



PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

PRINCIPAL: Mrs Julianne Emmert

Term 1 Week 1 - 28 January 2014

VALUE: Every child matters every day!

From the Principal

Family and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

It is so lovely to see everyone after the Christmas break. I hope you had an enjoyable holiday. Welcome to all our new families and new students for 2014:

- Raina Rook, Wayne Jones, Joel Vidler, Madeline and Mackenzie Bailey, Riley Passman, Jonothon Maloney, Alex Macdonald, Lacey Harris, Cameron Turley.

I would like to welcome Irene Ingrey to our staff. Irene has been teaching for over 20 years in various locations and she has taught all year levels. Irene has come from Lakes Creek State School and we are very happy to have her at our school. Irene is extremely skilled and experienced in many different areas including Explicit Instruction, Literacy – reading and writing (just to name a few). Irene will be sharing her knowledge and providing Professional Development to our staff in these areas over the coming months. Irene will be a permanent staff member if we maintain our enrolments.

We also welcome Katie Truelson a University student teacher in her final year. Katie will be working with the Year 5, 6 and 7 class throughout the year. She is currently with us for the first two week block.

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 Meet monthly in the Library

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



Enrolments – Day 8

It is very important that all students are present at school on Day 4 – this Friday but more importantly **DAY 8 – Thursday 6th February**. Our staffing and funding allocations are based on our Day 8 numbers and this will remain in place for the entire year. We are very close to losing Irene **as we don't think we have enough students and this affects us for the remainder of the year**. If our numbers increase after day 8 we will not get an extra teacher we will have to manage our classes with Mr Collins and Mr Peters. Can you please let us know if there are any other possible families considering sending their children to our school or if your child will not be able to attend next Thursday so we can make a note of it? **We don't want to lose our third teacher.**

School Uniform:

- Our uniform consists of:
- Black shorts or a black skirt
 - Yellow and Black Port Curtis Road SS Shirt.
 - Black bucket hat (**caps are not allowed**)
 - Sandshoes and socks.

All students must wear a hat when playing at lunchtime and shoes are to be worn at all times. No jewellery or nail polish is permitted with the exception of a watch, sleepers & studs. Long hair (over collar length) is to be tied up.

Swimming

We will trial a new timetable this term which will provide all students with a continuous nine week program. All students (except Prep) will commence swimming starting Week 2 every Friday at the Gracemere Pool.

Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Teachers: Mr Collins, Mrs West, Mrs Collins, Mrs Baxter, Ms Ingrey)
Leave the school at 11.30
Preps will stay with Mrs Emmert at school.

Swim between 11.45 – 12.45
Return to school 1.00pm

Years 5, 6 and 7 (Teachers: Mr Peters, Mrs Baxter, Mrs Collins)
Leave the school at 12.30pm
Swim 12.45 – 2.00
Return to school - 2.15pm

(Continued over)

REMINDERS

All Students Year 1–7
Swimming Forms
Swimming to commence
Friday 6th February

Years 6 and 7
Senior Shirt orders
required no later than
Friday 6th February

Playgroup
To commence Week 3
13th February
9.30–11.30am

NO Tuckshop this week

Swimming (continued)

Students need to wear a sunsmart shirt before they are permitted to enter the water. The cost is \$6 per student per week however we will need to approach the P & C to assist with funds or we will need to increase the cost to \$10 per child per week to help with the cost of transport. We are short \$850 for Term 1.

School Leaders

As of next year, Prep to Year 6 will attend Primary school and the Year 7 will move onto Secondary school. Therefore, our seniors for this year are from both Year 6 and 7. The students will be busy writing their school leaders speeches which will be presented on Monday 11 February at 12.00. Parents are welcome to attend. Staff and students will then vote and the school leaders will be announced in our Newsletter Tuesday 12 February. Mrs West is busy organising new senior shirts which will be different this year and they should be ready about week 3. Please see attached more details. If you would prefer not to purchase a shirt please indicate this on the slip and return it to the office.

Playgroup will commence Thursday 13th February (Week 3) 9-30 – 11.30am.

Tuckshop – There will be no tuckshop this week.

Attendance

School absenteeism and truancy can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing. Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Please note that teachers will send to the office a list of students who are away at 9.30am each day. The office will then make contact with the parent to check to see if the student is safe and if they were meant to be at school or if they are sick etc. All schools need to enter and record attendance data on a daily basis which is then forwarded to Brisbane and monitored. Students will be tracking their attendance in their data booklets. Please send a note, phone or email the school if you know your child will be away so we can make adjustments and if necessary have work prepared.

Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless there is a reasonable excuse. Schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing school without you knowing, contact your school immediately for assistance and support.

Research shows that poor school attendance is associated with:

- lower academic achievement including literacy and numeracy
- early school leaving
- leaving school with fewer qualifications
- reduced opportunities for students to learn and access educational resources, further limiting achievement
- further absenteeism in higher year levels
- increased alcohol, tobacco, and substance use in adolescents
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Teacher meetings:

Can you please make an appointment or let your classroom teacher know in advance if you would like to discuss a matter with them? Teachers are generally available from 8.30 – 8.55am.

Please note that staff are not available on a Tuesday morning from 8.00am – 9.00am because we have our weekly staff meeting. We will have a staff member on playground duty if you would like to leave a message with them or contact the school outside these times.

Bus Duty

The following staff members will be on bus duty:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mr John Collins	Mrs Julianne Emmert	Mrs Sharon West / Mrs Julie Baxter	Mr Michael Peters	Miss Irene Ingrey

Have a great week

Take Care

Julianne Emmert
Principal

Behaviour

Last week during our Pupil Free Days, the whole staff reviewed and analysed our current processes for Behaviour Management across the school.

Consistency is the key. All staff will enforce our school rules and consequences and students will be informed of all expectations. It is important that we set high expectations for behaviour and learning across the whole school community. We need to develop a shared understanding of behavioural expectations by keeping parents and the community informed and seeking participation in the development of the school's behaviour plan.

Please see below an extract from our Responsible Behaviour Plan which outlines our positive reward system.

Positive Behaviour Level System Prep to Year 7

Appendix 1

Education Queensland's Code of School Behaviour stipulates a Responsible Behaviour System be adopted for all schools. Port Curtis Road State School's Behaviour Level System aims to track student progress whilst providing motivation towards positive behavioural choices. Students value recognition for responsible and positive behaviour. They also recognise and acknowledge fair and consistent consequences for poor behaviour; this system provides both in that it encourages students to take responsibility for their own movement through the five tracking levels. A committee consisting of the Port Curtis Road State School staff will meet fortnightly to monitor student movement through the Behaviour Level Tracking System.

Level	Explanation of Levels.
GOLD	Gold level students have demonstrated highly responsible behaviour and participate in both school and community service.
SILVER	Silver level students have demonstrated very responsible behaviour and participate in both school and community service.
GREEN	All students enter the system at this level. Green level students have demonstrated responsible behaviour and usually follow the school rules. They may have been referred to the office on occasion (see Minor/Major Behaviour Continuum) however demonstrate responsible behaviour and actions on re-entry into the classroom.
AMBER	This level includes students who have had frequent adverse behaviour reports and/or detentions. Behaviours demonstrated may be deemed critical. Students who have returned from suspension and have operated for two weeks on Red Level also fit into this category. These students will be on a Responsible Behaviour Plan for a fortnight and after this period of time may apply for a level up should their behaviour be deemed satisfactory. For those students whose behaviour has been deemed unsatisfactory, they will be required to review their Responsible Behaviour Plan for an additional two weeks.
RED	These students have demonstrated behaviours that put the safety and learning of themselves and others at risk. Continual interventions have failed to encourage the student to act responsibly. Alternatively, critical, serious or dangerous behaviour exhibited by students on ANY level will result in being moved to RED level. Students will be placed on a negotiated Responsible Behaviour Plan for two weeks. At the end of the fortnight, students who have demonstrated responsible behaviour will move to the Amber level, from which after 2 more weeks, they may apply to move up. . For those students whose behaviour has been deemed unsatisfactory, they will be required to review their Responsible Behaviour Plan for an additional two weeks. DUE TO THE LEVEL OF RISK, RED LEVEL STUDENTS WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES, INTERSCHOOL SPORT, SCHOOL DANCES, EXCURSIONS, CAMPS ETC.

STUDENT MOVEMENT THROUGH THE SYSTEM

Upward movement is determined by considering student 'level-up' applications. Students on Red or Amber levels must successfully complete their Responsible Behaviour Plan before they are eligible to Level Up.

Steps Involved in levelling up:

1. Students complete a 'level up' form. (All teachers have these forms) Prep and Year 1 students have these forms completed with the assistance of their class teacher.
2. The classroom teacher and one other teacher or teacher aide must sign the form.
3. Students submit the form to the Behaviour Management Committee.
4. Behaviour Management Committee considers applications on a fortnightly basis.

Classroom teacher informs students of the outcomes.

Level Down:

Downward movement is determined by consideration of the behaviour forms completed by staff members and presented to the Principal.

Serious, Critical or Dangerous Behaviour:

1. Staff record student inappropriate behaviour and refer student to the Principal via Behaviour Report Form.
2. Principal takes action and student is moved to the Red Level.
3. Staff is informed of actions.

Parents/caregivers are notified that student's level has been downgraded.

Repetitive Behaviour:

1. Staff record student inappropriate behaviour and refer student to the Principal via Behaviour form should the incident be deemed of such a degree of seriousness by consideration of the Minor/Major Behaviour Continuum.
2. Principal decides on course of action: (time out, detention, warning, or return to class)
3. Behaviour is noted on One School.

If student receives three (3) adverse reports in one week, the student may be referred to the Behaviour Management Committee for Level down consideration.

RECOGNITION OF POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

GOLD	Eligible to participate in ALL school activities. End of term celebration – Pizza Party. Certificate. Newsletter acknowledgement. Freedom to choose an eating area. End of semester mystery tour.
SILVER	Eligible to participate in ALL school activities. End of term celebration – Pizza Party. Certificate. Newsletter acknowledgement. Freedom to choose an eating area.
GREEN	Eligible to participate in ALL school activities. Newsletter acknowledgement. Certificate.

From the Prep – Year 2 Classroom

I would like to take this opportunity to wish one and all a very Happy New Year; I trust your holidays were both enjoyable and relaxing.

Term One will prove to be yet another very busy term. Could I please ask that you ensure your child / children have all of their necessary requisites for this term; as per our booklist? There is nothing more unsettling for a child than not to have their books, pencils, school needs organised and available from day one. Many thanks to those of you who have indeed provided these supplies; it simply means that we can hit the ground running without having to search for pencils, books, erasers etc.

Kind Regards

Mr John Collins

From Years 3, 4 Classroom

Hello, my name is Irene Ingrey. I will be teaching Year 3/4 at Port Curtis Road State School this year. I am new to Porty and I look forward to working here and getting to know everyone. Previously I taught at Lakes Creek State School for 12 years and at Emerald for 8 years.

This term the students will be learning about the “7 Steps to Writing Success” and “Literacy Cafe”. In English students will be about characterisation in narratives and writing their own narrative and a persuasive text. In Maths, students will cover the topics of number and place value, fractions and decimals, measurement, location and transformation, patterns and algebra. In Science, students will investigate human impact and the relationships between living things; for History—community and remembrance such as ANZAC Day, plus migration in Australia.

We have lots of really exciting things to learn this term and I am really looking forward to teaching at Port Curtis Road, so please drop by and say hello.

Cheers,

Miss Irene Ingrey

From Years 5, 6, 7 Classroom

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to 2014! I am looking forward to working with your son or daughter. This year our seniors include the Year 6 and Year 7 students. We are holding Senior Leadership Elections in the first weeks of term; so 6/7's start composing your speeches now!

I am looking forward to working with our fabulous teacher aide Mrs Julie Baxter, and of course our wonderful Porty Team.

Parents please ensure that you have filled the school equipment order ASAP. This year we will focus on how to set and track individual learning goals.

Regards

Mr Michael Peters

Music and The Arts 2014

Welcome back to another year of Music at Porty! 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 since 2011 and so far it's been a fantastic experience! This year not only do I get to teach Music here but I will also be teaching all of the Arts strands: Drama, Media, Visual Arts and Dance. I'm excited about this as I have a real passion for the Performing Arts. When the students come to my room for their weekly Arts lessons, their time will be divided equally between Music and another strand of the Arts. In Term 1 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 2014!

Have a wonderful year,

Mrs Tabassom Stewart

(Music & The Arts Specialist)

PERSONAL DEFENCE, FITNESS, DISCIPLINE, FUN
for Prep aged students to Adults
Jok Sang Martial Arts - Kung Fu Kids
"TRY FOR FREE" Day

WHEN: Saturday 8th February 2014 - 11:00am to 12 noon
WHERE: QRI Hall Denison St (Across the road from Great Western Hotel toward the rail yards)
WHAT: No booking required - just come ready for fun and fitness – bring a water bottle
WHO: Further info www.joksang.com
or find us on FaceBook www.facebook.com/joksangma
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Rockhampton Junior Tennis Association's coaching (\$12) lesson and fixtures (\$10 weekly) commence Saturday February 1 from 8.00–11.00am.

Register any Saturday at Rockhampton Regional Tennis Centre, Victoria Park, or by phone on (07) 4927 1436. Qualified coaches and experienced supervisors employed.

Frenchville Scorpions Softball Club

Sign on Sunday 2 February 2013 10am-2pm

Looking for a family friendly sporting activity? Want to loose a little weight from Christmas? Kids play at school but want a little more, then why not give softball a try?? We supply all their equipment for t-ball and under 15 players and there is no age or ability limitations.....

We are looking for players to fill positions in t-ball, under 15 mixed, under 17 mixed, B ladies, A reserve ladies, A ladies, Men's and masters competitions. Come along and give it a try—what have you got to lose. We are a family friendly club with quality accredited coaches. Supported by the Frenchville Sports Club with discounted junior registration fees available.

For more information please call

Selena Lennon 0458 169 003,
Kylie Crouch 0437 060 212
or email frenchville.softball@gmail.com.

Bluebirds Softball Sign-on Day

16th February from 10.00am-12.00pm at Bluebirds United Sports Club, Richardson Road, Nth Rockhampton.

Season goes from March through to September.

Men, women, girls and boys all welcome.

Any queries please call Julie on 0417 639619.

Scouting – South Rockhampton Group

New members, boys and girls, are most welcome. Three nights free trial.

Warripari Scout Den

31 Eton Street, Rockhampton

Joey's: 6 and 7 year olds,

Thurs 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Starts 6 February.
Contact Tegan vanderWant Ph 4921 3330.

Cubs: 8, 9, 10 year olds,

Contact Jeff Roder, Mob 0402 597 050.
Mon 5.30pm – 7.30pm or
Tues 4.00pm – 6.00pm or
Tues 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Scouts: 11 – 15year olds,

Wed 6.00pm - 8.00pm.
Contact Gary Murray Mob 0427 027 061.

Venturers: 15 – 18 year olds,

Thursdays, 7.00 – 9.00pm.
Contact Gary Murray Ph 4921 2542

Rovers: 18 – 26 year olds.

Contact Stephen Kydd Ph 4928 5028
or Gary Murray (as above)

Group Leader: Gary Murray

Ph 4921 2542 (inquiries all sections)

Note: **Sign-On Evening**, 15 February, 2014,
2pm to 6pm, information session at 4.00pm.
All interested families, welcome.



PORT CURTIS ROAD STATE SCHOOL

SENIOR SHIRTS

**ORDERS REQUIRED NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2014**

SENIOR SHIRTS

Senior Shirts will be available for Year 6 and 7 students at a cost of \$35 per student.

These shirts are a new design, will be gold and black and orders must be received by Friday 6th February 2014. Printing of shirts will be undertaken the following week and Senior Students should receive their shirts in Week 4.

- I wish to order a Senior Shirt for my child
- I enclose payment of \$35.
- Shirt Size Required: 12 14 16.....
- My child will not be ordering a Senior Shirt.....

Signed:.....
Parent / Caregiver

Dated:.....

Name:.....
Please Print

Phone:



PORT CURTIS ROAD STATE SCHOOL

PERMISSION FORM

TO BE RETURNED THURSDAY 6th February 2014

SWIMMING 2014 – TERM 1 YEARS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7

I give permission for my child / children to participate in the swimming program offered by Port Curtis Road State School at the Gracemere Swimming Pool commencing Friday 7th February 2014.

Each student will travel by bus at a cost of \$6 per week for 9 weeks up to and including 4th April 2014.

The bus will depart PCRSS at 11.30am and return at 1.00pm for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4; and will depart at 12.30pm and return at 2.15pm for Years 5, 6 and 7. Students will change into togs at school in the lunch break in line with Health and Safety Regulations.

I give permission for my child / children to travel by bus transport to and from Gracemere Swimming Pool.

I agree to pay the transport costs of \$6 per week for a period of 9 weeks.

Please forward money for bus each week in an envelope with Swimming, Child's Name and Amount Enclosed and place in Sport Box in Office. Payment in full of \$54 will also be accepted.

I agree to delegate my authority to the teachers and assistants involved. Such teachers and assistants may take whatever appropriate disciplinary action they deem necessary to ensure the safety, well being and successful conduct of the students as a group or individually in the abovementioned excursion.

REQUIREMENTS: Togs, SunShirt, Towel, Sunscreen, Water Bottle,
Goggles optional.

Please ensure all items are named.

Signed:..... Dated:.....
Parent / Caregiver

Name:..... Phone:.....
Please Print