A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

PRINCIPAL: Mrs Julianne Emmert

Term 1  Week 9—25 March 2014

VALUE: Every child matters every day!

From the Principal

Family and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

What a lovely way to start the day with such a beautiful photo on the front page of today’s Morning Bulletin. Our little preps all look so happy!!!!! There is a special lift out in tomorrow’s paper called “Making the Grade” of all the preps around the region.

Dates to Remember

2014

Term 1
28 January—4 April

Term 2
22 April—27 June
Public Holidays
Anzac Day 25 April
Show Day 6 June
Queen’s Birthday 9 June

Term 3
14 July—19 September

Term 4
6 October—12 December

P & C Association
Tuesday 1st April
8.15am

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

REMINDERS

Staff Meeting 8am-9am Each Tuesday

All Students Years 1—7
Swimming—Fridays
$6 per student

Snack Shack
Wednesday after school
Order forms attached.

Playgroup
Thursdays
9.30am to 11.30am

Tuckshop—Each Friday
Order forms attached

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

I have again contacted the Morning Bulletin about publishing our school leader’s presentation and they have assured me they will follow up on this. Hopefully it should be printed in the next week. This is our last newsletter for this term. Please note the last day of school is next Friday 4th April and we return Tuesday 22nd April.

We have had a busy term, but I feel we have achieved a lot in a small period of time in terms of Curriculum. I am very proud to announce that our Year 3’s from 2013 have produced outstanding results compared to our like schools in Australia. Our students achieved the highest results in the areas of Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. We were the second highest school for writing. Our school is the blue dot and you can see that we were considerably a lot higher than all the like schools listed. Thanks to Mr Collins for all your hard work in achieving such pleasing results. This is a credit to you!!! These results are just amazing. Well done to both Mr Collins and the students.

If you go to Google and type in— “My school website” and then enter our school name you will be able to see these outstanding results. The My School website provides a snap shot of our NAPLAN story. Our graphs are attached.

Arrivals / Departures / Supervision Duties taken from Parent Handbook

In partnership with our school community we ask for your firm support with arrival and departure procedures.
Supervision of students by staff begins at 8.30am. This is part of our supportive environment policy. It is strongly recommended that you do not have your child/ren on school site before 8.20am. If there are special circumstances it is requested that written communication to the Principal be undertaken to outline the support needed.

School finishes at 3.00pm. It would be a community partnership courtesy to ensure your child/ren is/are picked up by 3.15pm (at the latest). Again if support is needed to meet this commitment please contact the office.

A safe and supportive school needs families and school working together.
Parents will be contacted by either a phone call or text around 9.30am if their child is away. All schools’ attendance rates are regularly monitored by Central Office in Brisbane and it is important that we have a reason why your child is away. High numbers of unexplained absences will be further looked into by Central Office. Can you please email or phone the school by 9am if your child is going to be away from school?

### Grammar and Punctuation

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### Attendance

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV. http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem that much but…….

Anzac Day Parade

The first Thursday after the Easter holidays we will hold our Anzac Day Service in school library at 10.30am. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Cherrie Collins is busy organising speeches and jobs for our school leaders. I would like to thank Cherrie for all her efforts.

Can you please let us know in the office if your child will be attending the Anzac Day March along Quay Street, Friday 25th April?

A huge thank you to Irene Ingrey and Cherrie Collins for volunteering their time to march with the students on this day.

Lunch

Some students have been bringing small tins of food, eg spaghetti or tuna to school for lunch. Can I please ask parents to remove the contents of the tin and put it in a container? These lids are too dangerous for children and we are worried someone is going to hurt themselves. Often students will try and open the cans before going to see a staff member.

Take Care

Julianne Emmert, Principal
Road Safety Week has been developed to reinforce safety messages to all road users. As you are aware, children’s perceptions of the need to obey road rules and avoid high risk behaviours are greatly influenced by the examples given by adult drivers, particularly their parents. By emphasising the main causes of fatal traffic accidents and educating children on these topics, it is anticipated a reduction in fatal incidents will occur when these children are old enough to drive on the road.

We would like to thank Constable Jeremy (our Adopt a Cop) for attending our school parade last Monday to reinforce some of our road rules. In particular, for those students travelling along the back road to Depot Hill. This is a dangerous road for students to be using and we need to make students aware of the road rules to help minimise any accidents.

Constable Jeremy has also visited our school a few times this year to have a chat to students about bullying and played a few games of handball to try and get to know some of our students.

We were also lucky enough to have a visit from Constable Koo and Constable Kendall. The students were reminded about some of our road safety rules and students received handouts and little prizes.
From Prep – Year 2 Classroom
End of term assessments have begun in the Prep – Year 2 classroom with students being assessed in regard to progress made during the course of this term in relation to literacy and numeracy skills’ acquisition. The assessment tasks are spaced over the course of the day.

Please keep an eye out in tomorrow’s newspaper for our Prep students’ photographs, although if you happened to have purchased today’s edition you will have noticed that our Preps have indeed featured on the front page!

As this will most likely be the last newsletter for the term, I’d like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe Easter.

Mr John Collins

From Years 3, 4 Classroom
Welcome to week 9 – gosh where did the term go? We have been practising our writing skills for Literacy Café and for NAPLAN; and marking our writing pieces using a criteria sheet. We have been using adjectives, similes and onomatopoeia to add to the quality of our writing. By the time you read this newsletter, the class will have finished our display for ‘Closing the Gap’ day. It looks fantastic! Please come in and have a look at it. Swimming last week was a bit cold for everyone but we managed to get through it – my swimming group is progressing quite well and they have been building up their strength and stamina during freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke sessions.

Please remember that our Library Lesson/Borrowing is on a Thursday afternoon.

I would like to extend an open invitation to all parents that if you are able to come and work in our classroom, please feel free to do so. My classroom is an open door and I would love for parents to work in the room. Thank you to the Mum’s who have been able to help out in the classroom – your time and input to our learning is most appreciated.

Until next time...

Miss Irene Ingrey

From Years 5, 6, 7 Classroom
Hello parents, caregivers, students and friends,

It has been an enormously busy term, term one of this year. Students are learning and have been achieving excellent results in their spelling and are also improving their grammar and punctuation. Over time this will no doubt show positive results in our future Naplan results. Students are writing with a great deal of skill and thought now; many students showing their increased skills on a daily basis. Our points system, a system of ‘dollar’ rewards is still to be decided and we will be working right up to the last day of week 10 to see who the major prize winners are. We are swimming until the last day of term and students have been working really hard to improve their water safety awareness and abilities in the water. Well done to all those parents and caregivers who have helped keep our homework record an astounding success, next term we will have even more targeted, varied and interesting homework tasks. Students’ success in class this term, including many who were not good spellers, is directly due to this program. Thank you and see you next term

Mr Michael Peters

Library News
Hi everyone, this term is really moving along, only 2 weeks till the end of term. All books will need to be returned next week, no borrowing in the last week. We have a number of things happening next term. Library Lessons – Please ensure students return their library books on these days. Prep / 1/2 Wednesday, 3/4 Class Thursday and 5/6/7 Class Friday.
Paws for Reading – It’s Reading Cats and Dogs. Information is attached
Anzac Ceremony in the Library on the 24th April and a number of our senior students will help out with that. Some information will go home with those students to practise over the holidays. We will be having a Book Fair in May - Theme Books on Wheels. More information as it gets closer.
ARE YOU A COLLECTOR?
If anyone has the following materials and would like to donate them to our playgroup—it would be greatly appreciated.

**Materials Needed**
- Egg cartons, Ice-cream containers,
- Fabric, Artificial Flowers,
- Colouring in -Easter
- Dress Up - Wigs, hats, clothes, etc
- Craft - Crazyhat/Easter Bonnet
- Craft - Easter Basket
- Big Books

**TOKENS TO WIN**
This is the last week to collect tokens and send into the office. Monday’s Morning Bulletin had a whole page of tokens—who do you know that has the Morning Bulletin delivered? Check out Monday’s paper.
Bluebirds United Football Club

**Urgently wanted:** U12 football (soccer) players!

Bluebirds United Football Club is seeking up to 5 players - girls or boys - to complete teams in the U12 age group for the upcoming season commencing 22 March.

Children turning 12 this year are eligible. For more details please contact our President Simon Ross on 0419793581 or via email on admin@bluebirdsufc.com.au

Website: [www.bluebirdsufc.com.au](http://www.bluebirdsufc.com.au)
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/bluebirdsfootball](http://www.facebook.com/bluebirdsfootball)
Matthew Broadfoot will be participating in Shave for a Cure on 1st April 2014 and the rest of the school will be allowed to colour their hair for a $2 donation. Students are able to colour their hair prior to coming to school and make a donation. No colouring of hair will take place at school.

A donation box will be available for any parents or adults who would like to support Matthew and give a donation.

SENIOR SHIRTS

Senior shirts embroidery and screen printing is complete and shirts will go home with students today.

Live Life Today- Three x 1 Day Workshops

Come and join like-minded women in small group workshops. Explore the positive ways of improving your life in a fun one day Workshop.

The aim of this workshop is to increase your self awareness. What is covered?

Relaxation sessions, expressive drawings, emotions and the brain, relationships, fear and anxiety, values and beliefs, coincidence, incorporating small changes, vulnerability, change your thinking.

Location: Rockhampton Centacare
10 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton
Course dates: Thursday 1, 8 & 15 May
Session times: 9.30am-2:30pm
Cost of program: $20.00/ Workshop

Bookings: registrations@centacare.net or Phone 1300 523 985

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parenting Course

A three week course, with sessions taking approx 2 hours covering:
How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking, how to sort behaviour, how to handle challenging and testing behaviours, choosing your strategy, the “three choices” and using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour.

Location: Rockhampton Centacare
10 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton
Course dates: Tuesday 20 & 27 May & 3 June
Session times: 9.30am-12.00pm
Cost of program: $20.00 (Full Program)

Bookings: registrations@centacare.net or Phone 1300 523 985
The following meal deals are being offered by the P&C for the next two weeks. Please place your orders in the Tuckshop Box.

### Tuckshop – Friday 28 March 2014

**NAME:**

**YEAR:**

**$6.00 MEAL DEAL**

- [ ] Hot Dog with Bacon and Cheese
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