



# PORT WAKEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Term 3 Week 7

## Parent Club/Governing Council

Our next Parent Club meeting will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm. Please feel free to attend if you wish. If you can't attend but have something you would like to be brought up at the meeting please see Skye, Sarah, Heather or Lynne.

Our next Governing Council meeting is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3.15pm.

## Parent/Teacher interviews

Optional Parent teacher interviews will be offered during week 10 this term. This is an opportunity to catch up with your child's class teacher to discuss progress and current learning and to discuss any areas for development that there may be. Forms for booking appointments will be sent out next week.

## Sickness

With some schools reporting higher rates of absence due to sickness, we would like to remind parents of the following:

Please keep sick children at home until they are completely recovered, so they do not pass illness onto their peers.

Remind your child that good cough, sneeze and hand hygiene are important in preventing the spread of illnesses.

## Online safety

Online gaming and social media are now a part of everyday life and we all need to be aware of how best to use them. Social networking forms a part of the social identity of many young people today. As a parent, you can help your child have positive experiences whilst online.

Stay involved in your child's use of new technology. Set up your own account and learn about privacy settings so you can understand how you can best protect your child. Check the age restrictions for the social networking service or games. Some social networking sites/games are created especially for children under the age of 13, but most mainstream sites like Facebook, Instagram and others require the user to be 13 or older.

Advise children to set their accounts to private so that only people they want to see it can view their information.

Encourage children to think before they put anything online. Information posted online can be difficult or impossible to remove. An inappropriate comment or image posted today can have a long-term impact on their digital reputation.

Show them how to set up location services on their devices so they are not inadvertently broadcasting their location.

Remind children to be careful when making new friends online; people may not be who they say they are. Never arrange to meet an online friend unless a trusted adult is with them.

Report any abuse or inappropriate content to the social networking/game site and show children how to do this too.

Regards,  
Peter Mitchinson.

Before you...



# THINK!

**T** = Is it True?  
**H** = Is it Helpful?  
**I** = Is it Inspiring?  
**N** = Is it Necessary?  
**K** = Is it Kind?

**DUBLIN CRICKET CLUB**



**GET READY FOR SEASON 2024/25 REGISTRATION DAY**

**SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER @ 11AM**

**ALL AGES - ALL TEAMS**  
Ages 8 - 88

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE BAR OPEN**

FOR MORE INFO  
JUNIORS PH BRIAN 0488 355 622  
SENIORS PH LUKE 0428 838 131



**BULLDOGS BASKETBALL CLUB**

**INTERESTED IN PLAYING?**

SEASON STARTS 18TH OCTOBER  
TRAIN TUESDAYS, PLAY FRIDAYS

V E N U E :  
RALLI PARK

EMAIL YOUR NAME, DOB & CONTACT NUMBER TO  
BULLDOGSBASKETBALLCLUB@OUTLOOK.COM  
BY THE 13TH SEPTEMBER

**JUNIOR & SENIOR COMPETITIONS**



**2024**

FOOTBALL & NETBALL

**JUNIOR Wind-Up**

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18th**

at Rising Sun Hotel, Beer Garden  
Port Wakefield

**BBQ tea from 5pm**  
\$5/child \$10/adult  
**Presentations at 6.30pm**




### 2025 CLASSES

We are currently planning classes for next year. This will assist in structuring the classes, staffing and school budget with greater accuracy. We would greatly appreciate if you could send back the reply slip below by the end of term informing us of your intentions for 2025. If you know of families who may be attending the school, please let us know or encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

We thank you for your assistance.

My child(ren)

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will / will not be attending Port Wakefield Primary School in 2025.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



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22 Mine Street, PORT WAKEFIELD, South. Aust. 5550

Principal: Peter Mitchinson

Learning

Respect

Honesty

Team-

## School Sports Day.

PWPS Sports Day will be held on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (Week 9, Term 3)** at Port Wakefield Town Oval.

Students need to be at the oval by 8.45am to assemble into their teams by 9am. Events start at 9:30am. Recess will be from 10.45 -11.00 am and Lunch from 12.30 – 1.00 pm. We are hoping for a 2.15 – 2.30pm finish for the day.

The program will be finalised shortly and will be sent home at the start of week 9.

### **Recess & Lunch**

There will be a break for recess during the morning's events. Students are expected to bring a packed snack, as per normal along with a water bottle.

We are working on having Subway lunch orders and families can order through the school's Qkr! app. More information regarding this will be sent home shortly once organised and confirmed. Those who will not be having a Subway order need to bring a packed lunch as per normal.

### **Dress Code**

Students are encouraged to wear their team colours on the day. T-shirts with sleeves plus hats and sunscreen are required. No sleeveless tops or tank tops to be worn. Suitable footwear must be worn throughout the day. Don't forget a jumper or jacket if it looks like being cold.

### **Supervision**

As it is a school event - all students are under the care of staff and are expected to stay with their **allocated groups** throughout the day. These will be their year groups during the morning and then house groups for the afternoon.

We ask parents and caregivers if they need to take their child from their group, i.e. toilet break, that they advise their group leader / teacher first.

### **What to bring**

We ask that families to bring a chair along.

### **Uphold School Values**

As this is a whole school community event, we expect our students, parents, caregivers and visitors to uphold our school values being Teamwork, Respect, Honesty and Learning. Please remember that all school activities are smoke and alcohol free. No pets are allowed. Please ensure that you smoke outside the oval fence, preferably out of student view

### **Wet Weather**

Should the weather be inclement and Sports Day be cancelled, an SMS will be sent out to all families. School will then operate as a normal school day.

### **Spectators**

We'd like to invite family and friends to watch and cheer loudly throughout the day so keep the day clear. If you or your child/ren are sick, please stay way.

### **Sports Houses**

Please see the house lists on the other side of this notice.

Nikki Trewin  
Sports Day Coordinator

Peter Mitchinson  
Principal



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## 2024 Sports Day Teams

Rue Madrio – Capt.	Flinders	Althea Almirante – Capt.	Baudin
Darthliam Balbastro	Flinders	John Podiotan	Baudin
Moses Dare	Flinders	Harley Yeates	Baudin
Khadijah Lane	Flinders	Isaac Latimer	Baudin
Ryan Wheeler	Flinders	Tilly Mundy	Baudin
Melody Sem	Flinders	Logan Mundy	Baudin
Archie Cheyne	Flinders	Scarlett Latimer	Baudin
Oscar Cheyne	Flinders	Jamie Perry-Elms	Baudin
Kyah Griffin	Flinders	Luvine Podiotan	Baudin
Aria Cheyne	Flinders	Rory Mundy	Baudin
Brooke Wheeler	Flinders	Renee Perry-Elms	Baudin
Tisharna Stewart	Flinders	Jylen Madden	Baudin
Emileigh Liddelow	Flinders	Aubree Angel	Baudin
Hendrix Stone	Flinders	Jordan Coverdale	Baudin

## 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		Breakfast Club—8am CU Club—3.20-3.50pm	Breakfast Club—8am Parent Club Meeting 2pm Governing Council Meeting 3.15pm				
	16-Sep	17-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep
Week 9		Breakfast Club-8am CU Club—3.20-3.50pm	Breakfast Club 8am		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		



## Children's University (CU) News



### Term 3 Educational Explorer Awards

We would like to congratulate our latest Educational Explorer Award winners – Aurora and Kyah who received their certificates and pins last Friday (week 6). It is a real credit to the children of Port Wakefield PS that the decision on these badges is so hard, (honestly, it's a wonder that I don't lose sleep over deciding who gets these awards). Thank you to everyone, that has worked together to support the children, to make this one of Jody and Ashton's most difficult tasks.



### Two IMPORTANT Parent Notes – Friday week 6 and 7

#### ***Children's University Formal Graduation and Gowning preparation***

On Thursday of week 6, 29<sup>th</sup> August, a parent note went home about Children's University Graduation and graduation Gowning. **Please give this note your attention**, as we need to know if families cannot attend the formal Children's University Graduation on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 5:30 – 7:30pm at the University of Adelaide, at the North Terrace Campus. If this note has been lost or misplaced, copies are available at the front office.

### Special Children's University Term 3 School Holiday Event

On Friday of week 7, 6<sup>th</sup> September a 2<sup>nd</sup> note has gone home to all parents / caregivers of children participating in the Children's University. The letter has details of the **Children's University School Holiday Event at Roseworthy Campus**, University of Adelaide. Children's University staff will be providing **4 Children's University hours' worth of STEM activities** in one of their laboratories on campus. There are **limited numbers for this event**, and places will be allocated on a **'first come, first serve' basis**. Only Owen and Port Wakefield Primary Schools are being invited to this event. Reply slips need to be returned to secure a place at this event.



#### CU Club – Street 'School' Art

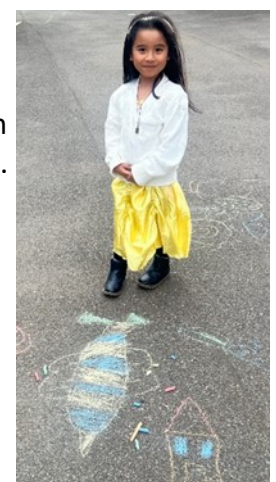
Jody set us the challenge of some quick CU time. We had 5 minutes to think about something that tells a story about us as individuals' and then draw this in chalk in a maximum of 5 minutes. So, for a maximum of 10 minutes work, we got 30 minutes CU time. We had to do some 'hard' and quick thinking and fast-paced drawing outside the Aquarium / UP classroom area, but what amazing results! See below for the pictures because unfortunately our art was destroyed by the weather!

Luvine drew a bee and house because she is active like a 'busy bee'.

John drew about his faith as that has deep meaning for him.

Aria drew nature and said this is her connection "to the world that God made".

Oscar talked about his love of art, and Archie about his love of aircraft and a life filled with travel, just to name a few. Amazing kids and amazing art!





### CU Club – Leading to the end of term 3

We are now in the last weeks of the CU program, unfortunately Ashton and I have been unavailable (unexpectedly) in week 6 and 7 for CU club on the Tuesdays – therefore, we have made contact with most families to make sure to remind their children who are short of CU hours for graduation are doing some work at home either on the CU portal (or work on hardcopy sheets) to make up the final hours needed to ensure graduation this year. For those who are short of hours, we encourage the following:

1. Work on the CU portal – login and password are on the inside of your passport cover.
2. **Finish your Premier's Reading and Be Active Challenges** – 'Be Active' in particular is worth **10 CU hours**.
3. Check the **School Badge Challenge** information in the CU folders (handed out at the beginning of the year) or on the CU portal website, for any activities that your child and family may have done together anytime since 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024.
4. **Most important – get this information** to Jody or Ashton  **asap** in week 8!

Thank you to all those parents who have responded and are encouraging their children to pursue **their goal of 30 CU hours** and **CU graduation** this year.

### Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) News

#### Gawler Show Competitions winners...

Congratulations (in no particular order to) **Althea, Rue, Oscar** and **Aria** who all won certificates or special mentions in the Gawler Show. A big thank you to all who entered, and it is my hope that you will consider entering in the Balaklava Show as below.

#### Balaklava Show – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Ashton and I are now looking at transferring our attention to supporting our local show. We are taking **expressions of interest** for the Balaklava Show child competitions. If you or your child would be interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

We will assist with (as per Gawler Show 2024) in the following categories Floral Art, Cooking, Photography, and Junior Handicrafts (which includes Lego, paintings and drawings). For **information about details of categories**, please see <https://www.balaklavashow.com.au/sections/> School entries are free. However, please hurry, Jody will need to get school entries into the show office by **Wednesday 18th September (Wednesday, week 9)**.





### Garden update from Ashton



The grade 5's planted Lettuce and tomatoes. The tomatoes didn't grow but, the lettuce are doing very well. They planted Gem and Iceberg lettuce.

The Grade 4's Planted celery and carrots. The celery is heading to the moon and the carrots are starting to form in the ground. The children are amazed at the rate at which the celery is growing.



The Grade 6's planted peas and spinach. The peas got bit knocked around by frost but the spinach is doing well. The children had a chance to see a few pea pods form on the plant. They even tried some straight of the ground but, they thought they tasted 'bad' :(

The Grade 3's planted cauliflower and onions. They are both doing well. We keep expecting to see the cauliflower start forming in the centre, but we are still waiting.



The children have learnt the importance of watering the plants regularly. Next lesson, the importance of weeding!

Want to contact us? Here is Jody's email: [jody.byerley386@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:jody.byerley386@schools.sa.edu.au)

Jody and Ashton Chambers—Pastoral Care Workers

PCW Port Wakefield PS