From the Principal

Family and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

Well it is hard to believe it is the second last week of school already and there is still plenty to do.

We are busy getting organised for the concert tomorrow afternoon. Please see the attached flyer.

Report Cards will be going home Thursday this week. If you would like a parent interview please make an appointment with your class teacher.

This is the last week for swimming. Can you please ensure all outstanding fees have been paid for?

The Year 5, 6 and 7’s head off to camp next Monday. Can all students please be at school by 8.30am? I am sure they will have a wonderful time.

Next Thursday 12 December, we have our Mystery Tour for our Gold Students and lunch will be provided for the Silver and Gold students.

Can you please return any school readers or library books?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Staff, P & C, Parents, Caregivers and Students for a great year. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 12 months and I look forward to next year.

I hope you have a happy and safe holiday.
Take care
Julianne Emmert
Principal
CLASSROOM NEWS

From the Prep – Year 2 Classroom
As this is the last newsletter of the year I would like to take the opportunity to wish one and all a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2014. This year has absolutely flown by and the children in my room have worked extremely hard and achieved very well. I have been very pleased and indeed proud of their efforts. Great work all round.

Kind Regards

Mr John Collins

From Years 3, 4 Classroom
This week is the last week for homework. All students have spelling words to learn, timetables to revisit and of course reading each night. The last spelling test for the year will be Thursday along with a test that will consist of a mix of all timetables learnt. Next week we will be finishing off any unfinished work and some Christmas related activities. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing holidays!

Kind regards

Mrs Tracy O’Brien

From Years 5, 6, 7 Classroom
Well done to all students in the senior class. I have enjoyed my time this year in the Year 5, 6, 7 classroom. We are currently studying Greek, Rome and some aspects of Egyptian culture. We are examining areas like Politics, Science, Philosophy, Democracy, the Olympics, Mathematics, Schools, Baths, the law and many other aspects of society which originated from these ancient societies. In Mathematics, we are studying volume and capacity; in Science we are studying electricity and also Geography.

Congratulations to William Neale who has accrued the most ‘money earned’ in a term as part of our behaviour management. Well done William.

Congratulations, to the graduating Year 7 students: Dre, James, Susan, Zoey, Joshua, Harry, Tyler S, Tyler H, Lachlan, Jake, Dylan, and Blake; we all look forward to hearing of your success in your futures. Some great gains have been made with our Naplan Practice Tests. We are looking forward to teaching our students to become lifelong learners.

Enjoy the holidays and please take care! I look forward to working with our senior class next year.

Kind thoughts

Mr Michael Peters

Playgroup
Porty Playgroup last session for the year will be on Thursday 4th December with a fun packed Xmas breakup. All welcome.

Porty Playgroup will recommence in February 2014 date to be advised. A huge thank you to parents and children for a very rewarding year. I’m sure we’ve enjoyed many friendships and learning experiences together.

Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and Safe Holidays.

Kind regards

Mrs Sharon West

REMINDER
Chalk and Parent Direct orders need to be sent direct to them before the 18th December to arrive before Xmas. Happy picking!

Student School Banking will finish this week 4th December. Please check your tokens, (you will need 10) to redeem them for some great gifts. Thank you for supporting your students to learn valuable saving practices. Student Banking will recommence in February 2014.

Happy holidays.

Mrs Sharon West
Due to the overwhelming uptake from 434 participating students in 2013, Central Queensland Region has committed more funding in 2014 to deliver four UNIFY projects. Like-minded, high achieving and talented students from across the region will once again have the opportunity to connect in new on-line, higher order thinking challenges via the Brisbane School of Distance Education.

Over the course of the year, more than 700 nominated students with a strong interest or ability in project topics will work with specialist teachers on each of our CQ selected projects. One project will be offered each term, one lesson per week, with up to ten lessons in total per project. All projects include an on-line event with specialist University reps in each of the chosen project areas. To acknowledge their efforts, participants will have their involvement recorded on semester report cards.

2014 UNIFY Projects:

Term 1 - Shape Up (Years 6, 7 & 8) – math investigative focus

Term 2 - Critical Thinking (Years 5-9)

Term 3 - Creative Writing (Years 5-9)

Term 4 - Scientific Literacy (Years 5-9)

Feedback from students, parents and teachers supports the value of UNIFY projects:

Student from Longreach State High School - “I particularly like all the different activities that we do and all the different people we get to talk to. The teachers are really nice and make the lessons fun.”

Teacher from Kin Kora State School – “The students have been enthralled every lesson and stay for an extra 30 minutes each lesson to continue the projects. It has been so worthwhile for me to see the extra work that they are prepared to put in at home...they are just so involved.”

Parent from Elmeo Road State School - “This kind of extra-curricular or extension activity has been invaluable and I believe it has provided my son with deeper knowledge, skills, confidence and a keenness for school.”

Information regarding nominations for Project 1 will be received in schools shortly.

I commend this program to you as an excellent method for engaging and extending our talented students. Please contact your school to discuss this G&T program.

Regards

Wayne Butler

Regional Director Central Queensland
GRACEMERE NETBALL CLUB
2014 SEASON SIGN ON
Sunday 1st December & Sunday 2nd February 2014
9.30 am to 12 noon
Gracemere Netball Courts (near Gracemere Swimming Pool)
Aged 8 yrs (as at 31 December 2014) through to Ladies
(if your daughter is under 8, please register her interest)
All Forms need to be completed at Sign On
with $50 Club Fee (RNA Fee is due before 24th February)
GNC is registered with the Get Started Program,
eligible children can receive a voucher
up to $150 for Junior Sporting Fees
NO PAY NO PLAY
Samples of Uniforms,
Club Shirts & Jackets will be available to try on
If you are a new player
we will require a copy of your Birth Certificate
Gracemere Netball train at the Gracemere Netball Courts &
play in the Rockhampton Netball Association Competition
on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday night
For further details please contact Amanda Sloan
0402564059 or Tammie Seeney 0407973255, email
gracemere.netball@hotmail.com; or Facebook
Please contact us if you are interested in coaching
or umpiring next year.
NOTICEBOARD

ROCKHAMPTON CHRISTMAS DISCO
STAPLETON PARK, BRIDGE STREET
NORTH ROCKHAMPTON QLD 4701
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 6.00PM - 8.30PM

THEME: CHRISTMAS
$7 ENTRY (INCLUDES SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINK)
BEST DRESSED COMPETITION
FOR MORE INFO PH: 4927899 OR EMAIL: ROCKHAMPTON@PCYC.ORG.AU

TUCKSHOP

The following meal deal is being offered this week. It will be our final tuckshop for this year. Please place your orders in the Tuckshop Box.

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TUCKSHOP - FRIDAY 6th December 2013

NAME: 

$5 MEAL DEAL

- LUCKY DIP – End of Term Special
- Flavoured milk or Fruit popper or Water
- Nibbles

TOTAL ENCLOSED $
Port Curtis Road State School

Awards Night
2013

5pm  Sliding $5 each
     Bring a plate to share

6pm  Presentation of Awards - Library
     Year 7 Graduation
     “I am Australian” Years 5 – 7
     Year 7 Speech
     Song - “Last Christmas”
        by Susan, Zoey & Louise
     Powerpoint Presentation
     Santa outside—Courtyard

Continue sliding till 8pm.
Snack Shack will be operating.
Xmas Multi-Draw Raffle $1 a ticket
drawn on the night.