



# PORT CURTIS ROAD COURIER

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

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Term 2 Week 1 16th April, 2024

TERM DATES
Monday 22nd April
Homework Club PM
Wednesday 24th April
ANZAC Ceremony 10.30 AM
Homework Club AM
Thursday 25th APRIL
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday 29th April
Homework Club PM
Tuesday 30th April
P & C Meeting
Wednesday 01st May
Homework Club AM
Thursday 02nd May
Homework Club PM
Monday 06th May
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 08th May
Homework Club AM
Mothers Day Stall

## From the Principal

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- ◆ Term 2 staffing
- ◆ Parent Communication
- ◆ ANZAC Service and March
- ◆ Homework Club
- ◆ P&C Meeting
- ◆ School Camp
- ◆ Mother's Day Stall
- ◆ Beef Week

Hi families,

A very warm welcome back to school. I trust you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday with your families. We have 10 weeks of learning ahead of us and I thank teachers for spending their holidays preparing engaging units of work and lessons for students to engage with. As always, we have high expectations in terms of behaviour and attendance as only then can we maximise the outcomes and opportunities for growth for all students.

### **Term 2 Staffing**

At the end of last term, we farewelled Miss Burns as our PE teacher on Thursday mornings. We will welcome Ms McKean from this Thursday to continue with our PE program.

As we still are still recruiting a suitable teacher for our 4/5/6 classroom, I will continue to oversee the class. Mrs Cross will assist to provide me with an opportunity to complete Principal tasks throughout the week. Mrs Cross will follow my unit plan in English and Humanities and Social Sciences to deliver these lessons. Miss Lawson will be in P/1 while Mrs Cross is with 4/5/6. Miss Lawson will also be teaching Design and Technologies in the 4/5/6 class on Wednesday morning. Please see classroom news for any updated classroom timetables.

A big thank you to all staff for working together to fill this gap ensuring learning is maximised.

### **Parent Communication**

Last term we held parent teacher interviews. Thank you to those families who took this opportunity to engage in a conversation with teachers about your child's academic progress. There is a strong correlation between parent engagement in your child's education and their success at school. At Port Curtis Road, we value two-way communication and welcome a conversation at any time. Please negotiate a time with your child's teacher if you would like a follow up appointment or feel free to touch base with your child's teacher for an informal conversation at the end of the school day.

### **ANZAC Service and March**


On Wednesday, 24 April, we will host our ANZAC Service at 10:30am. We are inviting our special community partners to join us and extend this invitation out to all families. The service will be run by our elected School Leaders. We will choose two representatives from each class to lay wreaths and will require these representatives to be wearing their full school uniform.

On Tuesday, 25 April we will be marching in the Rockhampton ANZAC March. We will meet between 9:15am and 9:30am on the corner of Alma and Archer Streets, for a 10am start. It would be great to have as many students as possible march with us. School leaders are strongly encouraged to attend as part of your contribution to your community. Please ensure students are in full school uniform (school shirt, black shorts and a Porty hat). Please ensure you have sunscreen applied and bring a water bottle. It can get very hot.

We are yet to receive our pack information; this will be posted on Facebook as soon as we receive it.

### **Homework Club**

Homework Club will resume next week on Monday and Thursday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. If you would like to join Homework Club, or would like to change times, please contact the office.



From the P & C Assn  
P&C Meeting  
Tuesday 30th April  
2pm in the library

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 cont.....

### P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 30th April, at 2pm in the library. Please come along and be a part of our school decision making. We will be discussing school data, Term 2 happenings and fundraising opportunities. We do need a quota of at least 5 people to hold a meeting so would encourage anyone who is available to come along to enable these meetings to continue. Without an active P&C, excursion (such as swimming) and camp subsidies can't exist. Please support the committee that supports our school.

### School Camp

A very big thank you to Murphy's Mobile Mechanics who have kindly donated \$500 towards school camp, reducing the cost further for families. With our P&C, student council and with this kind donation, our school camp has been reduced to \$175 per student. Families who have paid their \$50 deposit will only have \$125 left to pay. This amount must be paid in full by the end of term (ready for a Week 1 departure).

I have been working with the team at Konomie Island to draft a program. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, 01sy May, straight after school to discuss the program, documentation and answer any questions you may have. Please pop this date in your calendar.

### Mother's Day

Mother's Day is fast approaching and Student Council will again, host a Mother's Day stall. As with everything, the cost of gifts has increased and, consequently, we have had to increase the cost of the stall to \$6 a gift. The stall will take place on Wednesday, 8th May. Money will need to be brought in prior to Wednesday, as a schedule will be created to allow students to choose their gifts while I am not teaching. Money can be brought in at your convenience up until Tuesday, 7th May. Thank you for supporting our Student Council with this stall.

### Beef Week

I am pleased to let you know that we have once again registered for the School's Beef Week excursion and our entire school will be attending Beef Week on Friday, 10th May. Units in English, Science and Design and Technologies are all aligned to agricultural practices. Beef Week will be a way to engage students in prior learning, vocabulary and real-life learning to consolidate lessons learnt, while also learn from experienced farmers in the agricultural industry to create their pieces of work. There will be no cost to students, as the school will subsidise the entire cost of the bus to and from the venue. We do ask, however, that students arrive at school a little early (by 8:45am) to ensure we arrive at our scheduled time for our first exhibit.

To ensure Beef Week is successful, we do ask for a couple of parent volunteers to assist with groupings of students. If you are a parent that is willing and able to assist, please reach out. In return, we would cover your gate fee and bus costs. Please be aware that only parents are exempt from Blue Card requirements. If grandparents, aunties, uncles etc. wish to assist, a Blue Card will need to be presented to school prior to the excursion.

### Attendance

We finished Term 1 with 87.7% attendance. As a school, we would like to increase this to above 90% this term. We need strong attendance at school to enable students to access their supports and learning required to be successful at school. We have 26.8% of students with critically low attendance and letters have been attached to the newsletters of relevant families. Attendance was a Key Improvement Strategy in our recent review as the review team know how hard we are working for each and every child but when students aren't at school, that work and support gets lost. If you have received a letter for critically low attendance, I invite you to make a time with either myself or our Guidance Officer to discuss supports and strategies to lift your attendance in Term 2.



PBL Awards—Week 10



Learners—Week 10

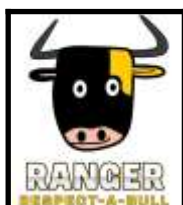


### Student Absences

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

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Thank you for assistance in freeing up the school phone.





## Prep/1 Class News-Week 1, Term 2

### This term in Prep/1...

This term in the Prep/1 classroom, you just might hear the sound of farm animals! Our learnings will be based around farming. Students will also get the opportunity to go on an excursion to Beef Week (end of week 4), more details will be sent out closer to the date.

In this term's English unit, students will be exploring farm-themed texts. They will be promoting farming and writing a persuasive text relating to farms.

In Science, students are learning about the different uses of the Earth's resources, in relation to farming. They will describe ways to conserve these resources, relating to conserving water on a farm and at school.

In Maths, students are studying three different Mathematical learning areas, these include:

Number and Algebra-skip counting, patterning and collection of groups.

Measurement and Geometry-exploring event sequences, duration of time and telling time.

Statistics and Probability-classifying outcomes.

We have a very busy and exciting term ahead of us. We will also be creating art pieces to enter into the Ridgeland and Rockhampton Show. We look forward to sharing these with you throughout the term!

### Important messages...

Homework- will start in week 2. Due back to school every Friday (like last term).

Library Day- every Monday. Please ensure Library books are in the box by Monday morning.

Parade- every Monday morning in the undercover area.

P.E- every Thursday. Please ensure students have water bottles and hats.

### Something exciting this term...A

#### CLASS PROJECT!



This term, students will get the opportunity to bring home Noni the Pony (a stuffed horse toy) and our class sharing book titled, Adventures of Noni the Pony. Students will get to look after Noni and document in our class book the adventures she has with your family! This project will start this week.

### PBL Fortnight Focus...

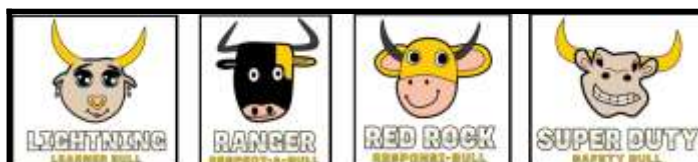
Positive Behaviour when transitioning from the playground into the classroom.



If you have any questions, concerns or just want to check in, please don't hesitate in contacting us.

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TERM 2

WEEK 1

# NEWSLETTER

## What we're learning

### English and Science

In Science and English, students will delve into the dynamic processes that shape our planet. They will explore how both natural phenomena and human activities lead to significant changes in Earth's surface. Through hands-on experiments, they'll investigate the process of erosion, meticulously recording and comparing their observations to their initial predictions, and learning to articulate their findings effectively. They will also propose an effective solution to erosion on farms.

### Design Technologies

This term students will complete a design technologies unit that focuses on new and old technologies to harvest, process and prepare food. For their assessment task, students will design and create a healthy snack that includes the use of both new and old technologies.

### HASS

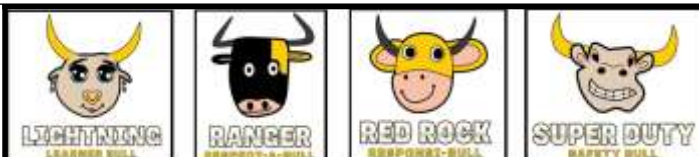
Students are engaging in a unique and insightful project: creating a detailed profile of a farmer. This activity is designed to deepen their understanding of agricultural life, the challenges faced by farmers, and the critical role agriculture plays in our society. Additionally, we will be exploring the importance of laws and how they impact not only our daily lives but also the broader community and the envi-

### Math

First up for math this term, students will be focusing on Time. This can be a difficult unit for many students, so we will include lots of hands on learning and repeated exposure. This unit is a great opportunity to get involved at home by using a house schedule, calendar, or time table. Students will encounter both analogue and digital time in this unit.

### Contact

My door is always open. Please, feel free to come say hello and check in, or email me.  
Email: [grobe162@eq.edu.au](mailto:grobe162@eq.edu.au)





# CLASSROOM NEWS

## Year 4/5/6 Class News

Hi families.

I trust you had an enjoyable holiday with your families. It was wonderful to hear students describing their holidays with excitement when they returned to school yesterday. We have certainly hit the ground running this term though!

This term as a class, we have started strong with attendance. Let's keep this up for the rest of the week and then the reminder of the term. Students are generally upfront with us when they simply don't feel like coming or prefer not to come on a particular day. Please work through this with your child as these days do add up and mean critical content or intensive supports are missed out on. We can't maximise learning and academic and social growth if students aren't maximising their learning opportunities at school.

Below is our new Term 2 timetable. I am teaching the class for lessons in white, Mrs Cross in yellow and Miss Lawson is providing Non-Contact Time in green with Ms McKean in orange. It takes a village to raise a child and we certainly have one here at Porty. This new timetable allows me to work in my principal role, giving me some weekend time back with my family. This new timetable is still maximising learning for students, utilising staff that students already know and have established positive relationships with. Please join me in thanking these staff members for assisting us in the 4/5/6 classroom.

### Classroom Timetable

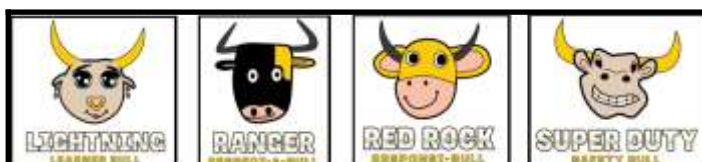
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am	Parade	Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll
9:15	Roll	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
9:30	Maths				
10am					
10:30	Library	Health	Design and Technology	PE	Japanese / Year 4 HASS
Lunch					
11:45	English	English	English	English	English
12pm		Literacy Rotations	Literacy rotations	Literacy Rotations	Vocabulary / Grammar and Syntax
12:30	Literacy Rotations				
1pm					
1:30					
2pm	HASS	PBL	The Arts	Science	Science and other catch up required
2:30		RI (writing for non-RI students)			

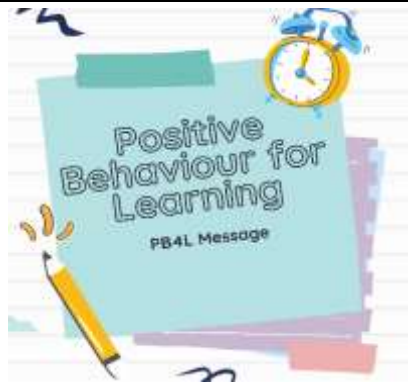
Colour Coding

Mrs Northey	Mrs Cross	Miss Lawson	Ms McKean
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As always, if you need anything, please reach out.

Mrs Northey





Porty's four schoolwide expectations...  
**Safe**  
**Responsible**  
**Respectful**  
**Learners**



Hi Porty families and welcome to the first PBL newsletter for Term 2.

This fortnight we will be focusing on positive behaviour when transitioning into the classroom from the playground. We will also be focusing on school routines and self-regulation.

Teaching children self-regulation at home is an essential skill that can positively impact their behaviour, emotional well-being, and overall success in life.

**Model Self-Regulation:** Children learn by example, so it's important to model self-regulation yourself. Show them how you manage your emotions, handle stress, and cope with challenging situations calmly and effectively.

**Provide Structure and Routine:** Establishing consistent routines and structure can help children feel secure and understand what to expect. Predictability can reduce anxiety and make it easier for children to regulate their emotions and behaviour.

**Teach Emotional Awareness:** Help children identify and label their emotions. Encourage them to express how they're feeling and validate their emotions. Use books, games, or activities to teach them about different emotions and how to recognize them in themselves and others.

**Set Clear Expectations and Limits:** Clearly communicate your expectations and establish age-appropriate rules and limits. Consistency is key, so be firm but fair in enforcing boundaries. Help children understand the consequences of their actions and encourage them to take responsibility for their behaviour.



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*Positive Behaviour when transitioning from the playground into the classroom.*

- Line up sensibly/responsibly as per classroom routine.
- Make responsible choices and follow classroom rules in terms of toileting /drinks/before lining up.
- Stop play and move to line up area as soon as the bell rings and be ready to move to classrooms by second bell.
- Enter class ready to learn. Enter in a safe and calm manner, use self-regulation strategies if needed.
- Walk safely up the stairs.
- Keep noise to a minimum when entering the classroom.
- Close and open doors respectfully.

We are SAFE  
 We are RESPONSIBLE  
 We are RESPECTFUL  
 We are LEARNERS



Did you see our PBL amazing line markings? We are so excited to have this wonderful resource to use every day.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### P & C NEWS

Remember if you have any suggestions for the P&C you can email us on: [pandc@portcurtisroadss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@portcurtisroadss.eq.edu.au)

The next P&C meeting is Tuesday, 30th April at 2pm. Come join us, we have some amazing things to discuss.

Tuckshop Menu is below.

From Your 2024 P&C Executive Committee



### Term 2 TUCKSHOP 2024

Week 1: Home made pies and sausage rolls  
Plain, Bacon & Cheese Pies \$4.50  
Sausage Rolls \$3.50

Week 2: Big Mac Taco \$5.00

Week 3: Baked Potatoes \$5.00

**Week 4: NO TUCKSHOP**

Week 5: Cob loaf \$5.00

Week 6: Beef Burgers \$5.00

Week 7: Mac & Cheese \$5.00

Week 8: Spaghetti Bolognaise \$5.00

Week 9: Fried Rice \$5.00

Week 10: TBA

Every Week:

Corn on the Cob \$1.00

Chocolate/Strawberry Milk \$2.00

Poppers \$2.00

Boiled Egg \$1.00

Dino Nuggets (5) \$3.00 ONE ORDER PER CHILD DUE TO TUCKSHOP REGULATIONS.

Rockhampton State High School's first Year 7 enrolment evening for students enrolling in 2025 is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Please contact Rockhampton State High School's Administration Office on 4920 4333 to book an interview.

# ENROL NOW FOR 2025

Taking enquiries now!



Call our office to secure  
your child's place at RSHS

