



# PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

*A fortnightly communication between home and the school community*

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Term 1 Week 3—9th February 2021

**CORE PRIORITIES:** Systematic Curriculum Delivery Expert Teaching Team A Culture That Promotes Learning

Port Curtis Road State School  
acknowledges  
the traditional Dharumbal people  
on whose land it stands.

## 2021 Dates

### Term 1

27 Jan—1 Apr

### Term 2

19 Apr—25 Jun

Public Holiday - 26 Apr

Public Holiday - 3 May

### Term 3

12 Jul—17 Sep

Student Free Day—3 Sep

### Term 4

5 Oct-10 Dec

## Student Absences

All absences can be  
messaged to this number  
at any time.

**0426 306 212**

Thank you for assistance in  
freeing up the school phone.



From the  
P & C Association  
AGM & P&C Meeting  
23 February 2021  
2pm in Staff Room

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



## From the Principal

Hi Families!

Nine days of teaching and learning has passed and I am already very impressed with the students as they have settled in to a new year. Students are following our expectations of 'We are Safe', 'We are Responsible', 'We are Respectful' and 'We are Learners'. Students are keeping us very busy collecting their bull tags and playground tokens.

A reminder that usually, our newsletters are distributed each fortnight (albeit last week with our special 'Welcome Back edition'. Newsletters are full of important and relevant information so I encourage families to take the time to read each edition and check your child's bag if you don't receive it.

As you would be aware through communication yesterday, our class structure has changed. We have made a P/1/2 class, a 2/3/4 class and a 4/5/6 class. This means we now have three small classes across the school with room for growth in each class. Students are all excited about the class structure and I am sure they will settle into teaching and learning quickly.

## School Drop Off

A reminder that unless prior approval given, students should not be attending school before 8:30am. Staff are not rostered on to start until at least 8:30am. While you may notice staff cars in the car park, they are volunteering to prepare for the day and are not required to go out on duty. There are also regular times when only the cleaner is the only staff member on site prior to 8:30am. Bus students and students who have got approval to be dropped to school early are the only ones that should be here early and are expected to sit quietly until the staff member arrives on duty. Students who walk or who are transported by car should time their trip to arrive at 8:30am at the earliest to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students.

## School Leaders

Students have been spoken to about the School Leadership positions. Year 4 are able to nominate for Library monitor. Year 5 are able to nominate for library monitor, Student Council President, Student Council Vice President, Student Council Secretary, Student Council Treasurer and Sports Captain and Year 6 can nominate for all the Year 5 positions as well as School Leader. All students have been asked to write a speech and we have provided an opportunity for myself, Miss Logan and Mrs Collins to assist with feedback. Students will present their speech on parade next Monday 15 February. We anticipate having a special leadership parade on Monday 1 March. We will confirm closer to the date when we know how long the badges will take.

## P&C Association

Our February P&C meeting will take place on Tuesday 23 February at 1:30pm. This will not be in the library as RI will be on. We will instead have it upstairs in the staff room. We will have our annual AGM first and move into a P&C afterwards. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will be going through our review and our strategic plans ready for signing off. We will also be confirming fundraising opportunities coming up.

## Life Education

Liz and Healthy Harold the Giraffe will be at Port Curtis Road State School on Wednesday 17th February, 2021. Our visit is again being fully sponsored by The Smith Family, Communities for Children. We can't wait to meet our old friends and make new ones too. We'll be learning about

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

### *From The Principal continued.....*

healthy lifestyle choices and having lots of fun along the way. Head to our Life Education Hub | Life Education QLD to have a look at the modules that your children will be working through. You will find detailed overviews of the modules and fact sheets with 'conversation starter' ideas so that you can carry on discussing the lessons at home.

Did you know a parent session is also available? Education is one of the strongest preventative measures to take when it **comes to our children's health and safety. We really encourage parents to get involved in the Life Education program as well.** You will get to meet the educator and find out more about what your kids learn, how to engage with them in topics they will cover with Healthy Harold the Giraffe and have the opportunity to ask lots of questions. Please register your interest for our parent session through the school.

In the meantime, like us on Facebook and sign up to our newsletter .

Liz and Healthy Harold.

#### **Religious Instruction (RI)**

Mr Stewart will be our Religious Instructor for 2021 and he will begin his sessions on Tuesday 16 February. If your child is interested in participating in RI but you have not yet given consent, please contact the office.

#### **Heggerty**

On Friday Mr Collins, Mrs Cross and Mrs West will be attending a workshop on phonological awareness. Phonological awareness is an awareness of the sound structures of language. It allows students to remember and manipulate sounds at the sentence, word, syllable and sound level. This workshop will see phonological awareness skills taught in P-3 in conjunction with Maddison Guthrie, our Speech Language Pathologist. A replacement teacher will be teaching P/1/2 on Friday.

Take care,

Jo Northey, Principal

### *From Our P&C Association*

Welcome back to 2021! With our first meeting of the association held last week, a few dates have been set down for some fundraising events and for our AGM.

We are starting our first fundraiser for the year with a Lamington Drive. Please find your order form attached to the Newsletter. Please remember to come along to one of our meetings should you have any suggestions for the Association for 2021.

Our next meeting on 23rd February is to be our AGM with all positions declared vacant. Should you wish to be a part of the Committee for the P&C please come along. Nominations for the following positions will be requested: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Fund Raising Co-ordinator.

Please also find attached to your Newsletter the Tuck Shop Menu for Term 1—All orders are asked to be in the office by 9am Thursday morning.

Thanks you for your support,  
Chez Keepkie, President

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### From the Year 4 /5 / 6 Classroom

Dear families,

Welcome back to another school year. We have been off to a great start, learning the new routines and going over our PBL expectations in the new 4/5/6 classroom. Everyone has settled in well, showing that here at Porty we are lucky to have respectful and responsible school leaders. Together as a **whole group we designed a 'class agreement' that everyone signed to say they agree with what was written and will follow it.** Among the ideas that we agreed on to make an inclusive and safe environment were things such as being kind to each other, that everyone has a voice that deserves to be heard, and that when we come to school we will always give our very best, even when things are hard. We have created kindness pockets that are located on the wall, where students can write kind and encouraging things to each other. The students have been doing this so well, with some really wonderful things being said to each other.

We have started off the year with our English unit by looking at the importance of creating and developing a character in a fantasy novel, to make it interesting for the reader. The students have learnt how the power of words can really create **images in a person's mind.** In maths we have been learning how to collect data and then turn it into a range of different graphs. In HaSS we are learning what democracy is, and the importance of rules and laws. To help students to see the types of jobs that we have in our government and who makes and enforces the law, we have attended the Court House for a day of learning!

I am looking forward to the exciting year ahead of us. Please **don't hesitate to come in and see what your student is learning,** or if you have any questions or concerns. I can also be contacted on my email: [cloga73@eq.edu.au](mailto:cloga73@eq.edu.au)

Kind regards,  
Charlotte Logan



### PORTY PLAYGROUP

**Every Thursday (School Calendar)  
9.00am to 11.00am**

**Multi-purpose Room**

**Facilitator—Mrs Sharon West, Teacher Aide PCRSS**

**Activities include**

**Reading Corner/Puzzles,  
Playdough, Painting, Craft Activities, Colouring In,  
Interactive Play, Indoor/Outdoor Activities and  
games, Big Books, Shared Morning Tea.**

School Banking is a great way to practice regular savings.

Remember, **THURSDAY** is School Banking day and students can bring in their weekly deposit.

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Remember, there is no minimum deposit with School Banking, you can send as little as 5c per week in, saving regularly is what is important.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a School Banking reward item.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year. For more information about contribution payments, visit [www.commbank.com.au/sbinfo](http://www.commbank.com.au/sbinfo).

If your child has lost their book, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator for a replacement or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Port Curtis Road State School. We would also like to thank the wonderful parents who volunteer as our School Banking Co-ordinators and process our banking every week.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2021 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

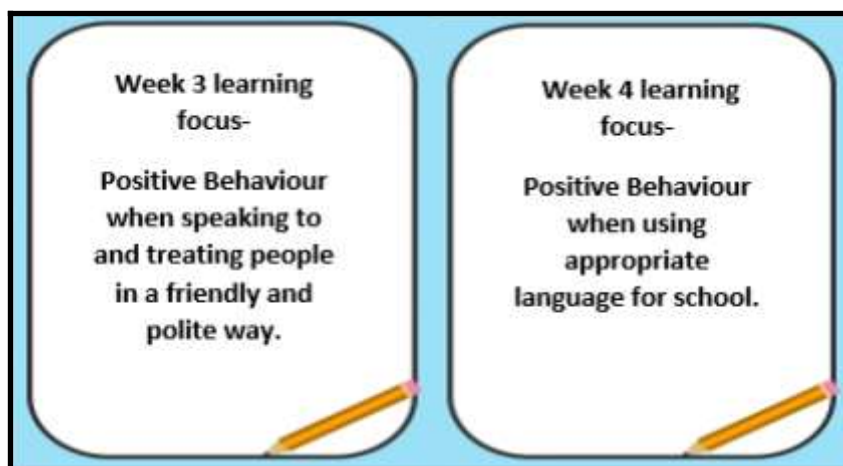
# Porty PBL News

What a wonderful start to Term 1! I have noticed so many students displaying positive behaviours for learning in and outside of the classroom. Way to go Porty, keep working hard!

Congratulations to these super stars, consistently displaying positive behaviours when keeping their hands and feet to themselves.



Weeks 3 and 4 students will be learning, positive behaviours for:



## MORE PBL NEWS:

Students have been working hard to earn bull tags and tokens by practicing the schools four behaviour expectations (We are Safe, We are Responsible, We are Respectful and We are Learners).

Students that have received 20 bull tag hole punches from last week will earn themselves a Zooper Dooper today! Perfect weather for enjoying an ice-block! For those that are still working to get there 20 bull tag hole punches, keep trying, there are plenty of zooper doopers for all!

From here, students will receive their next bull tag and can look forward to another exciting reward after they have earned 20 hole punches.

Bull tags are counted and recorded at the end of each week by our wonderful Mrs Collins. Students that have received over 300 bull tag hole punches at the end of the semester, will be invited to an exciting out of school event.

Keep striving Porty!

Yours in positive behaviour, Mrs Cross (Porty's PBL Coach).



# FEBRUARY 2021

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
WEEK 3 Feb 8 Parade 9am	Feb 9 Newsletter	Feb 10	Feb 11 Playgroup 9am-11am	Feb 12 Tuck Shop	Feb 13	Feb 14
WEEK 4 Feb 15 Parade 9am	Feb 16 Book Club orders due back today	Feb 17	Feb 18 Playgroup 9am-11am	Feb 19 Tuck Shop	Feb 20	Feb 21
WEEK 5 Feb 22 Parade 9am	Feb 23 Newsletter P&C AGM 1.30pm in the Staff Room	Feb 24	Feb 25 Playgroup 9am-11am	Feb 26 Tuck Shop	Feb 27	Feb 28

## School Motto "Play the Game"

- ◆ We are Safe
- ◆ We are Responsible
- ◆ We are Respectful
- ◆ We are Learners



Please continue to follow our



Facebook page  
(Port Curtis Road State School)  
to receive the most  
up to date information

## Attached to today's newsletter:

- PCRSS Term 1 Tuck Shop
- P&C Lamington Drive Forms  
orders due back on 16th March 2021, delivery of lamingtons  
25th March 2021.