



# PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

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Term 3 Week 3 - 25th July, 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 2**  
18 April–23 June  
Public Holidays  
Anzac Day–25 April  
Labour Day–1 May  
Show Day–15 June

**Term 3**  
10 July–15 September

**Term 4**  
3 October–8 December  
Student Free Day 16 October


## From the Principal

Hi Families,

A big thank you to those who attended the parent session on Wednesday. It was wonderful to be able to provide some clarity around what happens at school whilst giving you an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. I would like to reiterate, although we formally report to parents four times per year (through written reports and parent teacher interviews), you are more than welcome to touch base with your child's teacher both incidentally and via formal appointment. We try to make ourselves as available as we can to build collaboration.

**Outstanding Paperwork**

Please ensure you return all outstanding paperwork. It is extremely important we have the most up to date details for your child/ren. **This includes RI Consent form, Student Personal Details form and State School Consent Form.**



We discussed the following points:

- School priorities: Australian Curriculum, effective pedagogies (teaching practices), wellbeing
- Behaviour expectations including how students level up each term
- Attendance notification
- School uniform
- Religious Instruction withdrawals
- Classroom expectations and routines

We are progressing nicely through our Annual Implementation Plan and are making excellent progress on our strategies. James Graham has been employed for half a day on Wednesday to teach music to our students. He is also starting a guitar group with interested and committed students. This provides teachers with time to meet with me and work through their Australian Curriculum implementation, ensuring individuals are catered for in all lessons. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to James.

### Governor of Queensland visit

We are extremely fortunate to have the Governor of Queensland visiting our school later this term. We are already planning his visit and how we can best showcase our school. Photos will be taken and we have invited the local media to visit so it is imperative that we have all updated media consent forms returned.

### Cluster Sports Day

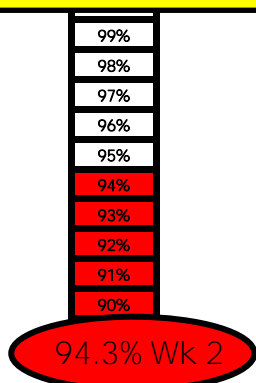
Port Curtis Road State School will be hosting the next cluster event on Friday 8 September. Our cluster schools will be joining us for a day of sporting rotations, led by coaches and teachers. The P&C will run the tuckshop on the day.

### P&C

Our P&C Meeting took place this afternoon, thank you to those who were able to make it. The P&C sent home a note advertising their green day on Thursday. Students are able to wear sun smart free dress for a donation (\$1 for wearing green and \$2 for other free dress). Smoothies are available for \$2 each.

As you would be aware, the P&C are hosting a Fun Run on Friday 4 August. We are discussing this in our meeting this afternoon. More information about this will be provided closer to the date.

**Attendance Thermometer**




94.3% Wk 2

Every Day is a Learning Day!

**P & C Association**

**Next Meeting**  
25th July 2017—2.00pm  
Classroom near Office

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



**Student Absences: Every Day Matters—Every Day is a Learning Day. Please advise the school if your child is/or will be away.**

## We're Going on a Bear Hunt

We are excited to inform you that the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be going on an excursion to the Pilbeam Theatre to watch 'Were Going on a Bear Hunt' play. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Early Years students to see a live production. The school is heavily subsidising the cost of the excursion. We are asking for a \$5 contribution to go towards the cost of the tickets. Please return all paperwork and money to the office by Thursday 3 August. We need to purchase our tickets on Friday 4 August so please your assistance in being prompt with this is appreciated. Please see order form attached.



## Bravehearts

Please see the attachment for information on 'The Ditto Show' run by the Bravehearts team. Bravehearts will be here on Thursday 3 August at 9:30am. Bravehearts have presented shows at Port Curtis Road State School in the past and are highly recommended. Parents are welcome to attend.

## Life Education



Liz, Healthy Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education Mobile Learning Centre will be at Port Curtis Road State School from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017. This year our visit is fully sponsored by The Smith Family, Communities for Children. We can't wait to meet our old friends and make new ones too. We'll be learning about healthy lifestyle choices and having lots of fun along the way.



The P/1 class will be attending Harold's Friend Ship, the 2/3 class will be attending Growing Good Friends and the 4/5/6 class will be attending both the On Your Case and It's Your Call Programs.

Head to our [Parent and Carer Hub](#) to have a look at the modules that your kids will be working through. You will find detailed overviews of the modules and fact sheets with 'conversation starter' ideas so that you can carry on discussing the lessons at home. We're really looking forward to coming to your school. Liz and Healthy Harold.



## Rockhampton Inter-School Track 2017

Congratulations to Lachlan on his selection to attend the Rockhampton District Track and Field trials on Monday 31st July and Tuesday 1st August. Good luck to Lachlan!

Boys 12yo Shot Put 1<sup>st</sup> Lachlan Macdonald PCR 7.89m, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lucas BSS 7.57m, 3<sup>rd</sup> Elijah STA 7.56m

Boys 12yo Discus 1<sup>st</sup> Lachlan Macdonald PCR 21.70m, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lucas BSS 19.03m, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marley MTA 18.72m

Mrs Jo Northey  
PRINCIPAL

## News from Prep / Year 1 Classroom

One of our school's priorities for 2017 is focussed on the continued improvement and development of our students' writing skills. Often, when we speak of writing, our minds tend to simply think of handwriting i.e. the physical formation of letters and legibility; the term writing certainly encompasses that description, but it is far broader, and in the context of our priority of bolstering student achievement in this area it entails specific, focussed lessons designed to improve sentence construction, punctuation, grammar and spelling – to mention but a few.

Right from the early stages of Prep, students engage in 'writing centred' tasks, whereby they explore the connection between print, letters, sounds and symbols in order to express meaning. As students progress through the various stages of writing development we then focus specifically on their individual attempts and set individual learning goals designed to narrow the focus in terms of their writing success and development. These goals relate – but are not restricted- to spelling, punctuation, editing, reading for meaning and vocabulary.

Both the Prep and Year One class write daily. As the photo below shows, we often use our mini white boards as a means to express our ideas. Students are able to analyse their own efforts as well as the efforts of their peers, they offer thoughts and opinions on their writing and the writing of others in a respectful and encouraging manner. As parents and caregivers, you can support our endeavour to improve student writing by actively encouraging your children to write for a number of purposes e.g. lists, letters, diaries or journals- the list is endless.



Regards, Mr John Collins



**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
TERM 3 Week 1  
Mikayla, Lincoln and Riley



**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**  
TERM 3 Week 2  
Ruby, Sanne and Alex



**CAUGHT AT THEIR BEST**  
TERM 3 Week 2  
Heidi



**CAUGHT AT THEIR BEST**  
TERM 3 Week 1  
Marcus and Sahara



**GOTCHAS—Highest Number**  
TERM 3 Week 2  
Ethan and Jordan-Lee



**BOOKWORK**  
TERM 3 Week 2  
Wayne, Lachlan, Daan, Ben, Cruz



**GOTCHAS**  
TERM 3 Week 1  
Brianne, Sanne, Lewis,  
Jordan-Lee and Lachlan



**BOOKWORK - TERM 3 Week 1**  
Jayson, Joel, Blake, Noah, Brianna and Lewis



**GOTCHAS Prize Draw**  
TERM 3 Week 2  
Harlan, Lucas, Hayli, Alex and Jackson

AWARDS FOR WEEK 1		AWARDS FOR WEEK 2	
<b>BOOKWORK</b> Prep 1 Years 23 Years 456	Jayson—Letter formation Noah—Handwriting Blake—Word Work	<b>BOOKWORK</b> Prep 1  Years 23  Years 456	Ben—Letter formation Daan—Maths Wayne—Handwriting Cooper—Handwriting Lachlan—Geography Cruz—Writing
<b>PRINCIPALS AWARD</b> Prep 1 Years 23  Years 456	Mikayla—Her best effort always Riley—Completing tasks independently Lincoln—Improved behaviour and on task work	<b>PRINCIPALS AWARD</b> Prep 1 Years 23 Years 456	Lily—Consistent effort Alex—Being organised and ready Sanne—Excellent ideas and continued dedication to improving her knowledge and understanding in all learning areas.
<b>GOTCHAS</b> Prep 1 Years 23 Years 456	Lewis Jordan-Lee Brianne, Sanne and Lachlan	<b>GOTCHAS</b> Prep 1 Years 23 Years 456	Ethan and Phillip Jordan-Lee Blake
<b>CAUGHT AT THEIR BEST</b>	Marcus—Manners and on task behaviour Sahara—Attendance and work hard on reading	<b>CAUGHT AT THEIR BEST</b>	Heidi—Extra effort with learning tasks
<b>ATTENDANCE 100%</b>	Nil	<b>ATTENDANCE 100%</b>	Year 2

PORTY PLAYGROUP – STEP INTO PREP



27<sup>TH</sup> JULY

TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – About My Family
9:00 - 9:30	Reading Corner/ Puzzles
9:30 – 10:45	Learning Game - #111 Compare Two Amounts (measuring, pouring water...)
	Blocks – Build a tower
	Craft – Family tree
	Craft – Your House using shapes
	Playdough
	Learning Journal – Family Portrait
10:45 – 11:00	Big Books Grandpa, Grandpa Come with me 10 Fat Sausages
11:00 – 11:15	Shared Morning Tea
Take Home	Learning Game #109 Showing What I know



3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2017

TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Things I'd Like to Know about School
9:00 - 9:30	Reading Corner/ Puzzles
9:30 – 10:45	Learning Game - #116 What's it For? (Sorting and Classifying – Hands on)
	Colouring in – Things we use at school School Bells (Match, Cut and Paste)
	Craft – Lunchbox
	Craft – Make Slime
	Bean bag – counting, catching.....
	Learning Journal – 3 things I want to know about Prep?
10:45 – 11:00	Big Books Wheels on the bus 10 Fat Sausages
11:00 – 11:15	Shared Morning Tea
Take Home	Learning Game #118 Button and Zip

Families who are eligible for the Step into Prep program, and who attend a minimum of 8 sessions, will be eligible for a Prep Starter Pack. The pack will be given to students on the first day of school in 2018 and will contain a Port Curtis Road school shirt; a back pack; a pencil case containing, lead pencils, glue stick, colours and a pair of scissors; 2 display folders; 2 scrap books and 1 homework folder.

New members are welcome to join both our playgroup and Step Into Prep sessions. Please contact the office if you require more information.

P&C Reminder:

**GREEN Day** is 26th July 2017 (sun smart clothing must be worn):

- \$1 to wear green
- \$2 for free dress
- \$2 fruit smoothies.

Please note that *orders for smoothies* must be received at the office by 9am and will be available at first lunch for students.

Thankyou



**Rockhampton State High School  
Enrolment Evening**

**What:** RSHS will be holding an enrolment evening for all parents wishing to enrol their students at RSHS for 2018. This evening will be your opportunity to undergo your enrolment interview.

**When:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 3:30 – 6:30pm

**Where:** Rockhampton State High School Assembly Hall

**Please contact the school office on 4920 4333 to make your appointment.**

Port Curtis Road State School will be participating in the Earn and Learn program again this year. Please assist us by dropping your sticker sheets into the collection box in the school office.

**Woolworths  
earn & learn**

**Earn & Learn is on again**

**Starts Wednesday  
26 July 2017**

*That's why I pick Woolies*

**Anyone can collect stickers for your school from 26th July**  
Starting on Wednesday 26th July, anyone from your school community – staff, parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends – who shops at Woolworths can collect stickers for your kids.



**Bravehearts**  
Educate Empower Protect  
Our Kids

## Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Education Program

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

On Thursday 3rd August 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 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.

The cost of the performance is free, however a gold coin donation will ensure the continuation and expansion of the program throughout Australia.

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. For information on attending our Parent/Teacher Information Session, please contact your school for availability & times.

### **PARENTS WELCOME!**

Kind regards,

Bravehearts Education Team

Cairns Office: 07 4054 7311 | Fax: 07 4054 7322 | Freecall Crisis Line: 1800 BRAVE 1 (1800 272 831)  
Postal: PO Box 2694, Cairns, Qld 4870 | Email: [education@bravehearts.org.au](mailto:education@bravehearts.org.au)

ABN 41 496 913 880 ACN 607 325 937

[www.bravehearts.org.au](http://www.bravehearts.org.au)

**U5 - U15**

# JUNIOR SEASON

**STARTS 28 AUG**

WE ENCOURAGE ALL INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS, SCHOOLS AND TEAM NOMINATIONS. SIGN ON DAYS WILL BE HELD ON THE 14TH & 21ST AUGUST FROM 3:30PM - 5:30PM.

PHONE RYAN ON 0419 741 678 OR SHANE ON 0427 391 780 OR EMAIL [ROCKHAMPTON@OZTAG.COM](mailto:ROCKHAMPTON@OZTAG.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION!

## Rocky Junior Oztag 2017

Commencing on 28th August. Games will be played at Saleyards Park on Monday afternoons from 3.30pm. Teams and Individuals welcome.

Saleyards Park Ryan Scott  
 1 John Street [rockhampton@oztag.com](mailto:rockhampton@oztag.com)  
 Rockhampton, 4700 0419 741 678

If your child would like to join with others from Port Curtis Road State School, please contact Theresa West or the school office will be able to pass on the information to Theresa.

**ROCKHAMPTON CULTURAL FESTIVAL SAT 26 AUG**

FOOD | MUSIC | DEMONSTRATIONS | ENTERTAINMENT  
 WORKSHOPS | LANTERN-LIT PARADE OF NATIONS + MORE

**ROCKHAMPTON HERITAGE VILLAGE**  
 296 BOUNDARY ROAD PARKHURST

**4PM - 9PM**  
**\$2 ENTRY**

**saverplus**

### Stressed about back to school costs?

Would \$500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a laptop or tablet?

Saver Plus matches your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!

You may eligible if:

- you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card and,
- you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work.

Contact Kathy Connaughton  
 your local Saver Plus Coordinator:  
 07 4924 8125 / 0408 490 984  
 or [kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au)

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and The Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in the Rockhampton area by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government. Find more information at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au).



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## Term 3 - 2017

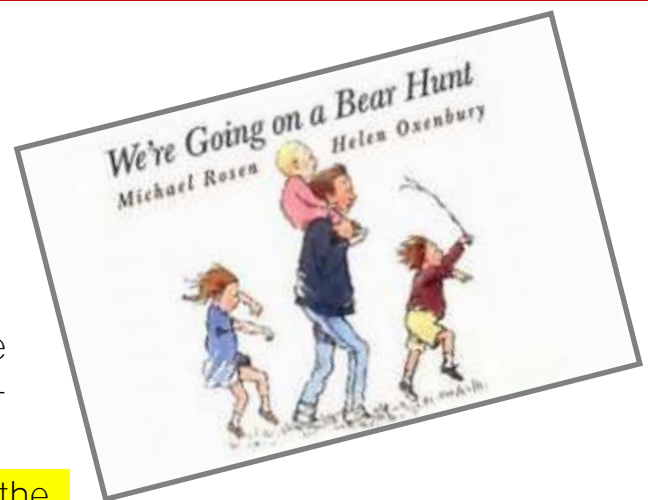
BE Safe  
BE Responsible  
BE Respectful  
BE A Learner

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	<b>10 July</b> 8.45am Parade	<b>11 July</b> Pie & Lamington Drive Orders due back to school	<b>12 July</b>	<b>13 July</b> Playgroup	<b>14 July</b> TUCKSHOP
2	<b>17 July</b> 8.45am Parade	<b>18 July</b> Chocolate Drive monies to be returned today	<b>19 July</b> Parent Information Afternoon 4pm-5pm	<b>20 July</b> Playgroup	<b>21 July</b> DELIVERY of Pie and Lamingtons TUCKSHOP
3	<b>24 July</b> 8.45am Parade	<b>25 July</b> P&C Meeting 2pm Newsletter	<b>26 July</b>	<b>27 July</b> Playgroup	<b>28 July</b> TUCKSHOP
4	<b>31 July</b> 8.45am Parade	<b>1 August</b> Life Education Visit	<b>2 August</b> Life Education Visit	<b>3 August</b> 8.15am Cricket Coaching Playgroup	<b>4 August</b> FUN RUN Sausage sizzle
5	<b>7 August</b> 8.45am Parade	<b>8 August</b> No RI—see Friday Newsletter	<b>9 August</b>	<b>10 August</b> Playgroup	<b>11 August</b> TUCKSHOP RI—Quizworks
6	<b>14 August</b> 8.45am Parade	<b>15 August</b>	<b>16 August</b>	<b>17 August</b> Playgroup	<b>18 August</b> TUCKSHOP
7	<b>21 August</b> 8.45am Parade	<b>22 August</b> Newsletter	<b>23 August</b> Photo Day	<b>24 August</b> Playgroup	<b>25 August</b> TUCKSHOP
8	<b>28 August</b> 8.45am Parade	<b>29 August</b> P&C Meeting 2pm	<b>30 August</b>	<b>31 August</b> We're Going on a Bear Hunt—P/1/2 + Playgroup	<b>1 September</b> TUCKSHOP SURPRISE
9	<b>4 September</b> 8.45am Parade	<b>5 September</b> Newsletter	<b>6 September</b>	<b>7 September</b> Playgroup	<b>8 September</b> CLUSTER DAY Sports Day
10	<b>11 September</b> 8.45am Parade	<b>12 September</b>	<b>13 September</b>	<b>14 September</b> Playgroup TUCKSHOP—SUBWAY, COOKIE AND FRUIT PLATTER	<b>15 September</b>

## ORDER FORM FOR PLAYGROUP FAMILIES ONLY

### We're Going on a Bear Hunt

31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at 9.30am



Playgroup families have been invited to come along to the performance at the Pilbeam Theatre with the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students.

Ticket orders and monies must be received at the school office by **Thursday 3rd August 2017**

**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Family Name: ..... Phone Nos. ....

Tickets Required: Adult \$14ea ..... Child/ren \$10ea .....

Total Payable Included: \$.....

*The school will cover the cost of the bus for playgroup families. Departure time: 8.45am.*