



# PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

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**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.



### Dates to Remember

2016 Term 4  
4 October - 9 December

Christmas School Holidays  
10 Dec to 22 Jan inclusive

2017 Term 1  
23 January—31 March

## From the Principal

Families and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

### Student Council - Bunnings Cake Stall

Thanks very much to all of the staff and parents who made cakes and slices for our Cake Stall on the weekend. A huge thanks also to Cassandra and Liz for donating a lot of their time in the kitchen last week. I really appreciate everyone's efforts. It was a huge job but it was worthwhile as we raised \$340 with the cake stall. We sold 100 raffle tickets for the Plant Raffle and we will be sending home tickets for the Tupperware Pressure Cooker (worth \$225) that was kindly donated by Miss Shearman. Tickets are \$1 each. Thanks very much Tania Brannock and Robin MacKenzie for your patience on Saturday.

Thanks also to McHughs Pies for their very kind donations of cakes.



**Special CHRISTMAS Raffle**  
**TICKETS: \$1 each**  
 Tupperware Micro Pressure Cooker  
 Drawn: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
 Winners notified Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 10 by phone  
 Thank you for supporting Port Curtis Road State School Student Council

### Attendance Thermometer

- 100%
- 99%
- 98%
- 97%
- 96%
- 95%
- 94%
- 93%
- 92%
- 91%

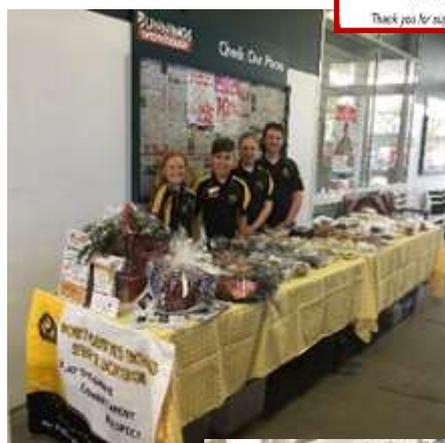
WEEK 1  
94.5%

Congratulations to Years 1, 3 & 5 —100%

### P & C Association

**NEXT MEETING - Term 4 to be advised**

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.

## Cake Stall

The Student Council will be holding a Cake Stall from 2.45 – 3.15 next Wednesday 2 November. We will have carmel tarts, lemon butter tarts, lamingtons, biscuits and slices. All \$1 or \$2.

## P & C Christmas Fair – Thursday 24 November 5pm – 8pm

We are looking for stall holders for our Annual Christmas Fair. If any parents, friends or family would like to set up a stall please contact the office. All enquiries need to be referred to the office so we can allocate an area and tables. There will be a \$10 fee which will go to the P & C. The Student Council is holding the Plastic Container Stall (instead of the Bottle Stall) and we would like each child to start bringing in donations by the end of next week if possible? It is only one month away and we need time to organise and package the items and to see what else is needed. We can provide a plastic container if you **haven't got any**. Donations can be anything at all, eg toys, stationery, hair ties etc. soap or beauty products and lollies. We will have an adult section and a children section.

The P & C will be holding a cake/slice/xmas treats stall if parents can please bring in donations as it gets closer?

## Multi-Draw Christmas Raffle

The P & C is looking for volunteers to help ask for donations from various businesses. We would like to get the raffle tickets handed out by the end of next week. Letters requesting donations can be obtained from the office which have been signed by Julianne. Please check to see which businesses have already been approached. At this stage we haven't got any donations.

## Book Fair

Book Fair starts next week and the P & C is donating \$10 per student so it is important that every child picks a book. The Fair will be open as listed.



**You're invited to our**  
**SCHOLASTIC**  
**BOOK FAIR!**

**AUSTRALIA!**  
STORY COUNTRY  
FIND YOUR STORY AT THE  
Book Fair!

**DATE:** 1st November to 7th November 2016  
**PLACE:** PCRSS Library  
**TIME:** Daily 8.15am—9.00am  
/ 2.30pm—3.30pm  
**OR** By Appointment

## Good Job! Look at our lovely Australian animals



Principal Award

Enjoying puzzles at Playgroup.

Have a great week!  
Take Care  
Julianne Emmert, Principal

## Port Curtis Road State School is trialling **Mathletics**

Students have their own Username and Password and can log on at home or at school. The internet is required to run the program. To run the program on an iPad you will need to download the app.

Mathletics is designed to provide students with an engaging and safe learning experience. Targeted and adaptive content with structured support, plus gaming and rewards – all aligned to the achievement standards of the Australian primary maths curriculum.



For more information click on [www.mathletics.com](http://www.mathletics.com)

## Opti-Minds Challenge—Week 3

The team is given a ball of wool and a basketball. Without cutting the wool, they must devise a means of carrying the basketball three metres without touching the ball with their hands. (As we are a team, we need to include everyone on the task)

The students also had to write a story to go with the challenge.

Is the ball really a ball or something else?

Why can you not touch it with your hands?

What is the solution?

How will the story end?



## Congratulations Riley!

Riley won Golf Central Queensland Junior Golfer of the Year 2016 for 3 Holes.

This was a major achievement for Riley. He entered seven tournaments, he won five tournaments and was runner-up twice.



SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Rhonda Fletcher on having completed 25 years of service on 9th October 2016 with the Department of Education and Training.

**2016 Interschool Gymkhana** was held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Alton Downs Pony Club.

Port Curtis Road State School was represented by Ruby Bell-Year 1, Jessie Neale-Year 4, Bindy Brannock-Year 5 and Charlie Neale-Year 6. All riders participated in very trying weather and the day was eventually cancelled due to the rain and safety for all.

Congratulations to all riders for their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. Jessie Neale received 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall for Year 4.

Safe riding, Sharon West



### News from the Prep Year 1 Classroom

A quick word on the work the Prep and Year One students are doing in Science.

This term our focus in Science lies in an exploration of the properties and movement of objects with a secondary focus on the sources of light and sound. The students will manipulate materials to observe how light and sound are produced, and how light and sound can be changed and utilised in everyday life. We will also focus on energy, in particular pushes and pulls and how these forces are used to move objects.

In order to formalise these concepts, students will be required to design and create a toy that moves, makes a sound and if possible utilises a light. These toys will be photographed, labelled and a written explanation will be *developed to demonstrate the students' understanding of the scientific concepts explored.*

Photographs of their creation will be shared in subsequent newsletters.

Kind Regards

John Collins

### News from Year 2/3 Classroom

Term 4 is flying fast. Swimming has been a little chilly on a Friday morning so hopefully with warmer weather, the pool water temperature will improve. I have noticed that a number of students are coming to school on a Monday morning very tired, washed out and having little attentiveness for school tasks. It is a concern for the beginning of the week when we are learning new tasks. This week students are learning cinquain poetry in Literacy, and in Maths extending their basic facts and algorithms.

Cheers

Irene Ingrey

### News from the Year 4/5/6 Classroom

We have dived into Term 4 and our distant finish line is fast approaching. With only a few weeks or so left for swimming, students are making the most of their lessons. Our focus in swimming this term is stroke development, confidence and diving skills. Everyone is taking on board feedback to perfect their arm and leg action of freestyle, backstroke and breast stroke. But, the hard stuff of stabilising the body in the water and movement of the *head for breathing is definitely where students' concentration is at.* Everyone is seeking feedback and taking it on board to perfect how they move through the water and conserve energy to swim continuously. Students are making a conscious effort to roll their head to breathe rather than lift it out of the water. They are activating those core muscles to control their body when putting all parts together of a swimming stroke.

This term we have a classroom full of journalists. Students are reviewing their skills of persuasion as they explore and create feature articles. They have been looking at evidence in order to back up a statement and support their ideas. *Students are practising to answer 'why' and have been applying this across all learning areas, in particular mathematics.* They are learning to not just provide an answer but think about how they can support their ideas. Students are using what they know and are able to see patterns and relationships amongst concepts.

Students are lighting up as they explore the world of electricity. We have been looking at torches, lightbulbs and batteries to determine how they work. Students learnt about the heat a battery creates during their investigation of creating a circuit that enabled a light bulb to light up. *Each week students' ideas are evolving as they discover what really goes on behind the scenes of the electricity in our lives. Many are having 'light bulb' moments as they make connections with their learning.*

Until the next newsletter...

Rebekah Shearman

# PORTY PLAYGROUP

WEEK 4 - 27<sup>th</sup> October  
- Transport



WEEK 5 – 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
- Book Fair



TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Transport
9:00 - 9:30	Reading corner/Jigsaw puzzles
9:30 – 10:45	Painting – free
	Craft – Model Trains
	Thomas the Tank colouring in
	Road mat – cars, trucks, aeroplanes
	Playdough
10:45 – 11:00	Story book & song – Wheels on the Bus
11:00 – 11:15	Shared Morning Tea

TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Book Fair-
	Open in the library 8:15 – 3:30 daily
9:00 - 9:30	Reading corner/Jigsaw puzzles
9:30 – 10:45	Group activity – Big Book
	Craft -Bookmarker - colour & laminate
	Colour & Fold a book
	Playdough
	I like.....
10:45 – 11:00	Story book
11:00 – 11:15	Shared Morning Tea

## BEHAVIOUR

### GOLD

**Prep / Year 1:** Lily-Rose Brigg, Mikayla Furness, Rylee Godfrey, Daan Greenhalgh, Holly Jones, Lucas Laidlaw, Charlotte Macdonald, Harlan Rook, Anna-Bell Schunemann, Ruby Bell, Jensen Ditroi, Jordan-Lee Furness, Rhys Mackenzie, Riley Milliner

**Year 2 / 3:** Cooper Hill, Wayne Jones, Raina Rook, Shae Smith, Sanne Greenhalgh, Kayla Ware.

**Year 4 / 5/ 6:** Brianna Hill, Jessie Neale, Logan Smith, Bindy Brannock, Lachlan Macdonald, Sam Crichton, Caige Dahler, Loretta Mackenzie, Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie

### SILVER

**Prep / Year 1:** Marcus Rodgers

**Year 2 / 3:** Lacey Harris, Alex Macdonald, Hayli Osborne, Jaiden Ditroi, Cruz Lawrie, Matthew Maloney, Christopher Olive

**Year 4/5/6:** Madison Sander

### GREEN

**Year 2 / 3:** Jonathan Maloney, Sahara McCassey, Jayden Nicholson,

**Year 4 / 5 / 6:** Jackson Daniels, Logan Nicholson, Phoebe Sander, Tayleah Daniel.

## WEEK 3 AWARDS:

**GOTCHAS** - Prep/ Year 1 Riley Milliner, Lucas Laidlaw  
(Highest Year 2/3 Sanne Greenhalgh, Raina Rook  
Number) Year 4/5/6 Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

**Prep Year 1** Lily Brigg  
**Year 4/5/6** Sam Crichton, Bindy Brannock  
Loretta Mackenzie,  
Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie

**ATTENDANCE** Whole School Average **94.5%**  
100% Attendance—Years 1, 3 and 5

**BOOKWORK** Prep/ Year 1 Rylee Godfrey  
Year 2/3 Raina Rook, Wayne Jones, Alex Macdonald, Sahara McCassey, Shae Smith, Noah West,  
Matthew Maloney, Kayla Ware  
Year 4/5/6: Eowyn Underhill-Mackenzie, Phoebe Sander, Caige Dahler, Brianne Hill, Bindy Brannock,  
Sam Crichton



## **Unlocked homes and cars cause property crime to increase – Have you secured your house and car?**

On Tuesday October 18, Acting Assistant Commissioner Bruce McNAB launched a strategy '**Property Security Partnership**' that will focus on reducing the amount of reported property crime in the Capricornia District.

The Capricornia District sustained increases across all major property offences in 2015/16 compared to the previous year.

These offences involved burglaries to homes, stealing vehicles or stealing from cars. Items stolen included mobile phones, laptops, wallets and cash. In almost every case the home or vehicle was **unlocked** at the time of the offence.

It also involved offenders stealing bank cards and using the pay wave function to buy goods.

Police are wanting the community to focus on security in and around the home, and this can be achieved through establishing strategies and developing new habits to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of a crime.

### **How to avoid becoming a victim to an opportunistic offence?**

Ensure that your vehicle is locked when you are not using it, this includes when your vehicle is parked in the driveway, carport, or garage.

Do not leave valuables in your vehicle when you are not using it. This may include car/house keys, wallets, GPS devices, money, handbags, computers, or mobile phones.

Get into the habit every time you return home, and place your car keys, handbag, wallet, mobile phone and personal items in a cupboard or a safe place that is out of sight and is unknown to other people.

Ensure that your house is visible to your neighbours and passers-by so that any thieves can be observed. This may mean trimming back trees and shrubs.

Security lighting can be installed around the perimeter of your property, including over entry ways, along your driveway and the back of the house, revealing any possible hiding places for thieves.

Ensure that when you leave the house it is secured, this will make it more difficult for opportunistic offenders to gain access to your property.

Have CCTV systems installed in your home, this can be a deterrent for opportunistic offenders and will be able to assist Police with investigations if an offence was to occur.

### **Unlocked cars**

Police want to remind the community that it is an offence not to secure your vehicle when you are not using it. The penalty for failing to secure your vehicle is a \$48 infringement. Police do not want to issue members of the community with infringement notices for this offence, and would much rather work in partnership with the community by implementing strategies to prevent property crime from occurring.

TUCKSHOP - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October		
Orders must be in by Thursday 27 October by 9 am		
NAME:	Year Level	
Chicken Carbonara Pasta		
Iced Bun	\$2.00	
Icy Cup	\$1.00	
Yoghurt		
Water	\$1.00	
Juice popper	\$2.00	
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00	
Strawberry Milk	\$2.00	
	Total	
Money Enclosed	Change Required	

TUCKSHOP - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October		
Orders must be in by Thursday 27 October by 9 am		
NAME:	Year Level	
Chicken Carbonara Pasta	\$3.50	
Iced Bun	\$2.00	
Icy Cup	\$1.00	
Yoghurt	\$1.00	
Water	\$1.00	
Juice popper	\$2.00	
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00	
Strawberry Milk	\$2.00	
	Total	
Money Enclosed	Change Required	



# October 2016



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3 Public Holiday	4	5 Camp Year 5 & 6 students depart	6 Playgroup 9am-11am	7 Camp students return 3.45pm	8	9 WEEK 1
10	11	12	13 Playgroup 9am-11am	14 Swimming 9am Tuckshop	15	16 WEEK 2
17 STUDENT FREE DAY	18 Positive Partnerships Workshop (See Flyer Attached)	19	20 Playgroup 9am-11am	21 Loud Shirt Day Swimming 9am	22 Bunnings Cake Stall	23 WEEK 3
24	25	26 Lego Club 3:30 Minecraft 4:30-6pm	27 Playgroup 9am-11am	28 Day for Daniel Swimming 9am World Teachers Day Tuckshop	29	30 WEEK 4
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