



PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

A fortnightly communication between home and the school community

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Term 1 Week 7 - 7th March 2017

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.

2017 Dates to Remember

Term 1

23 January–31 March

Australia Day

Public Holiday–26 January

Term 2

18 April–23 June

Anzac Day

Public Holiday–25 April

Term 3

10 July–15 September

Term 4

3 October–8 December

Student Free Day 16 October

Attendance Thermometer

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

Wk 6 - 94.9%

Every Day is a Learning Day!

P & C Association

Next Meeting

21st March–2pm

Classroom next to office

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



From the Principal

Families and Friends of the Port Curtis Road State School Community

Meet and Greet This Thursday, 9 March at 5p.m. 'til 7p.m will be our Meet and Greet. Come along and have a chat with the school staff or a member of one of our community partners. Enjoy a free sausage or two and finish it off with an ice-cream for dessert. The P and C will also be selling softdrinks, water and ice-blocks on the night.

Principal Appointment to Port Curtis Road State School It is with great pleasure that I announce that Mrs Jo Northey has been appointed as the new Principal of this wonderful school. Mrs Northey is currently the Principal of Prospect Creek State School near Biloela. I have made contact with her and have invited her to attend the Meet and Greet on Thursday.

Breakfast Club Sponsorship Last week I had a meeting with Tara and Andrew from Hastings Deering, one of our community partners and Hastings Deering has generously agreed to sponsor the Breakfast Club for the year. There will now be a change to the breakfast menu as well. Each morning, the students will chose from a selection of muesli, yoghurt, fresh fruit, warm milo, juice and toast with jam, honey or vegemite. Brumbys' Allenstown also sponsor the Breakfast Club by donating many loaves of bread each week.

We are still however looking for more volunteers to assist with the Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club runs from 8a.m. to 9a.m. every day. Duties include making the milo, preparing the toast, getting the cereal organised into bowls, cutting up fruit and filling the cups with juice. If you can help in any small way, please inform Deb in the office.

A HUGE THANKYOU to our sponsors. Research states that children have better concentration in school if they have eaten breakfast.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence March 17, is set aside on all Australian calendars as the day we take a stand and say "NO" to bullying as united in voice we can make our Australian Schools safe.

What is Bullying? Bullying is when one person or a group of people with more power than someone else tries to upset or hurt them. This power can come from being more popular, stronger or part of the group. They might *repeatedly* try to hurt the person physically, socially isolate them, or say and do mean or humiliating things to them.

Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious or hidden.

If someone behaves in a mean or aggressive way on one occasion it isn't bullying, even though it is not respectful or acceptable. A fight or disagreement between two people of equal power or status isn't bullying. Bullying is not OK. You have the right to feel safe.

HARMONY DAY Tuesday 21 March is Harmony Day. On this day, at Port Curtis Road State School we will be celebrating Australia's cultural diversity with a special Food Fest. There will be a selection of foods from various countries for our students to savour and enjoy at lunchtime. Students will need to have a packed afternoon tea as the Food Fest will only be offered at lunch time. The theme of this year's Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. The aim of the day is to engage all to participate in their community, respect culture and foster a sense of belonging for everyone. The Australian culture is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are.

Student Absences: Every Day Matters—Every Day is a Learning Day. Please advise the school if your child is/or will be away.

HARMONY DAY cont.....

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Students of Port Curtis Road State School are encouraged to wear something orange on 21 March to show their respect for cultural diversity and inclusive Australia.

I am looking for volunteers to assist on the day with the preparation of the foods for the Food Fest or if you can assist by cooking something from a different country this would also be greatly appreciated. Please contact Deb in the office if you can do anything to assist with this celebration.

School Leaders' Badge Presentation Monday 13 March will be the School Leaders' Badge Presentation ceremony. This will commence at 10.30a.m. in the Library. Following the presentation we will have morning tea for the parents, invited guests, leaders and their fellow year 4, 5, 6 classmates.

PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE

Last week over 1200 Principals from all regions across Queensland attended a three day conference at the Gold Coast. International presenters presented to the Principals over the course of the conference. Leadership, working as a team, **coaching, roles and responsibilities, accountability for students' learning, targeted teaching and knowing every student** were some of the areas touched on. Mark Donaldson, a Victoria Cross recipient also spoke about leadership and everyone knowing their role and responsibilities as well as working in a team because as his squadron was ambushed in Afghanistan and came under fire every member trusted their comrade to cover their back and to automatically do what they had been **trained to do to the best or even beyond their ability. As one listened to this man's remarkable speech, you made the connections** between his leadership and the leadership of schools. All that he said about leadership was truly reflective of a **Principal's leadership.**

It was also humbling to come away with affirmations that the direction we are taking here at Port Curtis Road State School is well and truly aligned to the expectations of the department and that we, the community and our learners, will reap the rewards in the near future.

Thank you to Mr John Collins and Miss Irene Ingrey for taking on board the additional responsibilities for the three days. The school was in safe hands.

Take Care

Susan Thaw, Principal

Awards for Weeks 5 and 6

Attendance for Week 5

100% Year 2 and Year 5.

Whole School average weekly attendance—97.3 %

Gotcha Awards for Week 5 (students with highest number)

Prep / Year 1: Ava Chant

Year 2 / 3: Joel Vidler, Wayne Jones

Year 4 / 5 / 6: Logan Smith

Class with Most Gotchas: Year 2 / 3

Principal's and Bookwork Awards Week 5:

Shiovon Osborne,
Charlotte Macdonald,
Ben Henson



Principal's Award
Lachlan Macdonald

Principal's Award For Week 6

Prep / Year 1:

Mikayla Furness

Year 2 / 3:

Jordan-Lee Furness



Attendance for Week 6

100% Year 2 and Year 5.

Whole School average weekly attendance—94.98%

Bookwork Awards for Week 6

Prep / Year 1: Lucas Laidlaw

Year 2 / 3: Alexander Macdonald, Cooper Hill, Dash Lindley, Riley Milliner.

Year 4 / 5 / 6: Brianna Hill



Alex Macdonald, Dash Lindley, Brianna Hill, Riley Milliner,
Jordan-Lee Furness, Cooper Hill

Gotcha Awards for Week 6 (students with highest number)

Prep / Year 1: Arrowleigh Proefke, Charlotte Macdonald

Year 2 / 3: Wayne Jones

Year 4 / 5 / 6: Lachlan Macdonald

Class with Most Gotchas: Prep / Year 1.



Wayne Jones, Charlotte Macdonald, Lachlan Macdonald, Cruz Lawrie, Lucas Laidlaw, Bryce Leddy, Jordan-Lee Furness,
Aarowleigh Proefke, Rhys Mackenzie.

News from Prep Year 1 Classroom

Our Science focus this term has been on studying aspects of the living world, students have been involved in planned activities that required them to identify that living things have basic needs, including food and water, and that they have a variety of external features. Students also described how living things change as they grow. *Yesterday's science activity dealt with the life cycle of frogs. The students were required to watch a short video clip on life cycles then sequence a frog's life cycle appropriately. I was very impressed with the manner in which they did this, particularly the Preps. We will continue to study life cycles and also include investigations into habitats and how we can ensure that habitats remain healthy.*



John Collins

News from Year 2/3 Classroom

Welcome to another wonderful week. We have two new 'buddies' in the classroom. Their names are 'Buddy' and 'Trav'. Buddy and Trav have been helping out in classroom. Buddy is allergic to glue and band-aids but Trav doesn't have any allergies. They have school shirts and must wear their hats when out in the sunshine. They also have their own stationary supplies and school bags. Next term they will going home with students for

overnight trips. Rules for having the buddies will be created so that students know how to care for them. Just to let parents and guardians know that homework goes out on a Monday and can be returned anytime during the week. I look forward to catching up with *everyone this Thursday evening for the 'Meet and Greet'.*

Irene Ingrey

News from 4/5/6

My oh my! It is hard to believe that we are in Week 7. We have begun our assessments for English, Maths and Science, and will continue to work on these over the coming weeks. I have been very impressed with the learning culture that is developing in our classroom. We are making excellent progress with writing stamina and cooperative learning teams.

Don't forget that reading happens every night. Parents, please encourage your child/children to read to you or a sibling, and take some time out to show your child/children that you to enjoy reading a good book.

A reminder that students have been sent home with information regarding a project. We have been exploring *Earth's Place in Space* and students have been asked to create a model of the Solar System to present to the class. Students have been informed that their Solar System model needs to be finished and brought into school on Friday of Week 8. This has been assigned as students homework.

Each Friday 4/5/6 are lucky to have visitors from Carer's Queensland, who are delivering the It's All About Me program. We are learning some great strategies to help us stay calm when we feel anxious, as well as, completing activities that help us to manage our emotions and feelings. Students have willingly participated in the program and I cannot thank Carer's Queensland enough for the effort they put in each week with the students. Students have also been very lucky to receive goodies each week. Students can also wear their 'It's All About Me' shirt on Friday's for this term.

Rebekah Shearman

PLAYGROUP

Week 7—9th March



TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME - 'Healthy me'
9:00 - 9:30	Reading corner/Jigsaw puzzles
9:30 - 10:45	Healthy lunchbox- stickers
	Colouring in -Fruit & Vegetables
	Craft - Body Jigsaw
	Home corner play - Sorting and discussing Healthy Foods from home corner.
	Group Activity - Healthy Food Poster
10:45 - 11:00	Big Books
11:00 - 11:15	Shared Morning Tea

Week 8—16th March



TIME	ACTIVITY & THEME -Bullying No Way!/Harmony Day
9:15 - 9:30	Reading Corner/ Puzzles
9:30 - 10:45	Safety Colouring in- What can you see?
	Craft - Friendship bracelets
	Craft - Paper Chain
	Craft & Group activity- Friendship Flower
	Music- Multicultural
10:45 - 11:00	Big Books
11:00 - 11:15	Shared Morning Tea

Tuckshop - Friday 17 March

Orders must be in by Wed 15th March by 3pm

NAME:	Year Level
Burrito (Meat sauce, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream)	\$3.50
Chicken Fingers (5 per cup)	\$2.50
Large Fruit Salad	\$2.50
Fruit Cup	\$1.00
Icy Cup	\$1.00
Water	\$1.00
Juice popper	\$2.00
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

ARCHER PARK RAIL MUSEUM




Ride the Purrey Steam Tram and have a close look at the C17 Steam Loco.

Climb aboard restored passenger carriages. Change the signals, use the antique phones and other fun activities. Food on Sale

Wednesday
5th & 12th April 2017
10am-1pm

\$8.50 - Children (18 mths and over)
 One adult free per family.
 Extra adults \$5.80




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 Archer Park Rail Museum - Denison St Rockhampton
 Phone: 4956 8194
 Email: archerpark@bigpond.com
 http://www.globalheritage.com/archerpark/

Our school community is proud to Take a Stand Together.

BULLYING. NO WAY!

SAFE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS. TOGETHER.



Friday 17 March 2017
www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Glenmore State High School



OPEN EVENING

22 March 2017
 5.30pm — 7pm

Glenmore State High School
 Mike Maher Centre,
 Farm Street, North Rockhampton



Join us for:
 Sausage Sizzle
 Tour and Information Session
 Displays/Demonstrations



Our open evening will incorporate an astronomy viewing evening hosted by the Glenmore High School's Astronomy Club. Come see the sites of the Autumn night sky, such as the Moon, Jupiter, Orion Nebulae, Mercury and Venus.

State winner   

Excellence in Schools
 Senior Years State Winner 2015
 Junior Secondary State Winner 2014

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Central Queensland

Invitation
 Thinking of becoming a foster carer?
 But have some questions?




- How do I apply?
- Do I get any training?
- Who will support me?
- What ages of Children might I be asked to care for?
- What impact will it have on my own children?
- What if I don't have my own children?
- Is my house okay?
- Will I get financial help?
- What if I don't have a partner?

Anglicare CQ is holding a Foster Care Information Session where you can ask all these question and more. You will be able to chat with experienced and new foster carers, Anglicare staff including trainers, assessors and support workers and staff from Department of Child Safety.

When: Tuesday 14th March, 2017
 5.30pm—7.30pm

Venue: Anglicare CQ
 164 Musgrave Street
 North Rockhampton

RSVP: Please contact Child Protection Admin Officer on 48375300 to book a place.

Please come to the rear door off Burnett St and press the buzzer for access.
Refreshments Provided.

www.anglicarecq.org.au | (07) 4837 5300

The P&C Association is requesting donations for our Easter Raffle. If you are able to help with a basket, Easter eggs, Easter rabbits, etc. please send them along to the office as soon as possible. Helpers are still required for Breaky Club – please come along and offer some help.

What's on this term:



- There is an **Easter Raffle** – Tickets to be sent home this week. Raffle will be drawn on 30th March at the Easter Bonnet Parade.
- **Easter Bonnet Parade** on 30th March and everyone is invited to come and watch the parade at 10.30am. This will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.



What's happening in the future:

- Term 2 – Mother's Day Raffle, Pie Drive and a Movie Night.
- Term 3 – Fun Run on 4th August, Father's Day Raffle and a Fete on Saturday 9th September.
- Term 4 – Cookie Dough Drive, Christmas Pudding Drive and a Christmas Breakup Disco.

Our next meeting is on 21st March 2017 at 2pm in the Classroom beside the office – hope to see you there.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	Jan 26 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Australia Day	Jan 27
2	30 Jan	31 Jan	1 Feb	2 Feb	3 Feb Swimming Yrs 1-6 Tuckshop
3	6 Feb	7 Feb P & C Meeting	8 Feb Preppies Photo for Morning Bulletin	9 Feb	10 Feb Swimming Yrs 1-6
4	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb Playgroup 9-11.15am	17 Feb Swimming Yrs 1-6 Tuckshop
5	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb Playgroup 9-11.15am	24 Feb Swimming Yrs 1-6
6	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 March	2 March Playgroup 9-11.15am	3 March Swimming Yrs 1-6 Tuckshop
7	6 March	7 March	8 March	9 March Playgroup 9-11.15am Meet and Greet 5.00-7.00pm	10 March Swimming Yrs 1-6
8	13 March Badge Presentation 10.30am	14 March	15 March	16 March Playgroup 9-11.15am	17 March National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence Swimming Yrs 1-6 Tuckshop
9	20 March	21 March Harmony Day P&C Meeting 2pm	22 March	23 March Playgroup 9-11.15am	24 March Swimming Yrs 1-6
10	27 March	28 March Return Raffle Tickets	29 March	30 March Playgroup 9-11.15am Easter Bonnet Parade / Raffle / Egg Hunt	31 March Swimming Yrs 1-6 Tuckshop End Term 1



Port Curtis Road State School

Term 1 - 2017

BE Safe
BE Responsible
BE Respectful
BE A Learner