PRINCIPAL: Mrs Julianne Emmert

Term 1  Week 1—27th January 2015

VALUE: Every child matters every day!

From the Principal

Families and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

Welcome to our new families:

Prep: Ruby Bell, Jordan-Lee Furness, Rhys Mackenzie, Riley Milliner, Stevie Kennedy, Blake Trevithick, Mylesha Lammermoor

Year 1: Jayden Nicholson, Cody-Greg Steer, Sahara McCasy

Year 3: Lincoln Newman, Logan Nicholson

Year 5: Caige Newman

Year 6: Kyle Bunn

At this stage we will run with the following year levels and we will wait and see if we manage to get enough students for a fourth teacher.

Mr Collins - P -1; Miss Ingrey - Years 2,3,4; Mr Peters - Years 5,6.

Day 4 and Day 8 are very important days to ensure your child is at school. The department requires us to submit our enrolments before 12.00 noon each day. Our enrolments will determine whether we will get a fourth teacher and how many teacher aide hours and how much funding we will receive for the year.

Day 4 is Friday 30 January and Day 8 is 5 February.

Professional Development

Last week, all staff was busy organising their classrooms, work space and student programs ready for the start of term 1.

On Friday we had 26 principals, teachers and teacher aides at our school attending Professional Development. Terry Thirkettle updated staff with the new guidelines for the Early Phase of Learning which includes Kindy and Prep. Parents can now enrol their child, if they turn 5 before the end of July, previously the cut off was 30th June.

This was followed by a fantastic presentation from Irene Ingrey on ‘Literacy Café’. Irene also presented to 30 teachers and aides at Crescent Lagoon on Thursday. They are also extremely impressed with the program and they are going to set it up at their school. Ridgelands, Stanwell, Westwood and Gogango will also follow this program.

Irene is doing such a wonderful job in her classroom using ‘CAFÉ and the Daily 5’ and we have decided to use this across Years 2 – 6. Students from both classes will be put in groups and they will rotate around the activities with different teachers or teacher aides assigned to particular activities to help support and guide the students.

REMINDEERS

Students in Years 4 5 6
SWIMMING Commences
Friday 30 January
$6 per student

Playgroup
Will commence on
Thursday 12 February
9.00 m to 11.30am

Tuckshop
will commence
this Friday 30 January
Order forms attached

Port Curtis Road State School Phone: 07-49223056, Fax: 07-49213258
Brad Carlson (Principal Ridgelands), showed us how he has been assessing and tracking his students in the area of numeracy. One of our focus areas this year is numeracy so this will be very useful. It was an excellent day and we all gained some new knowledge and useful ideas.

**Upcycled Stories**

Tiffany MacDonald and myself attended a woodwork/recycling workshop on the holidays which was very inspirational. It has given us some new ideas and techniques that we can use with the students at school using recycled materials. We are planning on having some more wood work workshops or different arts and crafts sessions for the students this year.

**Swimming** commences this week for Years 4, 5 and 6 for the next 5 weeks. Cost is $6 per week or a total of $30. Please note that payment is required from all students even if your child is not swimming on a particular day. Only $1 of this money is for the use of the pool, as the remaining money is for the cost of the bus. Transport is expensive and the school pays the remaining amount each week which can accumulate quickly. The school cannot continue to go swimming in the future if parents are not contributing. Students will receive an hour lesson which is very reasonable.

If you have any concerns please come and see us at the office.

A Permission Form is attached for students in Years 4, 5 & 6 to complete and return by Thursday 29th January.

Students will need to bring the following items: (please ensure all items are named)

- **Swimmers**
- **Sunsmart shirt** (students are not allowed to swim without a shirt)
- **Swimming cap** (students from last year already have one, new caps are available at the office for $5 each)
- **Hair brush** (if necessary)
- **Towel**

We will be leaving at 9.15am and will return to school at 10.45am Friday.

**Smoking Ban**

From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

Have a great week

Take Care

Julianne Emmert
Principal
CLASSROOM NEWS

News from the Prep/Year 1 classroom
A very warm welcome is extended to all families, both new and returning.
We'll be off to a very busy start in the Prep/Yr1 room this term. Amidst the settling period for the Preps, planned activities will occur in all key learning areas with a particular focus on English, Mathematics, History and Science.
A huge thank you to those families who have ensured their children have commenced the year with the necessary requisites, it makes the transition back to school so much easier.

Thank you
John Collins

News from Years 5, 6 classroom
Welcome back, and welcome new students. This term we are going to be working with Miss Ingrey and enjoying the successful CAFE strategy in both Literacy and Numeracy across the two classrooms. We are focusing on well-being and our homework focus will be Reading, Spelling, and Times Tables. Swimming will commence this Friday for the first 5 weeks of the term and we are looking forward to working with your students with their individualised programs. Don't forget, No Hat, No Play. I have an open door policy and am always open to your thoughts and individual needs.

Have a great first week.
Michael Peters

News from Year 2/3/4 classroom
Welcome back to 2015.
I hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas break. The class is learning new routines and we have sorted out all our books. Each morning we will listen to a ‘tumblebook’ before starting our morning lessons. This week we will learn about the Literacy Café and Maths Café and the behaviours that support our learning. We will be looking at one of the CAFE Daily 5: “Read to Self”, the Comprehension strategy ‘Check for Understanding”; and in Maths Café Daily 3 “Maths by Myself”.
Easy homework has been set for this week. Next week Homework will have spelling words, basic facts to learn and reading to do. Homework is set on a Monday and can be returned on a Friday. The class will be revising the school rules, classroom rules, school and learning expectations especially book work expectations; introducing Science, Health and Geography/History. Tomorrow students have Music and this week we will be going to the Library for Library Borrowing on Thursday. Please do drop in for a chat and I would love to have parent helpers in the room. In the coming weeks I will be sending out to parents a copy of the classroom timetable.

Cheers

Music and The Arts 2014
I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new families and students at Porty and would also like to welcome back all returning students to another year of Music and the Arts at our school! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Tabassom Stewart and I am a Music Specialist teacher. I teach Music at Porty every Wednesday and I also teach at Stanwell and Westwood State Schools. I've been teaching at Porty and the other schools since 2011 and so far it's been great! Beginning last year I also taught all of the Arts strands: Drama, Media, Visual Arts and Dance at Porty. I will continue to teach Music at Porty in 2015. When the students come to my room for their weekly Music and the Arts lessons, their time will be divided equally between Music and another strand of the Arts. In Term 1 of the Arts we will focus on Drama, Term 2 will be Visual Arts, Term 3 is Media and we will finish the year with Dance in Term 4. It's going to be a fun year jam-packed with Music and The Arts every Wednesday at Porty in 2015!

Wishing you all a wonderful year,

Tabassom Stewart, (Music & The Arts Specialist)
School Newsletter Item

A reminder to parents/carers to notify the school about your child’s health

Port Curtis Road State School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to supporting your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone 07-4922 3056.

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2015 SIGN-ON DAY!

Sunday 1st February
9:00am to 12 noon
Frenchville Sports Club
Function Rooms

Looking for a new adventure? Keen to get into sport? After a sport for the kids to play? Come and join Hockey! Catering for all ages from our little under 5’s through to our newer generation of over 70’s. Our motto ……

friends, family, fitness and fun...

We will be taking registrations for all interested players in all age groups including under 5, under 7, under 9, under 11, junior under 13’s and junior under 15’s, also offering Senior grades for both men and women in A1, A2 and A3, plus a chance to play in an extended League in our elite A1 teams.

For all enquiries please contact
Julie Brown (player coordinator) - 0421460046
Joseph Russell (President) - 0422666169
Email - frenchvilleshockey@gmail.com
Web - www.frenchvillageyorkhockey.com

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BLUEBIRDS SOFTBALL
SIGN-ON DAY

Bluebirds United Sports Club – Richardson Road
7th Feb 2-4 pm and 28th February 2-4 pm

Any queries please call Tracy 0418 183051 or Julie 0417 639619

Or bluebirdssoftball@hotmail.com
www.bluebirdssoftball.com.au

Softball is a co-ed sport welcoming boys, girls, men and women aging from 9-up
From very experienced to just having some fun
So come along and meet some people and have a good time!
Frenchville Netball Club sign on
Sunday 1 Feb from 9-1
and Wed 4 Feb from 3:30-7pm.
Frenchville Sports Club function room
New and old players welcome.
Minis start from 8 years old to Seniors.
Very affordable fees.
For more information please contact
Trudy on 0419331392

Girl Guides – South R’ton Group
New members are most welcome.
Three nights free trial.
South Rockhampton Guide Hut,
Larnach Street, Allenstown
Meet Tuesdays, 5.30pm to 7.00pm
Brownies: 6, 7 and 8 year olds
Guides: 9, 10 11 and 12 year olds
Rangers: 13 – 17year olds
Leader-in-Charge: Anelia Wigginton,
inquiries all sections Ph 0427 974 333

Scouting – South R’ton Group
New members, boys and girls, are most welcome.
Three nights free trial.
Warripari Scout Den 31 Eton Street
Sign-On Evening Feb 7 (Sat) 2.00pm to 6.00pm,
Warripari, all sections: Joeys (age 6 & 7), Cubs (8,9 & 10),
Scouts (11, 12, 13 & 14), Venturers (15, 16 & 17), Rovers (18 to 26),
games or activities, afternoon tea provided, outline of Scouting to families, 6.00pm closing parade, youth bring change of clothes, new families welcome.
Joeys: 6 and 7 year olds, Thurs 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Contact
Tegan vanderWant Ph 4921 3330.
Cubs: 8, 9, 10 year olds, Contact Jeff Roder, Ph 4936 1918/
Mob 0402 597 050 or Stacey Chamberlain Ph 0412 647 585
Mon 6.00pm – 7.30pm or
tues 4.00pm – 5.30pm or
Tues 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Scouts: 11 – 15year olds, Wed 6.00pm - 8.00pm. Contact
Gary Murray Mob 0428 575 526.
Venturers: 15 – 18 year olds, Thurs, 7.00 – 9.00pm. Con-
tact Gary Murray Ph 0428 575 526
Rovers: 18 – 26 year olds. Contact Tegan vanderWant Ph
4921 3330 or Gary Murray.
Group Leader: Gary Murray Ph 0428 575 526
(inquiries all sections)
Get Tagged, You'll Love it.

Season Information
When: Our season starts Monday 9 Feb. We will play 7 rounds over 7 weeks on Mondays and then the final 3 rounds will be played as a “Super Sunday” on 29 March. This means the season will be finished before the Easter break.
Time: Games will be played from 4pm – 6pm. They are 30 min games. We play the younger kids first and the older kids later
Who: Girls & boys aged 5 – 15. We generally separate the teams into girls and boys, however some teams do nominate as a mixed team.
Cost: $80 registration, $25 oztag shorts. No game fees
Where: Our usual fields are being upgraded so we are waiting on Council to confirm what fields we will be using this season. We will know within the next week or so.
Sign on’s: The kids can sign up online via the link on our webpage www.rockhamptonoztag.com or they can come along to our sign on day. Sign on day is on Wed 4 Feb from 3.30pm to 5.30pm at Saleyards Park 1 John Street, Allenstown.

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching- Parenting Program
A three week course, with 2 hour sessions 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”
  Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
This program is being delivered at a variety of locations, details listed below.

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No one is refused a service based on an inability to pay, ask to speak with the facilitator if you have any concerns.
Bookings: registrations@centacare.net or Phone 1300 523 985

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.
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For further information or to register please ring Centacare on 1300 523 985.
**TUCKSHOP**
The following meal deal is being offered by the P&C for this week. Please place your orders in the Tuckshop Box in the office.

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**SHIRTS FOR SALE**

We have 3 x PCRSS size 8 shirts for sale.

I was thinking $10ea or $25 for the lot. If you know any families who might benefit from these please pass on my details.

Jessica & Dwayne Samuels
0429368068