



# PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

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.



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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### 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

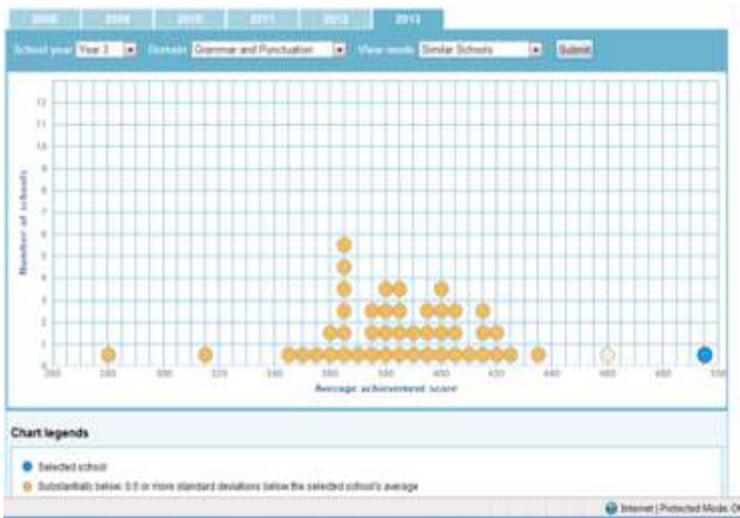
All Students Years 1-7  
Swimming-Fridays  
\$6 per student

Snack Shack  
Wednesday after school  
Order forms attached.

Playgroup  
Thursdays  
9.30am to 11.30am

Tuckshop-Each Friday  
Order forms attached

## Grammar and Punctuation



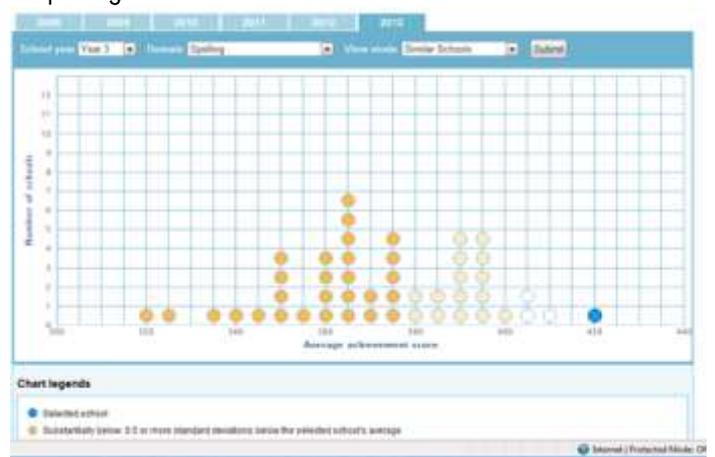
## Reading



## Numeracy



## Spelling



## 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](http://www.youtube.com/DETEQueensland) live on DETE TV.

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

He/She is missing	That equals	Which is	Over 13 years of schooling
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year

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?

## Anzac Day Parade

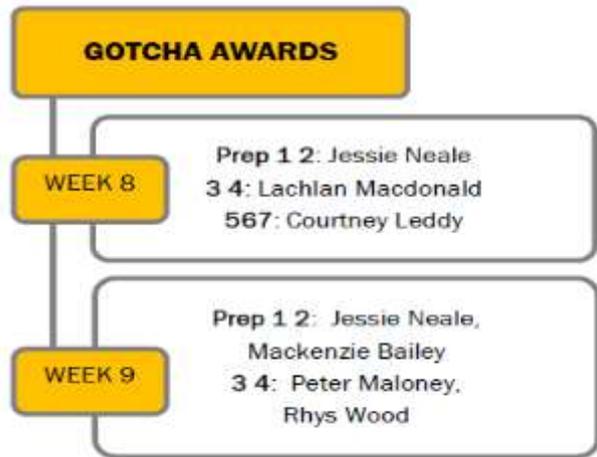
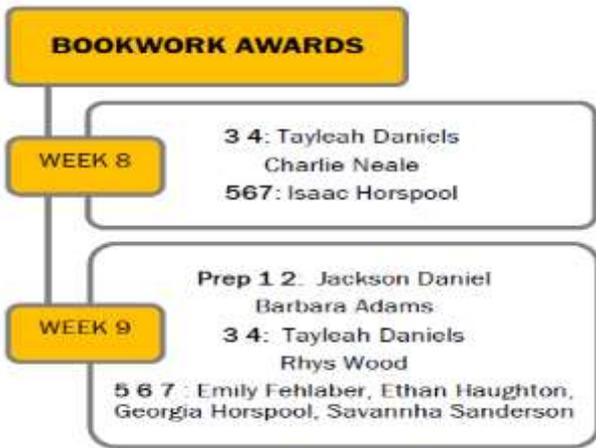
The first Thursday after the Easter holidays we will hold our Anzac Day Service in school library at 10.30am. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Cherrie Collins is busy organising speeches and jobs for our school leaders. I would like to thank Cherrie for all her efforts.

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



**BEHAVIOUR AWARD LEVELS**

**Gold Behaviour Award**

- Sane Greenhalgh, Christopher Olive, Mackenzie Bailey, Jessie Neale
- Bindy Brannock, Brady Fehlhaber, Bryce Leddy, Lachlan Macdonald, Klay Mendham, Peter Maloney, Charlie Neale, Madison Sander, Phoebe Sander, Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie, Cyeon White
- Georgia Horspool, Emily Fehlhaber, Isaac Horspool

**Silver Behaviour Award**

- Madeline Bailey, Lacey Harris, Raina Rook,
- Sam Crichton
- Michael Baxter, Courtney Leddy, Reagan McGlinchy, Savannah Sanderson, Jorja Smith, Ethan Haughton, Leyton Wood

**Green Behaviour Award**

- Jonathan Maloney, Alex Macdonald, Riley Passman, Joel Vidler, Katie Adams, Matthew Maloney, Cameron Martin, Barbara Adams, Jackson Daniels, Ella Platt, Jacob Samuels, Alex Winter,
- Tayleah Daniel, Rhys Wood
- Shy-ann Daniels, Joshua Maloney, Matthew Broadfoot, Sam Gray, William Neale

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Playgroup



## WEEK 9 – 27th March

TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Under the Sea
9:15 - 9:30	Reading Corner/ Puzzles – Aboriginal culture
9:30 – 10:45	Playdough
	Craft – Rainbow fish
	Craft – Jellyfish
	Painting –sea shape sponges
10:45 – 11:00	Classifying - land and sea
10:45 – 11:00	Big Books-The Rainbow Fish
11:00 – 11:15	Shared Snack

## WEEK 10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> April



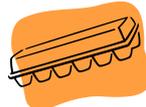
TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Crazy Hair Day/Easter
	\$2 Donation – World's Greatest Shave Leukaemia Foundation (Matthew Broadfoot)
9:15 - 9:30	Reading Corner/ Puzzles
9:30 – 10:45	Story: Rapunzel and Little Red Hen
	Colouring in –Easter
	Dress Up – Wigs, hats, clothes, etc
	Craft – Crazyhat/Easter Bonnet
10:45 – 11:00	Craft – Easter Baskets
10:45 – 11:00	Big Books
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### 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,





# IT'S READING CATS & DOGS!

Promoting Reading at Home

Dear Parent,  
This year during Term 1 and 2 our class will be joining other students across Australia to side with either the cats or the dogs to read every day and help their team become reading champions—while also helping to donate books to children in need!

It's all part of an exciting reading campaign from Scholastic called Paws for Reading that helps make reading at home both fun and exciting. Your child tracks their time spent reading on their Reading Log. When the Reading Log is complete return it to me and I will tally and track our classroom's Reading Minutes online. Just by doing this, we will be helping to donate thousands of books to children in need who often have little or no access to books.

The more Reading Minutes our classroom logs the more minutes a less fortunate child will get to enjoy reading with the books donated by Scholastic.

You can visit [www.scholastic.com.au/paws](http://www.scholastic.com.au/paws) with your child to learn more.

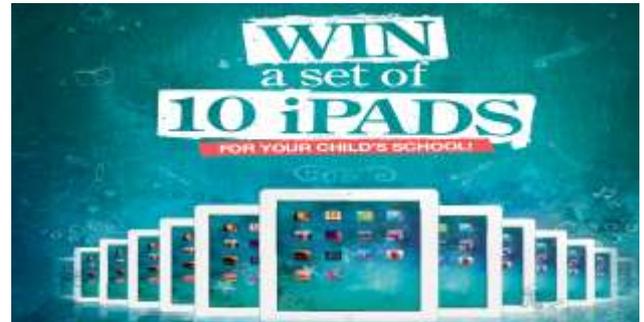
Enjoy reading at home and may the better pet win!



Classrooms Care Minutes<sup>2</sup> Minutes

[www.scholastic.com.au/paws](http://www.scholastic.com.au/paws)

**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.



## SNACK SHACK

NAME..... YR .....

### Pre Orders – WEDNESDAY – To Office

ITEM	Please Circle	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	
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Web: [www.yeppoonslsc.com.au](http://www.yeppoonslsc.com.au)

Hi there,

My name is Roxanne Hodda and I am the Health Promotion Officer at BreastScreen Queensland's Rockhampton Service. This year, BreastScreen Queensland celebrates 22 years of providing quality, world-class breast cancer screening services to Queensland women. Throughout the past 22 years BreastScreen Queensland has provided 3 million breastscreens to over 750,000 Queensland women.

Breast cancer is now the most common cancer diagnosed among women with about 2,400 women being diagnosed with the disease each year. One in eight Queensland women will develop breast cancer at some stage in their life. Early detection could save your life.

All women aged between 50 and 74 years are strongly encouraged to have a free breastscan every two years. Women aged 40 to 49 and over 75 are also eligible to attend for free.

As women, wives and mothers, we are often so busy caring for other people that we forget to stop and take some time for ourselves and look after our own health. A breastscan is the best way to detect breast cancer early, well before a woman or her doctor can feel anything. An appointment is quick, free and one-on-one with a female health professional. A doctor's referral is not necessary. Take action now by joining the BreastScreen Queensland Program today.

Phone 13 20 50 today to make your appointment for a free breastscan.

Kind regards,

Roxanne.

14<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Dear School Principal &amp; Staff,

**RE: BOARDIES DAY 2014**

I write to introduce you to Boardies Day 2014, a day in which schools and workplaces are encouraged to ditch regular attire to help raise fund and awareness of Surf Life Saving.

Boardies Day is a celebration of all things summer and we're encouraging people right across Australia to wear their boardies on Friday 28 March. Why not plan some fun activities on the day - BBQs, beach themed parties, run a raffle, or get involved in our photo competition.

Your support through this program will assist Yeppoon Surf Life Saving Club continue to keep our beaches safe.

On Sunday 26 January 2014 during the Australia Day festivities a female swimmer was rescued from the water at Yeppoon Main Beach after the strong current washed her and friends outside the flagged Patrol area. Two volunteer life savers were deployed to rescue the swimmer who was then assisted off the beach by volunteer life savers and provided first aid treatment prior to arrival of Queensland Ambulance Service and subsequent transfer to hospital (with the Ambulance driven by a volunteer life saver).

I am very proud of the everyday actions of our volunteers however operational costs continue to rise annually and we are seeking your support. To register for Boardies Day 2014 go to the website [www.boardiesday2014.com.au](http://www.boardiesday2014.com.au).

Once registered, you will automatically receive your own online fundraising page, which you can easily email to your contacts, friends, share on Facebook. All funds raised goes directly to saving lives on our beaches so remember, every bit helps. And, there are plenty of prizes up for grabs too with highest fundraiser categories for workplaces, schools and a fun photo competition when you share your Boardies Day photos.

On the website you will also discover some great ideas to make your Boardies Day a success. Including a Boardies Day handbook, Surf Life Saving fact sheets, colouring-in activities for the students and printable board shorts for those fun photos.

Please contact me if you have any questions about Boardies Day, or how we may be able to help make the day a success on 0428 277 785.

Yours in Lifesaving,

Andrew Davis J.P. (DJUL), MAESL  
Club President  
Yeppoon Surf Life Saving Club

## 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@bluebirdsuafc.com.au](mailto:admin@bluebirdsuafc.com.au)

Website: [www.bluebirdsuafc.com.au](http://www.bluebirdsuafc.com.au)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/bluebirdsfootball](http://www.facebook.com/bluebirdsfootball)

## Become A Volunteer Host Family



### Make Your Place Their Second Home

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

### Arriving in July:

**Antoine (17) from Belgium** is hoping to improve his English language skills by coming on exchange to Australia. He has played social tennis for about ten years, been learning the guitar for the past two years, and been a scout for the past 10 years. Above all, his greatest passion is drawing. He has also been learning how to juggle, always carrying at least three juggling balls with him. He is looking forward to living with an Australian family and sharing his culture with you soon.

**Isabella (16) from Italy** has a strong passion for photography. In her free time she likes to go sightseeing, visit museums & art galleries, read, listen to music, and travel with her parents. She has said that travelling is her biggest passion and she can't wait to live in Australia with her new host family. She is also musical and enjoys both singing and playing the guitar. In terms of sports, Isabella enjoys skiing. She also enjoys cooking. All in all, she is super excited to come to Australia, explore our culture, learn about our customs and live as an Aussie.

+ OVER 100 MORE

### Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

### Sylvia Kelly

Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs

Phone: 1300 884 733

Email: [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au)

Online: [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)



Open your home and hearts to an international exchange student!  
It's easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!



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](mailto: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](mailto:registrations@centacare.net)

or Phone 1300 523 985

**TUCKSHOP**

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**

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>YEAR:</b>
<u>\$6.00 MEAL DEAL</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Dog with Bacon and Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Flavoured milk or <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit popper or <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Chips	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>

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**TUCKSHOP – FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2014**

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<u>\$6.00 MEAL DEAL</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barbecue Burgers <input type="checkbox"/> Flavoured milk or <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit popper or <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Surprise	
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