



# PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

PRINCIPAL: Mrs Julianne Emmert

Term 4 Week 3 - 22 October 2013

**VALUE:** Every child matters every day!

## From the Principal

Family and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

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

### Dates to Remember

**2013**

Term 4

8 October–13 December

Summer Vacation Begins

14 December 13

**2014**

Summer Vacation Ends

27 January 2014

Public Holiday

Australia Day–28 January

Term 1,

29 January–28 March

### 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 Bandanna 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 PCRSS 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.

### P & C Association Meet monthly in the Library

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



### Congratulations to the following students!!



Well Done Girls!



#### Georgia Horspool

Came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ballet Duo and 2<sup>nd</sup> Free Movement Duo.

#### Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie

Gracemere Little Athletics 2013 Most Improved 100m  
Centre Champions 2013 U/9 Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> Aged Champion U/9 Girls

### REMINDERS

Years 5, 6, 7  
Swimming \$30  
11 Oct to 8 Nov

Prep, Years 1, 2, 3, 4  
Swimming commences  
15 November

### Bookwork/Behaviour Award

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

### Gotcha Awards

- Rhys Woods
- Lachlan Macdonald
- Joshua Maloney
- Cyeann White
- Susan Anderson
- Blake Smith-Bharda

### Loud Shirt Day

I would like to thank Cherrie Collins for organising Loud Shirt Day. It was great to see students and staff dressed in their bright shirts. Approx. \$50 was raised. Well done.



### Fire Ed

The students in Prep, Years 1 and 2 have enjoyed learning about Fire Education for the last 2 week. Students were able to have a look at the fire truck and watched demonstrations. It was very educational and also exciting. We thank the Fire Service for volunteering their time.



Camp – We are finalising costings and parents will be informed in the near future of the total cost. We would like to invite parents to pay a part payment of \$15. A record will be kept of payments that have been made.

Julianne Emmert, Principal

## 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.



## Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure! Education Program

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

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# 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  
ROAD 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!



It's Fun,  
It's Safe  
AND  
It works!

Learn through SONG  
and Ditto's HIGHLY  
Interactive  
"Personal Safety"  
SHOW!  
For 3—8 years

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.**

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>YEAR:</b>
<u><b>\$6 MEAL DEAL</b></u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hot Dog with Cheese &amp; Bacon</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Flavoured milk</b> or <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fruit popper</b> or <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Water</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chips</b>	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	
	<b>\$</b>

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	<b>\$</b>

**SNACK SHACK:** NAME..... YR .....

Pre Orders – WEDNESDAY – To Office

please circle

ITEM	QTY	COST	TOTAL
SOFTDRINK – Coke, Lemonade, Orange, Other		\$1.50	
SMALL CHIPS – Plain, BBQ, OTHER		\$0.50	
LARGE CHOCOLATES - Mars Bars, Freddo, Other		\$1.50	
SMALL CHOCOLATES - Freddo Frogs, Milky Way, Other		\$0.50	
BAG OF LOLLIES		\$0.50	
LOLLY POP		\$0.20	
SNACK PACKS – Fruit, Nuts, Other		\$1.00	
TUCKSHOP – Milk, Juice		\$2.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

## 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](http://commbank.com.au/adventureisland)

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