



PORT WAKEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Term 2 Week 5

National Reconciliation Week

This week we are celebrating National Reconciliation Week (NRW) which is held each year between 27th May and 3rd June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey.

May 27 - Marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

3 June, 1992 - The High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.

As part of our celebrations, the students are learning about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and exploring how each of us could join the national reconciliation effort.

Pupil Free Day

Friday 21st June 2024 will be a Pupil Free Day to allow staff to attend training in DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Literacy Skills). DIBELS is a suite of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of a range of literacy skills.

During the day staff will:

- Gain an overview of research behind the tools that validates its role and purpose.
- develop an understanding of foundational reading skill acquisition to ensure there is a common whole school understanding.
- Explore the DIBELS Universal screener, looking in detail at each subtest.
- Explore the place and structure of Progress monitoring for students identified at risk,
- Gain guidance about delivery efficacy and efficiency,
- A chance to unpack the DIBELS Data management and analysis tool.

Regards,
Peter Mitchinson.

Hi everyone - We are off to a flying start in term 2!

In the garden with Ashton - The Garden is in full swing - we are planting!!

The Middle Upper primary class have been hard at work.



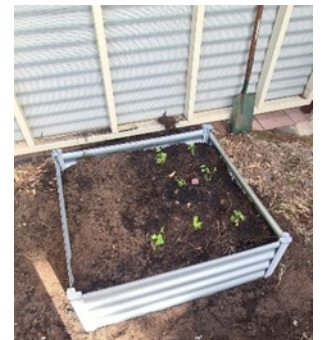
First, we took out the old stuff, then we turned over the soil, then we fixed up the sides of some of our planter boxes and now we

are planting!

Going in we have peas, lettuce, spinach, cauliflower, beans, celery (also we

are trying tomato seeds) and soon to come some beautiful arrangement of flowers together with some tall Sunflowers for people from our community to look at when they pass by. As

you can see by our photos, we are having lots of fun as we learn some very practical skills about soil management, what time of year to put each type of crop in and more practice at working together as a team.



Go Girls (we kept the name) continues with Jody

The Year 4 to 6 girls are continuing to think about what it takes to maintain good self-esteem which includes looking after our bodies. We are learning that if we take good care of our bodies, we feel better. Last week we 'pampered' our hands using some dry skin body scrub, hand cream and ordinary sugar!

Wow! We all agreed, we felt fresh, and our hands felt great! We can't wait to do it again! More pampering to come... but Jody forgot to take pictures (sorry!).

Right now we are looking at how **important good sleep is**, and **how making small changes can help us sleep better** and wake up feeling ready to start our day. Stay tuned for more information on this and (of course) pictures!

The Big News – We are going to Children's University

Our Program Launch

We had a very special guest visit our school on the first student day back at school in term 2, **Dr Luca Prisciandaro** came from Adelaide University to explain the Children's University (CU) program at the special Program Launch on **Tuesday 30th April**. He explained how we could earn points for learning about subjects of our own choice, outside of normal school hours. He also showed us what we would wear if we earned enough hours to go to the graduation ceremony in term 4. If you missed the Launch – here are some of FAQs information to help you catch up!



FAQs

So, what's Children University or CU for short?

Children's University is a program to **encourage and motivate children** into **seek opportunities to learn about things that capture their interest in the world around them**. For example, a child might have an interest in animals and go to the zoo to learn about them or have an interest in hair dressing and want to practice different hair styles (under the supervision of an adult) from a hair-style book they have been reading.

How does it work?

CU program awards children for this non-directed learning by providing a graduation experience complete with cap and gown as well as a certificate for achievement based on the number of hours each child has obtained during selected school terms of each year. Minimum achievement for the **Bronze Certificate** in the first year is **30 hours** (however it is possible to obtain higher levels in the first year e.g. silver or gold).

What type of activities are included?

Basically, any learning outside of school hours including recess and lunchtimes (except finishing of homework or uncompleted schoolwork) may be included as long as some sort of evidence of engagement can be presented. All sport, dance, swimming, or music lessons can be credited as learning hours, up to 10 hours per activity, and CU time can also be given for visits to most venues that provide some sort of educational information or a unique learning experience. The CU portal also provides many online activities and activities that can be done with families at home.

What do I do next?

1. Look through all the information provided to families on Tuesday, the little bags have the Learning Passports in them (really important these are not lost)!

Please look at the information – Jody **needs urgently information on regular clubs** (football, swimming, other sports, chess, CFS Cadets or any other regular learning events that children attend). **This type of ongoing activity often counts for 10 hours.** Jody needs this information to do a **count of CU hours (by the end of the term)** to determine what is **needed** for your child to **graduate. Graduation is not guaranteed, each child needs to earn 30 hours** for a **Bronze certificate**, but children who do a lot of clubs or a really motivated maybe able to get to **65 hours** and earn a **silver certificate** in their first year. **Please email or encourage your child to speak to me with this information** (I will clarify with you if necessary).

2. Please look at the ‘School Badge’ pages because a lot of those activities may have already been done by your family this year anyway, and can count as CU points as they are forms of learning. Please email or get your child to give me this information as well.

3. With the information above, Jody will let you know what you need to get to the next level, so you can do activities with a goal in mind.

4. Please encourage child to pick activities that interest them from the online portal, the goal is to have fun while learning!

5. If you have restricted access to internet, please see Jody for additional resources.

6. Consider going to the LIVE Learning Destinations in Balaklava or Port Gawler (many also in Clare).

School Breakfast news:

Yes, I know it's cold, **but Ashton is teaching Jody how to make coffees for parents and hot chocolates for the children!** Please come and join us, **soon we will be making Pancakes!**

Reminders....

The **Port Wakefield Uniting Church Op Shop** is open on **Fridays from 2 to 4pm every fortnight** to allow PWPS parents and family members to **‘check out’ their goodies before and after school pick up.** This will include throughout term 2 as a trial.

See you around the school and the town,
Ashton and Jody Chambers
PCW crew at PWPS.

COMING SOON

**Port Wakefield
Uniting Church
Op Shop**

would like to announce
Extended Hours

As of the **Beginning of Term 2**, the Op Shop will be extending its hours to include **Fridays 2 to 4pm fortnightly** as well as **Saturdays weekly from 9:30 to 11:30am.**

Location:

Opposite PWPS

Proceeds go to local and extended rural Community Support Organizations e.g. Flying Doctors.

CASH ONLY SALES

Enquires and expressions of interest: **Jody Chambers, PWPS PCW** in the first instance at the school.



Dates for the Diary Term 2 - 2024

Wednesday 29/5/24

Kindy Transition to JP - 9am - 11.20am

Tuesday 4/6/24

Kindy Transition to JP - 9am - 11.20am

Wednesday 12/6/24

Kindy Transition to JP - 9am - 1.30pm

Tuesday 18/6/24

Kindy Transition to JP - 8.45am - 3.00pm

Friday 21/6/24

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 2/7/24

Parent Club - Xmas in July theme lunch day.



Port Wakefield Primary School CU Program

Timetable of Term 2 Deadlines and Events

Week 1	Tuesday 30th April 9am	Children's University (CU) Launch ✓
From Week 1	Tuesdays and Wednesdays	The Aquarium (Jody and Ashlon's space) providing CU Activities* for children to include in their Temporary CU Passports
* All children can attend CU activities in the Aquarium (regardless of CU status)		
Week 3	<u>Friday 17th</u> <u>March</u>	Registrations in to be completed, either - online direct to CU or printed form to the front office
Week 4	During that week	Passport and portal information distribution to students / families registered
From Week 5 to Week 8	Tuesday (Before school, recess, lunch or after school) or Wednesday (before school, recess or lunch)	Students, parents and families can book / attend 'portal information sessions' (recommended)
Week 8 to week 10	Tuesday or Wednesday (as above times) (Week 10 available Mon - Thurs)	First Student check of Passport - portal check of CU hours (MANDATORY check-in before term 2 school holidays)

ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR COMMENTS
please contact **Jody or Ashlon Chambers**, our **Pastoral Care Workers**
Via the front office or email: jody.byerley@schools.sa.edu.au

Term 2 2024 Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	29-Apr	30-Apr	01-May	02-May	03-May	04-May	05-May
Week 1	Term 2 starts Parent / Teacher Interviews	Parent / Teacher Interviews	Parent / Teacher Interviews				
	06-May	07-May	08-May	09-May	10-May	11-May	12-May
Week 2	Pupil Free Day - Staff PD	Parent Club Mother's Day Lunch and Stall					
	13-May	14-May	15-May	16-May	17-May	18-May	19-May
Week 3	School Photos		Parent Club Meeting - 2pm Governing Council Meeting 3pm				
	20-May	21-May	22-May	23-May	24-May	25-May	26-May
Week 4							
	27-May	28-May	29-May	30-May	31-May	01-Jun	02-Jun
Week 5			Kindy Transition 9am - 11.20am				
	03-Jun	04-Jun	05-Jun	06-Jun	07-Jun	08-Jun	09-Jun
Week 6		Kindy Transition 9am - 11.20am					
	10-Jun	11-Jun	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun	15-Jun	16-Jun
Week 7	Kings Birthday P/H		Kindy Transition 9am - 1.30pm				
	17-Jun	18-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun	22-Jun	23-Jun
Week 8		Kindy Transition 8.45am - 3pm	Parent Club Meeting - 2pm Governing Council Meeting 3pm		Pupil Free Day		
	24-Jun	25-Jun	26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	29-Jun	30-Jun
Week 9							
	01-Jul	02-Jul	03-Jul	04-Jul	05-Jul	06-Jul	07-Jul
Week 10		Parent Club Lunch - Xmas in July theme			Last day of Term 2 - 2.00pm dismiss		