



PORT WAKEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Events

Term 4 Week 4

Term 4 as usual is turning out to be a very busy but very enjoyable term with lots to look forward to. We have the school concert, transition visits, graduation for our Year 6 student, end of year excursion and of course end of year reports.

Kindy transition

In weeks 5,6,7 and 8 this term, we welcome our 2025 Reception students from the Kindy. This will be a great opportunity for them to get to know their way around the school, meet new friends and meet the staff. I am sure they will have lots of fun and enjoy their time visiting the school.

Pupil Free day

A reminder that we have a pupil free day on Monday 25th November. This day will be used for us to analyse and reflect on data to identify our successes in our school improvement journey and to develop and set our improvement goals and targets for 2025 and beyond.

Inter School Sports day

On Friday 29th November we will be joining with Owen, Hamley Bridge and Tarlee Primary Schools for an Interschool Sports Day. Due to each school having large variations between year levels we have decided that we will pool all students from the four schools together and then split them into 3 teams. We are still in the planning stage of this day and will give you more information as soon as we have it.

Attached to the newsletter is a lunch order form and an excursion consent form. The school will be providing bus transport.

Classes for 2025

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 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 _____

Children's University Graduation

On Tuesday 5th November many of our students travelled to Adelaide for their University of Adelaide Children's University graduation ceremony. This was for me a wonderful opportunity to share this exciting time with them. I would like to congratulate each and every one of our students for all their hard work and commitment that they have shown this new program at our school. You all truly deserve the awards that you received and I can't wait to see what you achieve in 2025. A huge thank you to Jody and Ashton, our PCWs for the passion and commitment they have shown to helping our students achieve all that they have.

World Teacher's Day

On 25th October we celebrated World Teachers' Day. This was a special opportunity for us to recognise and appreciate the invaluable contributions of teachers here at Port Wakefield. I feel that we are very fortunate to have teachers whose tireless efforts inspire young minds, ignite passions, and empower our students to reach their full potential. A huge thank you to Jody, our PCW who arranged gifts and a wonderful morning tea to say thank you to our teachers for all their hard work.

Regards, Peter Mitchinson.


DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

In My Bedroom

Word Search

- ALARM CLOCK
- BED
- BLANKET
- BOOKSHELF
- CHAIR
- CLOSET
- CLOTHES
- COMPUTER
- CURTAINS
- DESK
- DRESSER
- HANGER
- LAMP
- MIRROR
- NIGHTSTAND
- PAJAMAS
- PILLOW
- PLAY
- READ
- RUG
- SHEETS
- SLEEP
- TELEVISION
- TOYS

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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		CU Graduation Party 3.10-3.50pm	Kindy Transition 9.00-11.20am				
	18-Nov	19-Nov	20-Nov	21-Nov	22-Nov	23-Nov	24-Nov
Week 6		Kindy Transition 9.00-11.20am CU Activities Club		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	CU Activities Club	Kindy Transition 9.00-1.20am		Interschool Sports Day at Owen		
	02-Dec	03-Dec	04-Dec	05-Dec	06-Dec	07-Dec	08-Dec
Week 8		Kindy Transition 9.00am—3.00pm					
	09-Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec	12-Dec	13-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec
Week 9		School Concert	Whole School Excursion to Bounce Adelaide		End of Year - Dismiss at 2.00pm		

Final Weeks of CU for our first year!

So, sooo much happened in the last weeks of Children's University for the season 2024. First, there was the special holiday event organized especially just for Owen PS and Port Wakefield PS at Roseworthy Campus, Adelaide University. Then there was the final rush to do last-minute hours before the close of hours for 2024 in the first week of the term. A few children and families took the opportunity to go up a level, from bronze to silver or from silver to gold. And finally, the best night ever as we celebrated our efforts at the Children's University Graduation last Tuesday. Jody is happy to report that all 16 children from PWPS were able to attend (plus one sibling from Balaklava HS).

CU Holiday Event at Roseworthy Campus

We were greeted by the friendly CU staff at Roseworthy Campus who took us into their laboratory. First, we made stethoscopes from stuff that you would not normally use to make stethoscopes but, it was great fun and their even worked! We could really hear our heart beating...

Then we had fun making our own bacteria and virus out of playdoh, however we needed to write down all the particulars of our creations, whether they were helpful or harmful to humans and what they 'special powers or abilities' were. Some of the PWPS children were even brave enough to stand up in front of families and CU staff and give a report to the group.

Time for a tour around the campus and looked at some awesome animal skeletons, the horse hospital area and said 'hello' to the goats, and finally we had a game of virus tag, the children who were virus and bacteria were chased by the different children who were white blood cells. It

was a fun day, and we would love to go back again if we are invited!



Final Projects of CU club

In the final weeks of term 3 and the start of term 4, we finished off our projects – String Art with Ashton and Sand Jars with Jody, some children got the opportunity to try Fire work art (we used paint on black paper using small rolls of cardboard to make a fireworks effect). Look out for next newsletter for details of what we having been doing in term 4 activities / CU club.



Congratulations Graduates of 2024



**Bronze
Award**



Congratulations Graduates of 2024



Silver
Award



Congratulations Graduates of 2024



Gold Award



Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) News

Results from the Balaklava Show

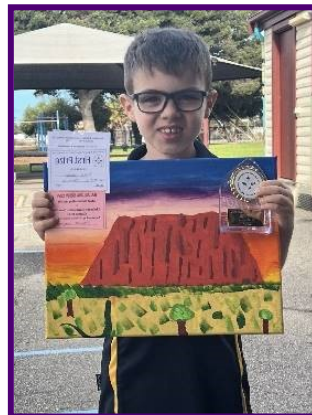
Port Wakefield was well represented at the Balaklava Show, and we had success in a number of categories as well as winning two overall grade grouping 'best in show'. A big, thanks to all the children who were brave and entered, especially those from our Junior Primary class who entered for the first time.

Special congratulations to the following prize winners:



Tilly Mundy – 2nd Prize in Junior Photography – Reception to Year 6, any subject.

Oscar Cheyne – 2nd Prize in Painting – Year 3 and 4



Aria Cheyne – 1st Prize in Painting Reception to Year 2

Archie Cheyne – 1st Prize in Painting – Year 3 and 4.

Both Aria and Archie also took out the Trophies for Most Outstanding Article, Aria for Reception to Year 2 and Archie for Year 3 to 4. We are all most proud of all of you!



From the Garden

We are at the 'business' end of our gardening efforts this year, with lots of vegetables to enjoy and use in our cooking. Ashton and the MUPS have been cooking up a storm, with staff using much of the produce from the garden for cooking as well. Year 3 and 4's recently made cauliflower cheese, and carrot salad. The Junior Primary continue to look after there flowers, which has been tricky because there is a bit of a war coming on with the weeds!

However, our flowers are looking lovely....

Boy's Crew turn at Foot Spa Pampering!

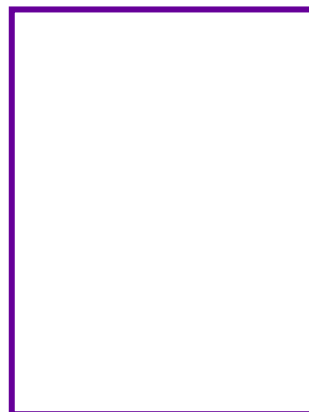


The boys wanted their turn, their initial report on foot spa, "So relaxing".

We will give more details about the Girls and Boys club goings in the next newsletter.

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

Jody and Ashton Chambers
Pastoral Care Workers,
PCWs
Port Wakefield PS





Consent form for Camps, Excursions, Sporting or Adventure activities

This form applies to all Department for Education settings including schools, preschools, and early childhood services

Dear Parent/Caregivers

Port Wakefield PS has organised the excursion detailed below. If you would like your child to attend, please complete and return the parental consent form on page 2.

If you do not consent to your child participating in this excursion/camp, an alternative plan will need to be negotiated with the site for the duration of the activity.

See [Camps and excursions policy \(education.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.education.sa.gov.au) for more information

Activity information

Excursion or camp: School Combined Sports Day at Owen PS											
Location: Owen Primary School, OWEN, SA											
From:	-----	-----	-----	To:	-----	-----	-----	Or on:	29	11	2024
Educational purpose of the program and activities to be undertaken: Sports days provide opportunities for students to develop their physical skills, including coordination, balance, agility, and overall fitness. These activities help students to improve their motor skills and physical health. Participation in sports day activities fosters teamwork, cooperation, and communication among students. It helps them to build relationships, work collaboratively, and develop a sense of community.											
Clothing or equipment required for the activity (if applicable): Information to be confirmed about team colours. Suitable footwear – sandshoes/runners – no sandals or slip-on shoes, school hat, water bottle, sunscreen (school has a supply of sunscreen) and warm clothing in case it is a cooler day.											
Number of supervising staff: 7			Number of adult volunteers: 0			Number of instructors (if applicable): N/A			Adult to child ratio: 1:4		
Number of children attending: 29 students											
Costs/payment requirements: Nil School is covering the cost of the bus.											
Transport arrangements (including departure/arrival times): Yorke Peninsula Coaches 8.45am – depart Port Wakefield PS 9.20am – Arrive at Owen PS 2.00pm – depart Owen PS 2.45pm – Arrive at Port Wakefield PS											
Contact person and contact details: Peter Mitchinson – Principal 0416 650 178											
Sleeping arrangements (if applicable): N/A											
Contingency plans (if the excursion is cancelled or altered): Back up day for Sports Day if weather is inclement – Monday 2/12/24											

To be completed by parent/carer and returned ED 170

Health support

Does your child have any health support or medication administration needs that should be considered for this activity?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, has a care plan/medication agreement been provided to the school/preschool?	Yes	No
Are there any other matters that may impact your child's safe participation in the above activities?	Yes	No

Please outline details:

Agreement

- Supervising staff/instructors will use the site's behaviour management processes needed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students.
- If there is an accident or illness, supervising staff will provide first aid and call an ambulance if required. The school/preschool will inform me as soon as possible. I will cover all medical expenses for my child, but I can ask the department to pay for ambulance costs if my child does not have private ambulance cover.
- Where appropriate, I have provided updated health information for my child, including any extra support they need.
- The information I have given is accurate. The information provided will be used solely for the purpose of ensuring your child's safety during excursions and will be used in accordance with the Information Privacy Principles Instruction.
- I can ask the school/preschool to provide me with a copy of the risk management plan for this excursion/camp if needed.

Parent/carer consent

I have read and agree with all the information provided and give my consent for my child to attend this activity:		
Name of activity	Combined Schools Sports Day	
Student/child name:		
Parent/Carer:		
Name:		
Signature:		Date:
Phone number:		
Who can we contact in case of an emergency for the duration of this activity:		
Name:		
Relationship to the child/student		
Phone number/s:		