



PORT WAKEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Term 3 Week 4

What a busy start to Term 3 we have had. It has been wonderful seeing the students settling into their learning and embracing the learning opportunities they have been given.

We have also had a busy time with new enrolments and we welcomed the following students to Port Wakefield Primary.

Reception - Olivia, Tisharna and Jylen

Year 3 - Scarlett and Serenity

Year 5 Isaac

Year 6 - Parka

They have all settled in really well and have made many new friends. The staff, students and school community welcome the students and their families and wish each and every one of you a rewarding and enjoyable experience at our wonderful school.

Book Week

This week we have had many Book Week celebrations to help us celebrate children's love of literacy and reading. This year the theme was '*Reading is Magic*'. I would like to thank all parents and students for their efforts with the many wonderful costumes that were on display at our Book Week parade on Tuesday. It really was amazing to see so many students taking part.

A huge thank you also to our amazing staff who organised our book week celebrations. It was certainly a great week to be at school.

SSO Week

Next week is SSO National Recognition Week which is a time for everyone to celebrate and recognise the enormous support that they provide in schools. SSO's play a vital role in schools and they have a range of roles including answering the phone and assisting parents, attending to injured students, providing budget overviews and financial support to the school community, working with the teaching staff and students in the class or providing 1:1 intensive educational support. Each and every SSO is a valuable member of staff. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team of SSO's at Port Wakefield Primary and I'm sure you will all join us in thanking each and every one of them for all that they do to support our school.

School Hats

As part of our Port Wakefield Sunsmart Policy students are required to wear hats all year round. With the warmer weather now starting to arrive we ask that you please make sure that your child has their hat at school each day. As per the policy any student without a hat will be required to stay under the shade shelter during recess and lunch.

Regards,

Peter Mitchinson.



On Tuesday, we had our Book Week Parade.

Everyone looked great in their costumes.

All week students have been taking part in different activities during class time in line with the Book Week theme.

The library has been a popular sport all week as students have been searching for "Golden Tickets" inserted into selected book.

Congratulation to our students - Oscar, Moses, Quirsty, Aria, Olivia and Hendrix who received a Scholastic Book Club voucher as a prize for best dressed.

Aria was popular with the staff (Thanks Harriet—the cakes were delicious!)





**BOOK Week
Activities With
MARIA TAYLOR**

On Thursday, all our students participated in activities for Book Week.

We had a very special visit from Maria Taylor who showed the children how to make items using everyday things that can be found in their surroundings.

Maria's activities were based around the books that had been chosen for the 2024 Children's Book Council of Australia Awards.

It was great to see the children using their imaginations to build, create and draw.

Their finished products were awesome and it was great to see the different ages all working together—especially the older students who helped our younger ones.



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Term 3 2024 Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul	27-Jul	28-Jul
Week 1		CU Club—3.20-3.50pm	Children's University Visit				
	29-Jul	30-Jul	31-Jul	01-Aug	02-Aug	03-Aug	04-Aug
Week 2		CU Club—3.20-3.50pm					
	05-Aug	06-Aug	07-Aug	08-Aug	09-Aug	10-Aug	11-Aug
Week 3		CU Club—3.20-3.50pm	Parent Club Meeting Governing Council Meeting				
	12-Aug	13-Aug	14-Aug	15-Aug	16-Aug	17-Aug	18-Aug
Week 4		CU Club—3.20-3.50pm					
	19-Aug	20-Aug	21-Aug	22-Aug	23-Aug	24-Aug	25-Aug
Week 5		CU Club—3.20-3.50pm					
	26-Aug	27-Aug	28-Aug	29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug	01-Sep
Week 6		CU Club—3.20-3.50pm			Parent Club Father's Day & Lunch Order Day		
	02-Sep	03-Sep	04-Sep	05-Sep	06-Sep	07-Sep	08-Sep
Week 7		CU Club—3.20-3.50pm					
	09-Sep	10-Sep	11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep
Week 8		CU Club—3.20-3.50pm Parent Club Lunch Order Day—TBC	Parent Club Meeting Governing Council Meeting				
	16-Sep	17-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep
Week 9		CU Club—3.20-3.50pm			Sports Day at PW Oval		
	23-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep	28-Sep	29-Sep
Week 10		CU Club—3.20-3.50pm Children's University Gowning Day			Dismiss at 2pm		



Given the weight of information needed to be communicated, Children's University now has its own section.

Children's University (CU) News

NEW CU CLUB with Ashton & Jody (now as well)

Due to the popularity of CU club, Jody was able to change her timetable for Tuesday, and come back from Owen PS, in time to join Ashton for CU club. CU Club continues after school from 3:20 to 3:50pm on Tuesdays weekly, until the end of term 3.

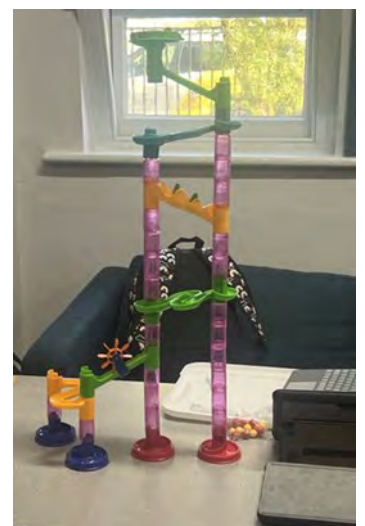
If you are in Children's University, PLEASE DON'T MISS a WEEK especially if you still need a lot of CU time to reach 30 hours. We are researching and using the CU portal to develop a range of activities, so it is possible in certain weeks to earn 1 – 2 hours for 30 minutes of CU club actual time.

Term 3 Lunchtime Event – Marble Run

On Tuesday 30th July at our CU club, we had a special visit from Dr. Luca from the University of Adelaide, he showed us a special CU lunchtime activity called **the 'Marble Run'**. The activity was open to all Port Wakefield PS children, however children that were registered for the program got 1 hour for participation in the activity.

Our challenge was to create a track with a marble kit that allows a marble ball to travel exactly 10 seconds along a track. This was pretty tricky!!! We found that we had to add or take parts of the track away based on our initial timed trials. We tested and experimented with our tracks....and worked really hard, and it paid off! Dr. Luca said that a couple of our groups got the closest of any schools in the state to the 10 second mark! Although, the most important thing is WE HAD LOTS OF FUN!

Below are some of our action shots!



Other activities in CU Club – Every Tuesday in term 3, a reminder that everyone is welcome with parental written consent.

In CU club we try to make everyone feel welcome with a range of different activities, last week it was 'Stick figure Art' with rapid-fire drawings on paper then, trying to re-create some of these using Alfoil. We wanted scissors and tape, but mean ol' Jody (cos Ashton was sick) would not let us, so we had to bend and shape with our hands. We got extra CU time, if we could make our figures stand in some way.



Graduation Gowning up – measuring for sizes day in Week 10

In preparation for Graduation, all Children's University children to to be sized for their graduation gowns. To avoid disappointment to any child or family, NO child who has NOT reached at least 25 hours by the end of week 9 will be able to 'gown up' for graduation. Jody is in the midst of contacting families of children you have less than 10 hours recorded. Please note that attendance at CU club alone will not ensure graduation, children must do independent work as well to meet the requirements. Jody encourages you or your child, to contact her as soon as possible to confirm graduation status. Jody and Ashton cannot make exceptions to this rule for gowning up, as children have been given plenty of warning over the past few weeks. It is up to the children themselves, especially in the MUPS class to show their own motivation and effort towards graduation. Thank you for your understanding in this.



Children's University Graduation for Port Wakefield PS (Owen PS will

be attending this as well).

Tuesday 5th November 2024 at Adelaide University meeting from 5:15pm to 7:30pm, more details closer to the date.

Term 3 School Holidays SPECIAL EVENT

Owen PS (together with Port Wakefield PS) have been invited to a special CU activity event at The Roseworthy Campus of Adelaide University, for a *tour and a range of STEM activities* which will earn 4 BIG CU Hours!!!

This is being arranged for Wednesday 2nd October, approx. 10am to 2pm. This event will be at no cost to families or children **as it is sponsored directly by the Children's University Program**. Jody will be confirming these details via DOJO and parent information forms shortly as she will need to know and confirm numbers of those families planning to attend.

Educational Explorer Awards

There are 2 more Educational Explorer award pins to be handed out in week 6 of Term 3. These are not necessarily given out to the top CU hours earners but, to those who have put in 'above and beyond' effort at the start or middle section of time into their CU journey during our first year of Children's University Participation.

Other Admin facts

We have forgotten, how do we gain access to the CU portal again?

The CU portal website is <https://cuaportal.com/>

Login and password information is written on the back of the front cover of your child(ren)'s learning passport.

Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) News

Garden Update

While the garden is looking great, it is a super important time for our veggies and flowers. We need to be diligent with our watering and weeding and look after our growing plants. However, with Ashton's guidance and wisdom, we will get it right! We have worked too hard to stop now.



What's cooking in the Kitchen in Breakfast Club??

Now that Breakfast club is established, and everyone knows the routine. Kids are taking their turn at cooking their own hot breakfast. They are making everything we can think of with bread, milk and eggs. So far, we have come up with scrambled eggs, French toast, egg in toast, pancakes (comparison between Ashton's recipe and store-brought shake n' pour, Ashton's was voted the most delicious, by the way). If you can think of any other quick breakfast snacks, we are taking suggestions! And of course, the children are also helping to clean up and wash the dishes as well.



Gawler Show Competitions are now CLOSED....

Entry forms are in for this year, however if you have not brought in your artwork, pictures, Lego etc, please do so asap... Jody needs these items in order to label, check and delivery them before judging the week before the Gawler Show.

We have some amazing artwork to display, and I am very hopeful of some certificates and/or prizes. These are some examples of our amazing artwork to be judged.

Want to contact us? Here's Jody's email:
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Jody and Ashton Chambers
Pastoral Care Workers
PCW Port Wakefield PS



CU Graduation Gown Size Guide

Please use the guide below to fit students for their graduation gown.
Clothing sizes are an estimate, and the height the student should also be taken into consideration.

Clothing Size	Graduation Gown Size
Children's Size 6 - 8	31 or 33
Children's Size 10 - 12	36
Children's Size 14 - 16	39
Children's Size 18	42
Adult Size	45

Size **31** = Student's height 121 - 128cm

Size **33** = 129 - 136cm

Size **36** = 144 - 151cm

Size **39** = 152 - 159 cm.

Size **42** = 160 - 166cm

Size **45** = 167 - 174cm

