



# PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

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Term 3 Week 3—26 July 2016

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 3  
11 July—16 September

Term 4  
4 October - 9 December

Public Holiday Queen's Birthday Monday 3rd October

Student Free Day

## From the Principal

Families and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

Two important issues that I would like to address in this Newsletter are school attendance and early education transition. Both issues are currently receiving significant media and government attention.

### Attendance

As a school staff and in line with departmental requirements we have recently reviewed and amended our attendance policy. This was in line with a state-wide governmental directive that all State Schools in Queensland develop policies that reflect important changes in managing student attendance. This was as a direct result of the unfortunate death of a Year 7 Brisbane High School student who for unknown reasons left her School mid-morning never to return. Consequently a number of changes have been put in place, first and foremost being that should your child be absent from school without explanation, a phone call will be made to you **on the day of the absence**. Mrs Hall or Mrs Emmert have been making these calls as standard practice for some time now.

Each stakeholder (students, parents/caregivers and school staff) have an important part to play in maximising student attendance.

The table below appears in our Attendance Policy and is designed to exemplify stakeholder responsibilities with regard to attendance:

Mrs Emmert will have more to add to issues of attendance during the next few weeks.

### Attendance Thermometer

100%  
99%  
98%  
97%  
96%  
95%  
94%  
93%  
92%  
91%  
90%

WEEK 2  
91%

### School Responsibilities

- Monitor and identify student absences as outlined in *SMS-PR-036: Roll Marking in State Schools (Class teacher to report absences to admin daily prior to 10am)*
- Follow up absences quickly – making contact with parents/caregivers on the day of the absence and address absence issues with parents and caregivers in a timely fashion
- Follow Ed Qld policy and procedures for enforcing enrolment and attendance in *SMS-PR-043 Managing Student Absences and Enforcing Enrolment and Attendance at State Schools*

### Student Responsibilities

- Attend school each day unless there is an acceptable reason for an absence
- Make every day count in their learning

### Parent/Caregiver Responsibilities

- Ensure that their child is enrolled at school and attends the educational program provided by Port Curtis Road State School
- Ensure that their child arrives at school on time each and every day
- Ensure their child remains at school until the conclusion of the school day, each day
- Contact the school prior to any planned absence
- Provide an explanation (*preferably in writing or via email [principal@portcurtss.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@portcurtss.eq.edu.au)*), if **not beforehand then within 2 days of the child's return to school, each time their child is absent from school**. This may take the form of a medical certificate (should the student have been absent for a number of days with illness), written explanation or a verbal explanation to the school

### P & C Association

NEXT MEETING -  
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.

### Early Education Transition

Having been an early education teacher for many years now I cannot stress the importance of having young children attend Playgroup and Kindergarten opportunities- preferably both. Those students who enter their more formal educational journey through Prep and beyond having previously attended Playgroup and Kindergarten sessions are far better equipped and prone to settle more easily into both the routine and rigour of the Prep year. These students tend to **demonstrate increased confidence; a higher level of skills' readiness and less separation anxiety. Put simply, they are ready to 'hit the road running'.**

Here at Port Curtis Road we acknowledge the immense value of Playgroup as a means of preparing students for school life. Our Playgroup program, run very capably by Mrs Sharon West on Thursday mornings between 9.00am and 11.20am focuses heavily on early literacy skills, early numeracy skills and social skills.

I am very pleased to announce an **Early Education Transition Incentive** being offered here at Port Curtis Road State School is **Playgroup to Prep**. This initiative specifically targets students of Prep age for 2017 and takes the following form. Children eligible for this incentive will need to attend a minimum of 8 out of the last 15 weeks of Porty Playgroup. Should **they do so they then will receive a 'Prep Starter Pack.'**

The Prep Starter Pack consists of:

*A Back Pack*

*One PCR Uniform Shirt*

*A Pencil case- containing lead pencils, a glue stick, colours, scissors*

*2 Display folders*

*2 Scrapbooks*

*1 Homework folder*

I am sure that you will agree that this incentive is certainly a valuable resource; it affirms our commitment to the importance of Early Education and the transition to the Prep year. Please do not hesitate to contact the office for more information or to lodge your interest.

Finally, on other school related matters; Mrs Emmert returns from leave tomorrow and Miss Ingrey has commenced two weeks of long service. Mrs Cross and Mrs Cheeseman- two very experienced teachers- will cover her absence.

Have a great week.

Kind Regards

JOHN COLLINS  
Acting Principal

### SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS

**REMINDER:** Parent online surveys close 29th July. Please remember to complete. If you require a new login or the use of a computer please see the office.

### *From the P & C Association*

Thank you to everyone who supported the Pie Drive. Another successful fundraiser. We are currently awaiting the return of our Picture Plates and gathering ideas for the next fundraising opportunity.

For the rest of this term, the P & C will be offering Tuckshop on a fortnightly basis commencing this week. Please see order form attached. More volunteers are required to - if you have some time available to offer some assistance please leave your name at the office.

### **Triple P offers free parenting help**

Sick of nagging your kids to get ready? Find out how Triple P strategies fixed this problem for a Queensland family, plus get tips that work, recipes and more, in your Triple P parent Tippet.

Read it online now at [www.triple-parenting.net.au/qld-ukn/blog-and-more/queensland-parent-magazine/](http://www.triple-parenting.net.au/qld-ukn/blog-and-more/queensland-parent-magazine/)



## News from Year 4/5/6

Well we have hit the ground running and are full steam ahead into Term 3. Across Science and Geography we are learning about erosion, weathering and natural disasters. Many of our lessons you will find us outside exploring. With all the rain we had the previous weekend, it left behind some great examples of water erosion. We were able to capture some great shots and discuss these back in the room. Everyone is developing a great understanding of these concepts as well as our underlying theme of sustainability.

With all the writing we are completing we are running out of books. If you could please send your child to school with A4 exercise writing books (preferably 96 pages with a ruled margin) it would be greatly appreciated. Everyone is down to only one to two spare books. Writing books are filling up quickly with the John Collins and 7 Steps Writing programs that we are doing together with the 2/3 class. Students are *busy working on their story 'The Secret Tunnel'*. So far they have developed the ideas, senses chart and have begun to map out their story using their story graph. We are seeing some amazing ideas and very creative minds opening up. It is great to see students also working with each other. The cooperation among the group during these sessions is sensational and students should be commended for their efforts.

Just a reminder that students have only this week and next week to complete their project on the Olympics. They have been given time during our weekly Library session to research their selected sport. Students should be well on their way to editing and fine tuning their project and preparing their speech for presentation of their project in Week 5.

Miss Rebekah Shearman

## PLAYGROUP

### WEEK 3 – 29<sup>th</sup> July

TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Under the Sea
9:00 - 9:30	Reading Corner/ Puzzles - Aboriginal Culture
9:30 – 10:45	Playdough
	Turtle Colouring In/Name
	Craft – Fish and Turtle Plate
	Group Painting –Under the Sea
	Craft Turtle – Dot Painting
10:45 – 11:00	Big Books – The Rainbow Fish
11:00 – 11:15	Shared Morning Tea



### WEEK 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> August Jeans for Genes

TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME – Jeans for Genes
9:00 - 9:30	Reading Corner/ Puzzles
9:30 – 10:45	Playdough
	Group Activity Craft – Patchwork Jeans
	Painting – Crayon Resistant
	Poster – Healthy Activities
	Imaginary Play
10:45 – 11:00	Big Books
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, Caige Dahler, 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, Darlene Ruff

**Year 4 / 5 / 6:** Bryce Leddy, Sam Crichton, Loretta Mackenzie, Charlie Neale

### GREEN

**Year 2 / 3:** Jonothan Maloney, Sahara McCasey, Jayden Nicholson,

**Year 4 / 5 / 6:** Lincoln Newman, Logan Nicholson, Madison Sander, Phoebe Sander.

## WEEK 1 AWARDS:

**GOTCHAS** - Prep/ Year 1 Riley Milliner  
Year 2/3 Wayne Jones  
Year 4/5/6 Jessie Neale

**DOJOS** - Prep/ Year 1 149 Positive  
Year 2/3 457 Positive  
Year 4/5/6 170 Positive

**ATTENDANCE** Year 4 100%  
Whole School Average 93.8%



## WEEK 2 AWARDS:

**GOTCHAS** - Prep/ Year 1 Anna-Bell Schunemann  
Year 2/3 Christopher Olive  
Year 4/5/6 Loretta Mackenzie

**DOJOS** - Prep/ Year 1 174 Positive  
Year 2/3 320 Positive  
Year 4/5/6 156 Positive

**BOOKWORK** Year 2/3 Shae Smith, Noah West, Sahara McCasey, Raina Rook, Cruz Lawrie, Joel Vidler.

**ATTENDANCE** Year 1 98%  
Whole School Average 91%

TUCKSHOP - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June		
Orders must be in by Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June by 9 am		
NAME:		Year Level
	Small Meal Deal (Pie, Fruit Cup & Drink)	\$ 6.00
	Large Meal Deal (Pie, large Fruit Salad & Drink)	\$7.00
	Pie	\$3.00
	Sausage Roll	\$2.50
	Fruit Cup	\$1.00
	Large Fruit Salad	\$2.50
	Water	\$1.00
	Juice popper	\$2.00
	Chocolate Milk	\$2.00
	Strawberry Milk	\$2.00
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# Early Education Transition Incentive

## PLAYGROUP TO PREP

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The invitation is open to current and new playgroup members, so come along and commence your early education journey. For any further information please don't hesitate to contact the school on 49223056 or email [principal@portcurtss.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@portcurtss.eq.edu.au)



## July 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
25	26	27 Lego Club Minecraft Club	28 Playgroup	29 Tuckshop NRL Backyard League	30	31 <i>Week 3</i>
		Rocky District Sports				

## August 2016



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 PARADE 11:45 -12	2	3	4 Playgroup	5 Jeans for Genes Day NRL Backyard League	6	7 <i>Week 4</i>
8 PARADE 11:45 -12	9 Newsletter	10	11 Playgroup	12 Tuckshop Oz Tag	13	14 <i>Week 5</i>
15 PARADE 11:45 -12	16	17	18 Playgroup	19	20	21 <i>Week 6</i>
22 PARADE 11:45 -12	23 Newsletter	24 School Photos Lego Club Minecraft Club	25 Playgroup	26 Tuckshop Oz Tag Daffodil Day	27	28 <i>Week 7</i>
29 PARADE 11:45 -12	30	31				<i>Week 8</i>

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