



# PORT WAKEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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Term 4 Week 9

We have come to the end of yet another year and what a wonderful year it has been.

It has been a huge pleasure for me to be part of the wonderful school community that we have here at Port Wakefield.

It has been especially wonderful working with the students and watching them grow and celebrate all their achievements. Well done to the students, staff and families for the part you have played in making Port Wakefield such a fantastic place to be!

Schools achieve more when they have the support of the whole school community and I have to say that we are very fortunate to have a strong community that wants to be involved and who wants the best for everyone at the school.

Special thanks go to Governing Council and Parent Club members and their leaders whose **dedication, passion and willingness to make a difference to students' lives is really appreciated.** Please give your support to these worthwhile committees in 2025. They really are an essential part of enriching the lives of students at our school.

## Graduations

We farewell our Year 6 student, Althea. We wish her well as she continues her learning journey at high school, and we wish her every success in the future. We have watched her grow and mature as she has faced new challenges, embraced new experiences, discovered new talents, acquired new skills and developed positive attitudes and values that will hold her in good stead for her future education and for life. I would personally like to say that it has been such a privilege for me watching you grow into the wonderful, mature young adult that you are. Please **don't forget where your journey began** because we will not forget you! Always remember to follow your dreams, believe in yourself, follow your passions and always strive to be the very best that you can be. Congratulations again Althea and all the very best for the future.

## Concert

Congratulations to the students for a fantastic performance on Tuesday night. I am so proud of the way that everyone has pulled together and supported each other throughout our concert preparations, rehearsals and performance. I think you will agree that Port Wakefield students have a very diverse range of talent and managed to put together a great musical extravaganza. In order to create this great concert, we needed the help of a great team of students, teachers, SSOs, and parents. It just goes to show the wonderful things that can be achieved when everyone works collaboratively towards a common goal. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in the concert. You are all amazing.

## 2025 Classes

The structure and teachers for the classes at Port Wakefield for 2025 are as follows.

R-2 class – Megan Parish (Monday and Tuesday) Nikki Trewin (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

Year 3-6 – Tracey McGrath

NIT specialised teacher – Nikki Trewin (Monday and Tuesday) Pauline Baker (Wednesday -term 1)

The school is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and passionate staff. They are all very excited about teaching your children next year and have already started planning and thinking for 2025.

The staff and I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. I hope your Christmas and New Year celebrations will be filled with fun, laughter & special memories of family and friends.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

# Port Wakefield PS—2024 School Awards

Students of the Year

Luvine Podiotan and Aria Cheyne



Principal's Award

Harley Yeates



Lodge St. Vincent Award  
Presented by Mr. Kevin Bubner

Althea Almirante



Fraser Ellis Values Award

Archie Cheyne



Port Wakefield Golf and Bowls  
Club Award

Rue Madrio



Rowan Ramsey Award for  
Services to the School  
Community

Jody Chambers—PCW



PWPS Volunteer Acknowledgement Recipients

Christine Mundy, Heather Downie, Sara Humpherson,  
Harriet Cheyne, Robert Thompson & Bick Tran (not  
pictured) and Skye Mundy (not pictured)

Year 6 Graduation  
Althea Almirante



**Congratulations to everyone and thank you!**

**Santa Visit to the Junior Primary Class**





## Remembrance Day

Students and staff took part in our Remembrance Day Service on Monday 11th of November 2024. We all placed a poppy around our flags. The MUP students with the assistance of Jody, our PCW and Mr. Mitchinson, made a wreath to commemorate those who served and sacrificed their lives during World War 1. We even had a few of the general public stop and join in at the front of the school.

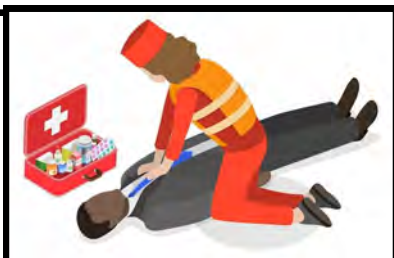


# St. John's First Aid comes to Port Wakefield PS on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

We were so excited to meet Annie, the instructor from St. Johns. She first visited the JP classroom and taught us how to recognise and support adults in responding to an emergency including learning how to put someone in the Recovery position. We also got 'had a go' at caring for wounds and bandaging. We learnt lots!

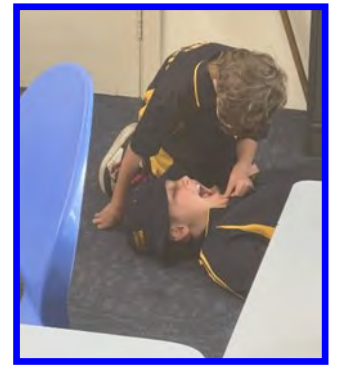


In the MUPS classroom, the children learnt more advanced life-saving techniques using our Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing, CPR and Defibrillator knowledge.



## St. John's First Aid—cont.

We learnt the Recovery position and CPR response for adults and children. We took this seriously, as this learning could save a life! We also now have a defibrillator machine at school if needed.



## Spanish Visit by Miss Ulla

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Ulla Clifford, our online Spanish teacher came to pay her final face to face visit for the year. This time we were especially lucky. Of course all visits have been excellent, but this one involved food.

We made gazpacho and had some bread with it. Archie's idea of cutting bread was novel and we nearly had Archie bread, a bit like garlic bread but with a different vibe. Tomato lovers loved the soup.

We also made some salsa that went well with corn chips. Melody cut up the chilli pepper - carefully.

Althea and Oscar bravely volunteered to cut up the onions and we thank them for their sacrifice. The salsa was pretty spicy. Many who are accustomed to chilli really enjoyed the salsa. Some enjoyed it even though they were not so spice-adjusted. Logan turned a pretty shade of dark pink. But not for long.

Only one person was not able to try any of the menu. Ulla was most impressed by your children and their approach to trying different foods, expecting to encounter much more fussiness. They are a credit to their parents. But she also loves to come here as she says they are amazing students with beautiful behaviour.

We wish she could visit more often.

Thank you Ulla.



## Term 1 2025 Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	27 Jan	28 Jan	29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan	1 Feb	2 Feb
Week 1	Australia Day Public Holiday	Term 1 starts					
	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb
Week 2							
	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb
Week 3							
	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb
Week 4							
	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	2 Mar
Week 5							
	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar	9 Mar
Week 6	Swimming Week						
	10 Mar	11 Mar	12 Mar	13 Mar	14 Mar	15 Mar	16 Mar
Week 7	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday						
	17 Mar	18 Mar	19 Mar	20 Mar	21 Mar	22 Mar	23 Mar
Week 8							
	24 Mar	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar	29 Mar	30 Mar
Week 9							
	31 Mar	1 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr	6 Apr
Week 10							
	7 Apr	8 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr	13 Apr
Week 11					End of Term 1— 2.00pm dismiss		