday 30th October - One bottle per student.

Cake /Slice/Biscuit Stall (Student Council) - can each student from years 5 & 6 please bring a plate that we can sell?

Christmas Cards or tags will be for sale and household items.

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
25 January - 24 March

Public Holidays
Australia Day - 26 January

Term 2
11 April - 24 June

Public Holidays
Anzac Day - 25 April
Labour Day - 2 May

Term 3
11 July - 16 September

P & C Association

NEXT MEETING
3rd November @ 8.30am
in the Library

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.

P&CARTWORK FUNDRAISER

All orders and payment to be returned by 1st November

PLAYGROUP

Thursday 9-11am

TUCKSHOP

Please have orders placed in Tuckshop Box by 9am Thursday morning. Orders to be written on brown paper bag.

John Collins is on leave until 6th November 2015.



Principal's Award—Courtney Leddy



Principal's Award—Shyann Daniels



Bindy Brannock winning Speed to Succeed Barrel Race in Gympie

Have a great week!

Take Care

Julianne Emmert, Principal

BEHAVIOUR LEVELS

P1: Ruby Bell, Jordan-Lee Furness, Riley Milliner, Jensen Ditroi, Lacey Harris, Wayne Jones, Alex Macdonald, Jonothan Maloney, Sahara McCCasey, 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: Calge Dahler, Charlie Neale, Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie, Kyle Bunn, Shyann Daniels, Georgia Horspool, Savannah Sanderson, Jorja Smith, Hayden Hill

P1: Evelyn Levy, Rhys Mackenzie, Dante Grealy

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

56: Sam Crichton, Shaniquwa Kelly-Farr, Loretta Mackenzie, Phoebe Sander, Hayley Rodgers, Michael Baxter, Abbie-Rose Carroll-McMahon, Courtney Leddy, Reagan McGlinchy

P1: Joseph Rodgers

234: Matthew Maloney, Kayden Smith, Jackson Daniels, Zi Farr, Lincoln Newman, Jack Rodgers, Geneva Smith, Logan Dingwall

56: Madison Sander

WEEKLY AWARDS for Week 1

GOTCHA AWARDS

(Students with highest number of Gotchas)

- Prep / 1: Sahara McCasey
2 / 3 / 4: Jessie Neale
5 / 6: Abbie-Rose Carroll-McMahon

Class with most Gotchas: 2 / 3 / 4:

(Students names drawn from Gotcha bucket)

- Prep / 1: Jensen Ditroi, Hayli Osborne
2 / 3 / 4: Jessie Neale, Zi Farr
5 / 6: Abbie-Rose Carroll-McMahon,
Loretta Mackenzie

BOOKWORK AWARDS

Prep / 1: Jordan-Lee Furness, Ruby Bell,
Jensen Ditroi, Noah West,
Hayli Osborne

2 / 3 / 4: Lachlan Macdonald, Darlene Ruff,
Zi Farr

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

5 / 6: Courtney Leddy, Shyann Daniels

ATTENDANCE for Week 1

Prep: 100.0%

Whole School: 90.4%

WEEKLY AWARDS for Week 2

BOOKWORK AWARDS

- Prep / 1: Noah West, Hayli Osborne
2 / 3 / 4: Blake Mackenzie
5 / 6: Madison Sander, Caige Dahler,
Abbie-Rose Carrol-McMahon

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

- Prep / 1: Shae Smith
2 / 3 / 4: Blake Mackenzie, Jackson Daniels,
Ben Smith
5 / 6: Madison Sander

News from Years 2/3/4 Classroom

Welcome back to term 4. I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday – I know that I did as I spent it in the South Island of New Zealand. A bit cool but the gardens over there were just blooming into the season of Spring. I spent time visiting relatives in Dunedin and I visited a lovely private garden in Ashburton called 'Trott's Garden' and if you are ever over there – it is a must see.

We did well in the Betascapes Gardening Competition receiving an **Encouragement Award in the Young Gardeners** section. A huge thank you to Robert Greenhalgh for donating more flowers and plants to our gardens. A huge thank you to Rhonda Fletcher and Julie Baxter for keeping the gardens alive over the September school holidays.

We are now back into the swing of classroom work and busy trying to improve our writing skills.

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.

If your child is away because of illness or some other reason, could you please either contact the school or send a note with your child when they return to school.

Until next newsletter

Cheers

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You're invited to our BOOK FAIR!

CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR – UNDER THE SEA

Explore an ocean of books!

P&C Association will donate \$10 towards the purchase of a book for every student in the school for our End of Year Christmas Fair. Come and choose a book and join the fun in the library with our 'Sea of Books'.

Library will be open daily from
 Tuesday 3rd November – Monday 9th November
 8.15am-9.00am, 2.00pm-3.30pm
 and lunch times

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs



Junior Players Needed for this Coming Season.
T20 Blast (8-10 years Old)
U 12 Fixtures (10 - 12 years)
U 14 Fixtures (12 - 14 years)

The Gracemere Bulls Junior Cricket Teams are still looking for players for this coming year (October to March 2015) in the Rockhampton Cricket Fixtures.

- T 20 Blast - Friday Nights from 5.30 to 7.00pm
- U12s Fixtures - Saturday 1.30 to 5.00pm
- U14s Fixtures - Saturday 8.30am to 1.00pm

If you have children interested in playing, please contact Tony Newman on 0418 291 862 or tony.newman@merial.com
 Training & Sign On 8th October from 4.00pm - 5.30pm
 Gracemere Sports Club, off the Old Capricorn Highway.



Buying a Bandanna raises funds and supports young people living with cancer. Bandannas are on sale in the office for \$4 each and can be worn on Bandanna Day on Friday 30th October 2015.

PLAYGROUP

WEEK 3 - 22nd October - Bells

TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Bells
9:15 - 9:30	Reading corner/Jigsaw puzzles
	Group activity – Painting Xmas Bell
	Craft – Design and colouring in a Bell
	Jingle Bell activity
	Playdough
10:45 – 11:00	Story book
11:00 – 11:15	Shared Morning Tea

WEEK 4 - 29th October - Transport

TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Transport
9:15 - 9:30	Reading corner/Jigsaw puzzles
	Painting – free
	Construction using recycled packets, bottles, boxes etc
	Imaginative play – wooden blocks
	Road mat – cars, trucks, aeroplanes
	Playdough
10:45 – 11:00	Story book & song – Wheels on the Bus
11:00 – 11:15	Shared Morning Tea

WRITING—Some of our stories for you to read.....

Baby Dragon by Lachlan.

Part One...

Crack Crack Crack! You won't believe what happened when my rock hatched. It was so cute...

"What can I do with it?" "I'll keep it!" That night I heard smoke alarms beeping. It was my dragon. He was burning the house down! I ran to the door. It was too late. He was going to burn the house down...

Three days later all that was left of the house was a pile of ashes and charcoal. What have I done? He's destroyed the house and my family. What can I do?

Only one thing...destroy the dragon...

Part 2 in the next newsletter....

The Dragon Curse by Logan Nicholson.

Roarrrrr!!!! The dragons are out! Son, come inside", said Dad. Suddenly an unknown monster breaks through the house. "Run to the mountains" said Dad. The Demon rises again... "Nooo!!!! Daaaadddd!!!!"

10 years later...

Roooarr!!! Arrgghhh! Attack the Dragon Men!" BOOM! The sorcerer is coming. Run or you will die and perish. Suddenly the ground was shaking and rocks were falling and tumbling down. ROAR!!! "They're coming" said Draco.

"Goodbye". POOF...

Zzzziip! "Get me down" said Draco. "Ha, ha, ha or you will suffer in the deepest dungeon".

2 days later...

"Where am I? My magic! My Powers, said Draco.

Suddenly trolls, goblins, giants, sorcerers and dragons were charging in a full burst attack.

"Guards attack" said the King.

POOF! "My magic is back!" yelled Draco. "Alazam, Alazoo Araboo!"

Suddenly the caste disappeared and they celebrated the next day. They gave Draco the sorcerers ring.

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The Challenge by Bindy.

Part One...

Zip, Zap, Zip. "Brain Box, Brain Box, Brain Box". You won't believe what happened when I got trapped behind a cursed door. "Brain Box, Brain Box, Brain Box".

"Who said that?"

Suddenly I felt a hot smelly breath come over me. "What do I do now. How do I get out of here?" I thought.

Suddenly tapped me on the shoulder. Slowly I turned around. I came face-to-face with a short little man.

"The only way out of here is to complete the challenge. No-one has even completed the challenge before! If you do, you can go home".

"What happens if I don't finish the challenge?" I ask.

"You will be stuck here for all eternity!" yelled the little man.

"I will do the challenge!" I said.

PLAY WATER POLO THIS SUMMER!



FREE Water Polo Come 'n' Try

Sunday 25th October
Rockhampton
Grammar School Pool
2:00-4:00pm

All Ages
and Abilities
Welcome!



Water Polo

For more information visit:
www.waterpoloqld.com.au or
www.facebook.com/rockhamptonwaterpolo

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Water Polo Queensland invites all budding and aspiring Water Polo players to attend its 2015

Come 'N' Try Open Day.

Join us at The Rockhampton Grammar School Pool
(Archer Street, South Rockhampton, Qld 4700)
on October 25th from 2:00pm – 4:00pm, for some fun
Water Polo activities, skills and drills.

ALL AGES WELCOME!

The event will be a great opportunity to meet the local Rockhampton Club, make new friends and learn some new skills. All stations are run by Water Polo Queensland staff, accredited coaches and volunteers.

TRL Rockhampton Juniors

Touch Rugby League

What:

- Touch Rugby League for Juniors
- Develops coordination, ball skills and social skills
- Great off-season fitness
- Emphasis on FUN!

AgeS

- 6 to 14

Where/When

- Starts October 14
- 8 Game Season
- Wednesday Afternoons
- McLeod Park – end of Dean Street

How Much?

- Only \$50 for 8 games!

Contact

- Dallas: 0419 509 955
- Watson: 0419 429 675
- admin@trlrockhampton.com.au



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COME AND TRY DAY



Emu Park Surf Life Saving Club

Come and Try Day
Sunday 25th October 2015
9:00am to 11:00am

At Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club, Keppel Street, Emu Park

Nippers
Boys & girls from 5 years to 14 years



Nippers Surf Sport Beach Patrols Surf Boats First Aid

Scouting - South R'ton Group

New members, boys and girls,
are most welcome.
Three nights free trial.

Warripari Scout Den

31 Eton Street, Rockhampton

JoeyS: 6 and 7 year olds, Thurs 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Contact Tegan vanderWant 4921 3330

CubS: 8, 9, 10 year olds

Mon 6.00pm – 7.30pm or

Tues 4.00pm – 5.30pm or

Tues 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Contact Jeff Roder 4936 1918/ 0402 597 050

or Stacey Chamberlain 0412 647 585

or Stephen Pattel 4936 3951

ScoutS: 11 – 15year olds, Wed 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

Contact Gary Murray 0428 575 526

or Randy Biles 4926 0651.

VenturerS: 15 – 18 year olds, Thurs 7.00–9.00pm

Contact Gary Murray 0428 575 526

RoverS: 18 – 26 year olds.

Contact Tegan vanderWant 4921 3330

or Gary Murray 0428 575 526

Group Leader: Gary Murray 0428 575 526
(inquiries all sections)