



# PORT WAKEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## End of Term

Term 3 Week 10

Today sees the end of yet another busy and productive term. The students have worked really hard with their learning and they should feel very proud of their many achievements this term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all teaching and SSO staff for the amazing work they have done this term. We are very lucky to have such committed educators working at our school who always want the best for all students and who put there all into providing a school that meets the needs of everyone.

The staff sincerely thanks everyone who has helped out this term. We really value the contribution you make to our school and most importantly to our students' learning.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on October 14th ready for another busy term with lots to look forward to.

Take care and enjoy your spring holiday with family and friends.

## Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was run and won by Baudin (blue team) on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The teams were very even with very little separating them at the end of all the events. I was hugely impressed with our older Middle Upper Primary students supporting the Junior and younger Middle Upper Primary students in the team games and helping Miss T to set up the events. Once again the sports Day at Port Wakefield was a well organised event and I would like to thank Miss T and the rest of the school staff for all their hard work in making the day such a success.

## Pupil Free Day

Next term we will be having our final Pupil Free day. The date for this is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November when staff will be involved in analysing current data in order to set future directions for school improvement in 2025.

Regards,

Peter Mitchinson.

### 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 as soon as possible if not already returned 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## Sports Day

The annual Sports Day at Port Wakefield Primary School held last Friday 20th September, was a delightful event, bringing together students, teachers, and parents for a day of fun and friendly competition. Thankfully the rain stayed away for the day.

The event began with Mr. Mitchinson highlighting the importance of participation, trying your best and enjoyment over winning.

Despite the small numbers, the enthusiasm was on show as students eagerly participated in various events. The day featured classic track and field events such as sprints, long jump, shotput and various team races. The younger students enjoyed activities with the help of our older students.

Congratulations to the Baudin team, who were overall winners of the day—led by Althea and Harley. The scores were very close throughout the day. The final scores were Baudin - 187 points to Flinders - 167 points. A big thank you to Miss. Trewin for organising the day and the staff who assisted.



Students warming up doing the Health Hustle

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Rue for an outstanding year at Hummocks Netball Club.

Rue was awarded Runner-Up 13 & UB Best & Fairest in the Adelaide Plains Netball Association and was also awarded Best and Fairest for 13 & UB at the Hummocks Watchman Football and Hummocks Netball Club Junior Wind-Up last Wednesday night.

Congratulations to all the winners and well done Rue.

*Photos—Courtesy of Hummocks Watchman Football and Hummocks Netball Club Facebook.*



# Port Wakefield Primary School

## Term 4 2024 Calendar



	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	14-Oct	15-Oct	16-Oct	17-Oct	18-Oct	19-Oct	20-Oct
Week 1		All CU passports to be handed in to Jody					
	21-Oct	22-Oct	23-Oct	24-Oct	25-Oct	26-Oct	27-Oct
Week 2							
	28-Oct	29-Oct	30-Oct	31-Oct	01-Nov	02-Nov	03-Nov
Week 3							
	04-Nov	05-Nov	06-Nov	07-Nov	08-Nov	09-Nov	10-Nov
Week 4		Children's University Graduation - 5.30pm in Adelaide					
	11-Nov	12-Nov	13-Nov	14-Nov	15-Nov	16-Nov	17-Nov
Week 5							
	18-Nov	19-Nov	20-Nov	21-Nov	22-Nov	23-Nov	24-Nov
Week 6				First Aid for School—Student Learning			
	25-Nov	26-Nov	27-Nov	28-Nov	29-Nov	30-Nov	01-Dec
Week 7	Pupil Free Day—Site Improvement Planning for Staff						
	02-Dec	03-Dec	04-Dec	05-Dec	06-Dec	07-Dec	08-Dec
Week 8							
	09-Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec	12-Dec	13-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec
Week 9		School Concert - TBC	Whole School Excursion to Bounce Adelaide—TBC		End of Year - Dismiss at 2.00pm		

**Important—Please note: Your child/ren's CU passports need to be handed to Jody by Tuesday Week 1 Term 4.**

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

On Tuesday of this week, children enrolled in the Children's University Program were sized for their academic gowns for graduation. Just a reminder that the **Children's University Graduation** is on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 5:30 – 7:30pm** at the **University of Adelaide**, at the **North Terrace Campus**. Children will be required to be there by 5:15pm as there is some preparation for the children prior to the event.

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

For those who families and children who have registered for this event (Live Destination), please **meet Jody and Ashton** at the **front entrance, University of Adelaide, Roseworthy Campus** on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9:50am**.

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

We have been busy, busy, busy at Children's University Club, especially in the last few weeks of the term.

#### *Mindfulness 'sand' Jars*

Jody gave us a jar, then we had to fill it with some sand, but from where.... hmm... (let's think) ...of course, we have a sandpit! So, we filled our jars to a third, then we looked for things to put in them. From the school grounds, we put in little stones, flowers and bits of wood. Jody gave us access to shells, beads (we could use as 'pearls'), ribbons and sticky stuff for the top of the jar. We were all prepared to take them home, when (mean) Jody said we had to wait to next week.

The following week our job was to review our creations and see how we could improve them. We found this to be a very interesting experiment. First, the flowers looked different, they had died and looked 'yuk', some things had not stuck on the way we hoped and had fallen off. We made some changes by problem-solving... check out our results.



### ***Balaklava Show***

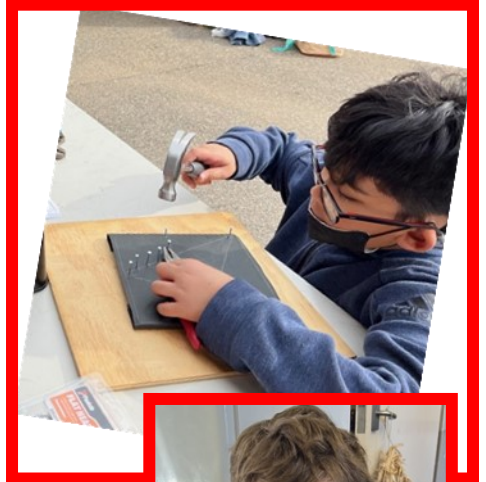
### **Balaklava Show – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

We have a small number of entries in the Balaklava Show this year, wishing all our entries well as they prize to get some recognition for their hard work. Fingers crossed for you!



*Decorative Wooden Hearts / Stars (From the Bunnings 'for kids' Website)*

Ashton gave us a square piece of black painted wood (Ashton and Jody had fun preparing these for us). Then we had to draw a heart or a star shape on these, next Ashton showed us how to hammer the nails into board to create the shape. Finally, we tied coloured string into our



shape and weaved it throughout the nails on the board. We think it looks great, what do you think?

Jody and Ashton would like to thank **Sky Mundy** and **Harriet Cheyne** as well as others who helped their children and us throughout CU club this year.



## Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) News

**Now that the Children's University is almost over for the year...is that it for CU Club?**

Well, the answer is 'yes' and 'no', while they will not be any CU club until next year. After discussion with staff, Ashton and Jody will continue to run a **more general games and activities program** during the same time period 3:20 – 3:50pm.

***Who can come?***

**This club will be open to all PWPS children.**

A program will come out in term 4, week 1. Likely, children will be finishing off some of the above in week 1, so the program will start week 2. There will be no Club in week 4, as that is the Children's University graduation.



We are sorry that Breakfast Club has been disrupted during the middle of term 3, but the sun is coming out and we are back in full swing!

Of course, we will be eating during breakfast club but, we have other things in store.

Cooking practice (for those who come early)

Pancakes and other special treats

Colouring and drawing activities

Remember Jody and Ashton are at school from **8am Tuesdays and Wednesdays!**



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

## 'Go Girls' Pampering!



Last Girls' club of the term was a little special, with Jody bringing in her **new foot spa**. This is how our lesson went...

We had a chat about why we should look after our feet, and there are plenty of good reasons:

We need our feet to walk, run and basically get everywhere

If we get a cut, break, or a blister on our feet, this reduces our ability to travel

If our skin gets tough, it can also lead to other foot problems which can affect our walking.

We wrote all these facts down on our foot chart

We each had a go at using the 'foot spa' and wrote on our chart how it felt, and what the experience was like

Most of the girls, stated that it brightened their mood, and made their feet feel softer. Everyone liked the bubbles!

## Cooking with Ashton

### Making veggie soup on a cold and rainy day....

While we were waiting for the veggies in the garden to finish growing, Ashton showed us how to make vegetable soup with a selection of vegetables like the ones in our garden. All the MUPS class got involved in the cooking but, most importantly all the children got to taste the soup. The majority opinion was we were surprised that vegetable soup could taste so good.



### The Spinach is ready!

A couple of days later, it happened! The spinach was the first vegetable to be ready for cooking. Ashton (with a little help from Jody) found a great recipe – fetta and spinach pizza! Ashton got us to harvest the spinach (get it out of



the ground) and wash it before cooking. When we put the topping on the pizza, we all tried a bit of the fetta (for most it was their first time tasting this cheese), but only the bravest of us put it on our pizza. (The others used cheddar cheese). Result – delicious!

