**From the Principal**

Family and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

**Kind Donation**

I would like to thank Darren & Lachlan Foxlee for donating a set of drums to the school. This is an asset to school which will be used for many years. We already have students who are keen to learn the drums.

**National Bandana Day** will be celebrated at Port Curtis Road State School next Wednesday 30 October. The Student Council will be organising this fundraiser. All funds raised will support young people living with cancer. Bandannas $4 each or Pens for $3 each can be purchased at the office.

**School Photos**

Thursday 24th October is School Photo Day. It is important that all students are wearing the correct school uniform (black shorts or skirt and PCSRSS polo, shoes and socks). Please do not wear long pants. Payment needs to be received no later than Wednesday afternoon. Please note that staff will be having photos taken 8.00 – 8.15am and will not be available. Order envelopes were sent home with the last newsletter.

**Congratulations to the following students!!**

- **Georgia Horspool**
  Came 3rd in Ballet Duo and 2nd Free Movement Duo.

- **Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie**
  Gracemere Little Athletics 2013 Most Improved 100m Centre Champions 2013 U/9 Girls 2nd Aged Champion U/9 Girls

**Bookwork/Behaviour Award**

- P-2: Sanne Greenhalgh Jackson Daniels
- 3-4: Georgia Horspool Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie
- 5-7: Ethan Haughton Kenny Cockrell

**Gotcha A wards**

- Rhys Woods
- Lachlan Macdonald
- Joshua Maloney
- Cyean White
- Susan Anderson
- Blake Smith-Bharda
CLASSROOM NEWS
From the Prep – Year 2 Classroom

Last Friday our Prep to Year 2 children received the final of a two part visit from the Queensland Fire Service. The visits play a crucial role in supporting fire education for younger students. The children learnt about safe fire practices and what they should do in case of a fire emergency, including having a safe exit plan at home, the importance of speedy evacuation, the stop drop and roll strategy should they or their clothing catch fire and the mantra of ‘get down low and go, go, go’ to escape the deadly smoke that results from house fires.
The students were completely engaged during these visits and asked many pertinent and apt questions. Please take the time to discuss with your children their thoughts and ideas in terms of fire safety and reiterate with them the importance of the messages delivered.
Kind Regards
Mr John Collins

From Years 3, 4 Classroom

It’s at this time of the year I find myself looking at the children and saying ..”Where has the time and my little people gone?” We have seen growth in not only height but also abilities. Most children have become more confident in themselves and their abilities and this is reflected in the work they are producing at school. However, to ensure ongoing success I urge all parents and caregivers to take a few minutes to have a look at homework books to check your child is on track. At school we constantly reinforce the importance of homework and this needs to be followed through at home as well. With your support I am sure students will continue to make some positive gains before the end of the school year. To those students who consistently complete all homework—Well done and keep up the great work!

Mrs Tracy O’Brien

Playgroup

Playgroup will be commencing this Thursday 24th October.

Julianne Emmert, Principal
Dear Parent/Caregiver,

On Thursday 24th October your child will have the opportunity to experience our Personal Safety Education Program "The Ditto Show". Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that by providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, we are providing them with 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. But, 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 does happen.

The 'Ditto Show' is live performance with "Ditto" being the star attraction. The show runs for 35 minutes (and we have a 20 minute one for our under 5's).

Our program has been delivered throughout other states in Australia since 2006 empowering over 300,000 children.

‘Ditto’, the Bravehearts' mascot comes to life as the star of Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Education Program to ensure the program is delivered in a fun, interactive and engaging manner.

Specially written songs for the show include "Private Parts" and "Run and Tell Someone You Can Trust". These are catchy songs and our experience shows children are remembering them in the same way they remember common nursery rhymes. Feedback from schools and centres has indicated that children are singing the songs in the playground. Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Program and resources are NOT SEX EDUCATION. Private Parts are simply explained as the mouth (as we don't just go around kissing anyone) the chest, between the legs and our bottoms). The main aim of the program is to enhance children’s emotional literacy.

The findings of an independent evaluation suggest that the delivery of the principles embedded in this program can reduce the prevalence of not only child sexual assault, but also other forms of abuse including family violence and bullying, in a range of settings.

Topics covered throughout the show consists of "Yes" & "No" Feelings. The Body's Warning Signs. Private Parts. Secrets and what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure.

If you do not wish for your child to attend the show please notify your school/centre. Should you have any questions about the program please do not hesitate to contact our Head Office on 07 5552 3000.

Kind regards,

Bravehearts Education Team

www.Bravehearts.org.au

National Office: 07 5552 3000 | Fax: 07 5552 3088 | Freecall Crisis Line: 1800 BRAVE 1 (1800 272 831)
Postal: PO Box 575, Arundel, QLD 4214 | Email: education@bravehearts.org.au

ABN 43 496 913 990
The Ditto Show is visiting our School on:
Thursday 24th October
11.30

We all have the right to feel safe with people!

It's ok to say no if we feel unsafe or unsure!

Nothing is so yucky that you can't tell someone about it!

This program helps to empower children to speak out about any unsafe situation, from bullying in the playground through to the serious issue of child sexual assault. We believe that every child should be taught the basic rules of personal safety in a fun, gentle and non-confronting way! Our program is NOT sex education; it is a program about personal safety!

Learn through song and Ditto's highly interactive “Personal Safety” show! For 3—8 years

It's fun, it's safe and it works!

The Ditto Show is accredited by Education QLD—Prep to Year 3 and authorised by the Department of Education and Training NSW
Dear Parents / Carers,
This **Friday 25 October** the P&C are offering a **Tuckshop Meal Deal for $6.00**.
Please return orders and money to the office – Food Day Box by **Thursday 9am**.

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**Keep saving to win more Dollarmites’ treasure!**

The Dollarmites have found treasure washed ashore on Savings Adventure Island and want to share it with you. They’re giving away 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB and 100 x Kid’s Adventure DVD Pack including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & HOP.

For your chance to win, simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you’ll automatically be entered into the competition. For more information, visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland

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