



PORT WAKEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

What a cold couple of mornings we've had to start winter!

Assembly

Last week we held our first assembly for the term, due to Covid-19, parents were not allowed to be present in person, however; we made it available for families to join via WebEx. Thank you to those families who did join us. If you have feedback for how we can make it better for the next assembly in week 9, please let us know. The next assembly will be in week 9 and will be available for families to attend via WebEx. A link to join will be emailed to all families.

Student Free Days

We have a Student Free Day this coming Thursday 11th June. Teachers will be joining with Ann Baker for the *Next Place Value* session. The first day of term 3, 20th July will be a Student Free Day. The teachers will be working with other teachers in the partnership.

Before and after school drop off

When on yard duty before and after school, I have noticed a few people standing on the road talking. Please make sure you stand on the footpath if you want to have a chat. We would hate someone to be hit by a passing car.

Year 7 to High School update

As you may know, Year 7 is moving to High School in 2022. This means that if your child is in Year 5 or 6 this year, they will graduate from Primary School next year.

Having two year levels graduate at the same time is a unique situation and we want to assure you that our students will experience a positive and successful transition from primary to high school. To ensure the experience is memorable, we are considering how leadership opportunities, seniors jumpers, graduation ceremonies and participation in activities that were historically 'year 7' events will include year 6 students. We will provide you with further information about our plans as they are developed. Please come and see us if you have any questions about this.

Site Improvement Plan

Oral Language

Teachers have been discussing the teaching strategies related to oral language. These are: teach active listening, allow wait time, build on learner language, build oral language development into daily routines and activity, provide opportunity for social interaction, explore story books together, modelling thinking processes through 'think alouds', considering the language demands of the learning, monitoring student understanding, correcting children's communication.

Term 2 Week 6

DATES **FOR THE DIARY**

Week 7—Thursday
11/6/2020
Student Free Day

Week 10—Friday
3/7/20
Last day Term 2

REMINDERS—NOTICES TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL.

Yr.'s 2-7 Camp Indication Slip

Mural Tear-off Slip

Attachments to newsletter

Nil



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Oral Language—cont.

Exploring story books together is one way you can support your child to improve their oral language skills at home. When exploring story books, you can do the following things:

Questions about the author and the pictures can accompany the actual content

Open-ended questions like 'What do you think is going to happen now? And 'Why do you think she did that?'

Retelling activities draws on memory and logical reasoning, builds sequencing skills, practice of different tenses, use of time-related connecting words

Talking builds world knowledge, promotes imagination, helps children draw information from different sources to make inference, engages them in critical thinking, and develops vocabulary and understanding of language structures.

Older children benefit from having books read to them even if they can read for themselves.

Maths

Last Thursday, the staff had an online session with Ann Baker, learning about teaching place value. The staff were given some interesting tasks by Ann to check the place value understanding of our students. We will be having a follow up session with Ann on our student free day next week.

Governing Council

Mural

At the last Governing Council meeting, we discussed upgrades around the school. One of the items on the agenda was the murals painted on the shed by the students in 2012 with artist Wendy Garvie. We are after advice from the community about what to do with the art works. Options currently posed are:

Keep it and leave it as it is

Photograph it for historical purposes and get the current group of students to paint a new mural on the shed

Paint over it in a plain colour and don't put a new mural on it

We are after feedback from the school and wider community about how to proceed with this. Please return the tear off slip with your feedback on this. If you know members of the community who have an opinion about this, please ask them to contact the school.

If you have other ideas about how we can improve the look of the school, please get in contact with us.

Student Mobile Phone Policy

The policy has been updated and approved by Governing Council. If your child brings a mobile phone to school, please get in contact with the school to get an updated copy of the policy.

Camp 2020 – year 2-7

We are planning for this to still go ahead. We have booked for camp to occur at the end of term 3. A letter was sent out this week to find out if people are wanting to send their child/ren on camp. We need to have a minimum number to make the camp viable. Please send the tear off slip back letting us know your intentions ASAP.

Kind Regards,

Kerri

School Awards

Class Values Award

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their awards—Jarret, Bella, Ruby, Mandy, Tyrone, Tyler, Darthliam, Edward, Ryan & Dylan



Yard Values Award

Well done to the UP class on winning the Yard Cup & congratulations to Megan for winning the individual award.



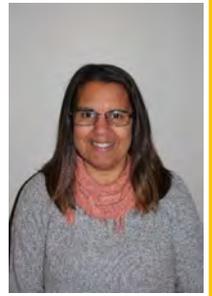
Students who missed out on receiving their birthday wishes during the Covid-19 absences were presented with handmade cards for their birthdays.

Birthday celebrations to - Wayne, Ruby, Maddi, Tyrone, Lily, Precious, Zak, Dylan Edward & Brandon.



Hi Everyone!

Wow, we are now well into Term 2 and it has been an amazing time for me getting to know students and staff here! Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome and for letting me join in on learning times and in fun activities.



I am spending much of my time in classrooms and in the school yard, getting to know everyone better (so close to remembering everyone's names!) available as someone they can connect with if they choose to. It has been great to meet more parents, too, and I hope to build more connections over the coming weeks. We're looking forward to the exciting venture of offering Breakfast Club to students in either Week 7 or 8 on Monday and Wednesday mornings. This will be another point of connection.

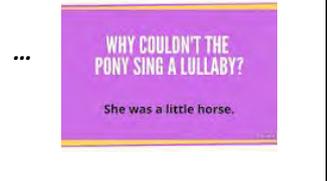
An aspect of the PCW role is to provide a pastoral presence to the whole school community. I am available to support and nurture student, staff and family wellbeing, and provide social, emotional and spiritual support. This can look like many things and no two days are alike - classroom support and engagement, casual chats at drop-off/pick-up, card and board games during lunchtimes, basketball, and I can now add skipping rope (aah, my poor legs!) These all give me the opportunity to participate and build relationships.

Things are not yet back to 'normal' but we are getting there and it is a privilege to be a part of a small school community supporting and encouraging each other through what has been a very challenging time.

Have a great week!
Mrs G



JUST FOR FUN: -



National Simultaneous Storytime 2020

Last Wednesday, the whole school took part in the National Simultaneous Storytime session which was run Australia wide.



Thank you to Mr. Otta who did a great job of reading the book Whitney and Britney—Chicken Divas to all the students.



Term 2 2020 Calendar

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 1	April 27 First day Term 2	28	29	30	May 1	2	2
Week 2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Week 3	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Week 4	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Week 5	25 Governing Council Meeting	26	27	28	29	30	31
Week 6	June 1	2	3	4	5 Newsletter	6	7
Week 7	8	9	10	11 Student Free Day	12	13	14
Week 8	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Week 9	22	23	24	25	26 Assembly Newsletter	27	28
Week 10	29	30	Jul 1	2	3 Last Day of Term 3 2.30pm dismissal	4	5

Term 1	28/1/20—9/4/20
Term 2	27/4/20—3/7/20
Term 3	20/7/20—25/9/20
Term 4	12/10/20—11/12/20