



PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

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Term 1 Week 1 - 25 January 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

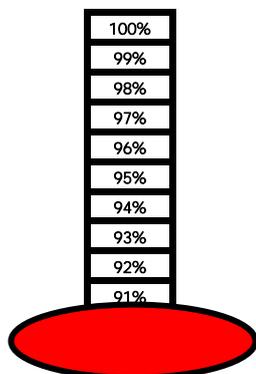
10 July–15 September

Term 4

3 October–8 December

Student Free Day 16 October

Attendance Thermometer



Every Day is a Learning Day!

P & C Association

Next Meeting
Watch this space!

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

Thank you for your ongoing support of Port Curtis Road State School. We have started the year with 55 students. Also thank you for the warm welcome greetings extended to me over the last few days.

Just a little about myself. This year is my 37th year of working for the Department of Education and Training. My teaching career began in Mackay and spread to Theodore where I spent four years teaching. Whilst in Theodore, I applied for a transfer and was placed at Gracemere State School as a District Relieving Teacher. As a District Relieving Teacher I taught in Springsure for a term, Moranbah for a term, Dysart for a term and at a variety of different locations for the remainder of the school year. After twelve months in this position, I was appointed to Waraburra State School where I taught Prep and Year 1 for many years. Whilst at this school I took on many different roles: Reading Recovery Teacher, Head of Curriculum, Support Teacher of Literacy and Numeracy, Acting Deputy Principal, Acting Head of Special Education and for 2015 and 2016 I was Master Teacher across Gracemere State School and Waraburra State School.

2017 will be an amazing year of learning. We will be moving the school forward and building upon our many successes of 2016. The school will be continuing with the signature pedagogy of explicit teaching. The focus area identified from the school's Improvement Agenda will still be 'Writing'. This year we will sharpen and narrow our focus on 'Writing' to allow for more depth of teaching and learning and to showcase our writing abilities. The learning area of Digital Technologies will begin to be unpacked this year, with teachers familiarising themselves with the curriculum. This curriculum area will ensure that our students have the skills and knowledge required to use the XO laptops that will be purchased in the beginning of 2017, as well as teaching our students the necessary skills and knowledge required for them to partake in NAPLAN when it moves online in 2019 and equip our students to become successful 21st Century learners.

Whilst we are focussing on these areas, we are not taking our foot off the pedal with any of the other learning.

Learning of a very high standard is our priority. It is our job to ensure that every student is learning and succeeding every day and achieving a minimum of twelve months academic growth a year.

Currently the permanent position for Port Curtis Road State School is advertised with the applications closing 7 February. A permanent Principal will be appointed for the commencement of Term 2.

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

Breakfast Club

Thank you to the volunteers, staff and students who have this up and running again this year. Breakfast Club operates each morning with the menu comprising of toast and a selection of spreads, milo and juice. If you are able to give half an hour of your time in the morning to help prepare and distribute the breakfast items this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Deb in the office or myself, Sue, should you wish to volunteer.

I would also like to acknowledge the support given to us in **2016 and again this year from Brumby's Bakery Allenstown.** We truly appreciate your efforts in making sure that our students have breakfast each day which then enables them to concentrate and engage in learning. Thank you from the Port Curtis Road State School community.

Staffing

Port Curtis Road State School would like to welcome Mrs Sally Cross to the Prep / Year 1 class this year. Mrs Cross will be teaching on Friday as Mr Collins is only working Monday to Thursday this year. Mrs Cross is currently our music teacher as well. I would also like to welcome Reanna Olive to our staff. Reanna is a new teacher aide to our school and at this point in time is working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday across all year levels. I would also like to welcome back after maternity leave Mrs Tiffany Macdonald. Tiffany will be working Wednesday and Friday mornings as a teacher aide.

Take Care

Mrs Susan Thaw, Acting Principal

NEWS FROM OUR CLASSROOMS

News from Prep / Year 1 Classroom

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope and trust each and every one had an enjoyable Christmas break.

We will once again start the year running in the Prep-One room. Just a few hints for new Prep parents; you have probably already received plenty of advice along *the way but if I could share just a few 'words of wisdom' that may be of assistance as your child starts their formal journey along the education path, you might find them of some use.*

Organisation and routine is the key. Be prepared and involve your child in readying themselves for the school day. Have shoes, hat and school bag all prepared the *night before, thus avoiding last minute 'melt downs' because they're unable to locate a needed item.*

Please name all student belongings. It can be a nightmare for students and teachers alike trying to reunite lost belongings with rightful owners.

Revisit appropriate and inappropriate behaviour. Discuss with your child your expectations for positive behaviour. Just as you have rules at home, we have rules at school.

Probably the issue that over the years I have faced *many times is that of the 'clingy' parent. Could I just reassure you that in my experience, children who are a little reticent and or hesitant at the beginning of the school year, fare much better when Mum or Dad just leave them with the teacher. Delaying your departure does more for your own feelings than it does for helping your child settle. You may feel like you're abandoning them but I can assure you that in 99.9% of the time, the tearful child has settled by the time you have reached the front gate.*

Finally, enjoy the experience, become part of school life. Become a member of the P and C association, assist with Brekky Club. Your child will love to see you involved in all aspects of their school life.

Regards

John Collins

News from Year 2/3 Classroom

Welcome back to 2017. I hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas break. The class is learning new routines and we have sorted out all our books. It would be appreciated if parents could finalise their *child's book lists as I have some students who are waiting for books to arrive.* It is important that your child is fully equipped for the year as we have already started using our books. This is how we have labelled the exercise/grid books: Handwriting, Work on Writing, Word Work and Spelling, Reading, Homework, Science, History, Geography, Health, Maths Writing, and Facts and Algorithms. Folders have been allocated to: Art, Homework, Responsible Behaviours level, unfinished work. This is why it is important that your child has the full allocation of books listed on the booklist.

Each morning we listen to a reading book and do Brain Gym before starting our morning lessons. This week we are learning about the Literacy Café and Maths Café and the behaviours that support our learning. We will be looking at one of the CAFÉ Daily 5: *"Read to Self", the Comprehension strategy 'Check for Understanding'; and in Maths Café Daily 3- "Maths by Myself"; plus we will start looking at the "7 Steps to Writing Success".*

This week, Homework will start with some maths activities. Homework is set on a Monday and can be returned on a Friday. It is very important that every child is reading every day. Reading is a very important skill and unlocks learning.

The class will be revising the school rules, classroom rules, school and learning expectations especially book work expectations; introducing Science, Health and Geography/History. Students have Library borrowing on a Thursday afternoon. It is a very short week with lots packed into it.

Cheers

Irene Ingrey

News from Music and The Arts

Happy New Year!

Welcome back and welcome to all the new families joining us this year.

For those who don't know me, my name is Mrs Cross, I will be teaching Music and The Arts every Wednesday.

I am also very excited to take on a new role in the school this year. I will be joining the Prep/Year 1 team, teaching along side Mr Collins and Mrs West every Friday.

Looking forward to a great year and meeting the many new faces. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Sally Cross

News from Porty Playgroup

Porty Playgroup will commence later this term once all of our new preppies have settled into their routines. A date will be posted in our next newsletter. Mrs Sharon West

Library News

Welcome back to another fantastic year in our Library! A big welcome back to all students and parents. I co-ordinate the library lessons with each of the classes.

Tuesday - 4/5/6 class

Wednesday - Prep /Year 1 class

Thursday - 2/3 class

Library Lessons: Books to be returned at these library lessons. If your child finished their books they are welcome to borrow throughout the rest of the week.

Opening Times:

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8.30 -8.55am	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	OPEN	CLOSED
11.20 -11.45am	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED
1.30- 1.50pm	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

Term 1 we will be focusing on our borrowing, so students can read every day. Buddy reading in our library lessons and ICT skills. Each class will be at different levels of *learning, so don't worry if you don't have a computer at home.*

Parents please ensure all students have a Library Bag for their library book to stay dry and clean.

Many thanks

Mrs Cherrie Collins

FRENCHVILLE SOFTBALL

Hi everyone....

with Christmas now over and everyone into losing some kgs and making new years resolutions....

How does a making new friends and/or joining a family friendly sport that the whole family can be a part of??

Frenchville Scorpions Softball Club is a family friendly club with teams for everyone from 3 years of age.... all ages and abilities welcome.

Juniors, teenagers, womens and mens teams available.

Softball is one of the cheapest sports in Rocky and registrations start from just \$20 (*children under 12*) ... interested ???

Sign-on Sunday 29th January at Frenchville Sports Club.

Please contact Selena Knott on 0458 169 003 or

Location: Rockhampton

Dates:

The Power of Positive Parenting

Wednesday, 22 February, 2017 - 9:30am to 11am

Raising Confident, Competent Children

Wednesday, 1 March, 2017 - 9:30am to 11am

Raising Resilient Children

Wednesday, 8 March, 2017 - 9:30am to 11am

Venue: Centacare CQ

16 Bolsover St

(Near corner of North St)

Rockhampton Qld 4700



RSVP: Fri 17 Feb 2017

Cost: Free



Please note no one is refused a service based on an inability to pay

TUCKSHOP - Friday 3 February

Orders must be in by WEDNESDAY 1 Feb at 3pm

NAME:		Year Level
Hot Dog	\$3.50	
with Tomato/ BBQ Sauce / Cheese (Please circle your choice)		
5 Cheerios in a Cup	\$2.00	
Iced Bun	\$2.00	
Icy Cup	\$1.00	
Water	\$1.00	
Juice popper	\$2.00	
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00	
Strawberry Milk	\$2.00	
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NEWS FROM OUR P & C ASSOCIATION

Welcome back!

Brekky Club will continue in 2017—we do need help from you—if you are available to help with Brekky Club from 8.10am to 8.45am please let the office know and we will contact you to organise a roster of days.

An AGM date to be advised following the auditing of the books. Please consider taking on a role—President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Member—*many hands make light work!*. We would also like to undertake a **survey** as to when the best time for our meetings should be: Meetings in the past have been held at 8.45am in the Library after dropping children at school. Please circle your preference or add another time or day suitable to you and return to the office by Wednesday 1st February.

Tuckshop will continue on a fortnightly basis and will commence on Friday 3rd February. Orders will need to be placed in the Tuckshop Box in the office by Wednesday 1st February with correct money enclosed.

P&C Meeting Survey Return to office by Wednesday 1st February	Meeting Day			
	Times	8.45am	2.00pm	3.30pm
	Please Add			
	Name			
	Phone Contact			

		<h1 style="margin: 0;">Port Curtis Road State School</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Term 1 - 2017</h2>			BE Safe BE Responsible BE Respectful BE A Learner
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
3	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb Swimming Yrs 1-6
4	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb	17 Feb Swimming Yrs 1-6
5	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb	24 Feb Swimming Yrs 1-6
6	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 March	2 March	3 March Swimming Yrs 1-6
7	6 March	7 March	8 March	9 March	10 March Swimming Yrs 1-6
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