



PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

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Term 1 Week 5 - 22 February 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 1

23 January–31 March

Australia Day

Public Holiday–26 January

Term 2

18 April–23 June

Anzac Day

Public Holiday–25 April

Term 3

10 July–15 September

Term 4

3 October–8 December

Student Free Day 16 October

Attendance Thermometer

100%
99%
98%
97%
96%
95%
94%
93%
92%
91%

Wk 4—92.4%

Every Day is a Learning Day!

P & C Association

Next Meeting To Be Advised

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

The Australian Curriculum

One of Port Curtis Road State School's core priorities for 2017 is the Australian Curriculum.

The Australian Curriculum is designed to develop:

- Successful learners
- Confident and creative individuals
- Active and informed young people who are ready to take their place in society.

It sets the goal for what all students should learn as they progress through their school life – wherever they live in Australia and whatever school they attend.

The Australian Curriculum with its eight learning areas provides a modern curriculum for every student in Australia. Included in the content of learning areas are seven general capabilities intended to help prepare young Australians to learn live and work in the 21st Century. There are three cross-curriculum priorities that are also a focus across the learning areas.

The Australian Curriculum is flexible so that teachers can plan the learning for all their students, also taking into account their local school community.

Currently at Port Curtis Road State School we are teaching the Learning Areas of English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and LOTE – Japanese. This year we are familiarising ourselves with the The Arts: Music curriculum and the Visual Arts curriculum as well as the Technologies: Digital Technology curriculum. 2018 will see the implementation of the learning areas we have familiarised ourselves with in 2017.

To support our teachers in the teaching of the Australian Curriculum, the Department of Education and Training has created a fantastic resource, known as C2C – Curriculum into the Classroom, for teachers to reference and teach from for all areas of the Australian Curriculum. This resource has a great bank of videos, powerpoints, e-books, exemplars and differentiated tasks for teachers to access in order to complement and enhance their teaching and learning episodes. Changes are frequently being made to this resource in order to bring it in line with the Australian Curriculum updates.

Write2Spell2Read Program

This year, within the school, we have decided to narrow our focus on Writing. To enable us to do this meant that as a staff we had to decide which of the programmes we use for English delivers the best outcomes for our students. The decision was to go with Write2Spell2Read which the school already has many resources for. Currently we are awaiting a few more student books, however teachers have their electronic software and have this week commenced the explicit instruction of this program. Each day, in each classroom, teachers have timetabled in sessions for the teaching of Handwriting and/ or Spelling. Throughout the term, I will be offering an evening parent workshop on this program. Watch this space for further details.

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

From The Principal Cont....

Port Curtis Road State School Community Meet and Greet—Please put this date in your calendar: Thursday 9 March at 5.30p.m. 'til 7p.m.

You are invited to come and mingle with our school staff as well as other community members and partners. There will be a sausage sizzle for all to enjoy as well as something for dessert. This is a family event and parents on the evening will be required to take full responsibility for their children. Staff are also invited guests are not responsible for the supervision of students on this occasion.

Staff Absence / Leave

Mr John Collins is on leave for the rest of this week. Mrs Cross will be employed for the Thursday and the Friday. Thank you to Mrs deWaard for taking Mr Collin's class for part of the Wednesday.

Take Care

Mrs Susan Thaw, Acting Principal

Week 3

Principal's Award



Ruby Bell

Janae Vidler



Attendance for Week 3

100% attendance for Year 2 and Year 5.

Whole School average weekly attendance—97.3 %

Bookwork Awards

Hayli Osborne & Raina Rook (pictured).

Also Lucas Laidlaw, Harlan Rook, Wayne Jones, Sanne Greenhalgh, Jessie Neale, Logan Dingwall, Tayleah Daniel, Bindy Brannock



Week 4

Principal's Award



Shae Smith, Ethan Ware, Bindy Brannock, Jessie Neale

Attendance for Week 4

100% attendance for Year 2.

Whole School average weekly attendance—92.4%

Bookwork Awards

AnnaBell Schunemann, Indigo Salt, Wayne Jones, Alex Macdonald, Noah West, Dash Lindley, Shaniya Corrie, Shae Smith, Raina Rook, Sahara McCCasey, Cooper Hill, Jordan-Lee Furness, Jaiden Ditroi, Brianna Hill, Tayleah Daniel.



Gotchas

Class Group with most gotchas—Year 456 (325 gotchas)

Prep 1 Daan Greenhalgh (26), Year 23 Shaniya Corrie (51) Year 456 Sanne Greenhalgh (31)

NEWS FROM OUR CLASSROOMS

The Arts News

Years 2/3 and 4/5/6 have been very busy learning about colours- discussing primary, secondary and tertiary colours along with warm and cool colours. They have also begun learning about the famous artist Pablo Picasso. Here is a snippet of some art pieces.



By Hayli

By Kayla

By Bindy



By Tayleah



By Raina



By Wayne

By Shae



PLAYGROUP

WEEK 5 - 23rd February



TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME - 'All about me'
9:00 - 9:30	Reading Corner/Puzzles
9:30 - 10:45	Playdough
	Booklet - I Like Cutting and pasting from magazines
	Painting - Hand prints (Group friendship & own - Placemat)
	Laminated Placemat - Trace name, Handprint, Stamps to decorate etc Construction blocks
10:45 - 11:00	Big Books
11:00 - 11:15	Shared Morning Tea

WEEK 6 - 2nd March



TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME - "I want to be"
9:00 - 9:30	Reading corner/Jigsaw puzzles
9:30 - 10:45	Colouring in - Occupations
	Step Beyond Cards - Occupations
	Dress ups
	Cut & paste - I want to be... booklet Painting - Artist
10:45 - 11:00	Big Books
11:00 - 11:15	Shared Morning Tea

New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 1 rewards with a Future Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!



Cyber Handball



Colour Change Markers

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Get Microsoft Office 2016
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 Queensland Government

TUCKSHOP - Friday 3 MARCH		
Orders must be in by WEDNESDAY 1 March at 3pm		
NAME:		Year Level
Chicken & Salad Roll	\$3.50 <small>with Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cheese and Mayo</small>	
Chicken Fingers (5/cup)	\$2.00	
Large Fruit Salad	\$2.50	
Fruit Cup	\$1.00	
Water	\$1.00	
Juice popper	\$2.00	
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00	
Strawberry Milk	\$2.00	
	Total	
Money Enclosed		Change Required

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Port Curtis Road State School Community Meet and Greet



Rockhampton

Supporting Your Child with Autism at School

Session focus:

Parents and carers play a key role in supporting their child with autism in the school environment. This session will provide parents with information and strategies in order to maximise educational and social outcomes for their children.

Topics to be covered:

- Understanding the support available to your child at school
- Building successful relationships with school staff
- Supporting at home.

Intended audience:

Both sessions are intended for parents and carers of children with autism who are school-aged.

**This session will run twice.
Please register for your preferred session.**

There is no cost for this session

Session 1:

Date:
Thursday,
2nd March, 2017

Location:
Umbrella Network
254 Eldon Street
North Rockhampton, 4701

Time:
3:30pm – 5:30pm

Register for session 1: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rockhampton-supporting-your-child-with-autism-at-school-tickets-29739327128>

Session 2:

Date:
Friday,
3rd March, 2017

Location:
Umbrella Network
254 Eldon Street
North Rockhampton, 4701

Time:
9:30am – 11:30am

Register for session 2: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rockhampton-supporting-your-child-with-autism-at-school-tickets-31853770485>

Please email Helen if you have questions about these sessions or if you have difficulty registering.

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youth CoderDojo Club

Anyone aged seven to seventeen can visit a Dojo where they can learn to code, build a website, create an app or a game, and explore technology in an informal, creative, and social environment.

Where: Rockhampton Regional Library - 230 Bolsover Street

When: The last Wednesday every month 5.30pm – 6.30pm at the Library Technology Centre starting 22 February 2017.



CoderDojo



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	Jan 26 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Australia Day	Jan 27
2	30 Jan	31 Jan	1 Feb	2 Feb	3 Feb Swimming Yrs 1-6 Tuckshop
3	6 Feb	7 Feb P & C Meeting	8 Feb Preppies Photo for Morning Bulletin	9 Feb	10 Feb Swimming Yrs 1-6
4	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb Playgroup 9-11.15am	17 Feb Swimming Yrs 1-6 Tuckshop
5	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb Playgroup 9-11.15am	24 Feb Swimming Yrs 1-6
6	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 March	2 March Playgroup 9-11.15am	3 March Swimming Yrs 1-6 Tuckshop
7	6 March	7 March	8 March	9 March Playgroup 9-11.15am Meet and Greet 5.30-7pm	10 March Swimming Yrs 1-6
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BE Safe
BE Responsible
BE Respectful
BE A Learner