



Dear families and friends

For the past 3 weeks, the teachers have taken the time to get to know their students, setting up routines and high classroom expectations. They have also explicitly used this time to 'warm up' the students' thinking after such a long break. Teachers have spent time revising and teaching effective spelling and reading skills and strategies students should use in everyday reading and writing activities.

SPELLING
Strategies

At the culmination of this time, the students will sit an **ACER PAT Spelling Test** (Years 2-6) and **DRA** (Years 1-6) assessments. These assessments will provide valuable information to the teachers to guide their teaching and learning for their classes. This data will inform us as a whole school what we collectively do well and where we need to focus on our areas of development.



Language
Screen

This year, **Prep - Year 2** students will undergo a comprehensive **Oral Language Screener** that will allow us to track the progress of their oral language skills and identify those who would benefit from interventions or specialist support. The screener will identify students' strengths and weaknesses regarding expressive vocabulary, listening

comprehension, receptive vocabulary, and sentence repetition.

In **Week 7, Years 3 and 5**, students will sit the **NAPLAN** (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) test. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills students learn through their regular school curriculum. To assist parents with understanding NAPLAN, there is a **free parent webinar on Wednesday, 19th February, from 7 pm - 8:30 pm**. Please see the flyer below and Seesaw for more information and the registration link.

NAPLAN
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

Parents and carers of **Prep and Year 1** students are invited to attend their classes' **Parent Information Sessions**. These sessions will take place in your child's classroom, and the Teachers will use this opportunity to share classroom expectations, routines, homework and other aspects of your child's daily routine.

We hope to see you there!

Year 1 - Wednesday, 12th February at 3:25 pm.

Prep - Thursday, 13th February at 3:25 pm.

Have a good week
Nicole Anderson

A Prayer for the Virtue of Respect: Father, grant us the grace to see Your image in every person we encounter. Fill our hearts with a profound respect for all Your creations, and guide us to treat others with kindness, dignity, and love. Help us to listen with empathy and speak with gentleness, mirroring the compassion and respect that Your Son, Jesus, showed to all. May we honour You by honouring each other. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us.

WOULD YOU LET YOUR CHILD MISS A YEAR OF SCHOOL?

One day off each fortnight is equal to missing more than a year of schooling by the end of Year 12. A reminder to our families to develop good habits with your child by ensuring they always attend school, unless there is reasonable excuse. The more time your child has at school, the more likely they will achieve in their learning.

Every day counts

MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day

OK reasons to stay home from school: sick, natural disasters

It's NOT OK to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even 1 day can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Prep. It's where good habits begin

ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Each 1% increase in school attendance may relate to 2-3 NAPLAN score points

What parents can do:

- Promote the importance of school
- Ask to know the teacher
- Go to school events
- Read the school newsletter
- Be supervised at home
- Supervise homework
- Ask about your child's day
- Volunteer to help at school

Get involved in your child's school

For more information Go to the Every day counts website: <https://education.qld.gov.au/initiatives-and-strategies/initiatives/every-day-counts>

Important Dates	
12 th Feb	Year 1 Information Session 3.25pm
13 th Feb	Prep Information Session 3.25pm
14 th Feb	Yr 6 Leadership assembly
18 th Feb	Indigenous Hearing
21 st Feb	Bishop's Inservice Day PUPIL FREE DAY
21 st Feb	Term 1 school fees due
25 th Feb	Prep Vision Screening
12 th Mar	NAPLAN starts

swop it everyday in the lunchbox

Stress-free fussy eating ideas

Fussy eating is common, but that still doesn't make it easy.

Does your child dislike foods because of their colour, texture or the way they are prepared?

Don't despair, SWAP IT will help with ideas on how to pack an everyday lunchbox for your fussy eater.



Try the **3:1 lunchbox rule** everyday:

- Three items your child likes
- One new everyday item



Unpacking NAPLAN: a webinar for parents

Parent webinar.

If you are a parent of a Queensland school student, you won't want to miss this free parent webinar, brought to you by the peak parent bodies in Queensland.

Curious (or worried) about NAPLAN? NAPLAN is a point-in-time test for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Hear from experts about what NAPLAN is, why you don't need to be concerned and how to reassure your young person.

This webinar is brought to you by the Queensland Joint Parent Committee. Register for this free webinar:

DATE	Wednesday 19 February
TIME	7.00pm – 8.30pm
MODE	Online
COST	Free

[REGISTER](#)

You're Invited

Year 7 2026 Enrolment Information Evening

We invite all intending Year 7 2026 parents to attend our Enrolment Information Evening on Monday 3 March at 5:30pm in the College Mercy Centre. Applications for Year 7 2026 Enrolment close on Thursday 3 April 2025. Visit our website to apply online.



www.fccr.com.au

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Learn how to read music and play popular songs (all genres)

all ages are welcome to apply for lessons



2025 QLD COUNTRY Women's Rugby FORUM

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY ROCKHAMPTON

A MUST ATTEND EVENT FOR ALL COACHES, PLAYERS, REFEREES & ADMINISTRATORS IN WOMEN'S & GIRLS CONTACT SPORTS

Morning Session (Multi-Sport)

- Breast Injuries and Protection
- Concussion in Women
- Pelvic Floor health

Afternoon Session (Rugby Union)

- Scrummaging
- Refereeing
- Player Panel

Gala Dinner

Keynote speaker Shannon Parry OAM. Experience the unique Skyfire Brazillias BBQ and an entertaining night of rugby stories from a pioneer of Women's Rugby.



Old Country Womens Rugby Forum

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The Queensland Government provided funding to Rugby Capricornia Referees Association to host the Old Country Womens Rugby Forum to enable Queenslanders to participate in sport and recreation activities.

COME AND TRY



FREE HOCKEY PACK FOR ALL NEW PARTICIPANTS WHO REGISTER, INCLUDING STICK, SHINGUARDS & BALL.

WHEN

- Tuesday February 11th
- Thursday February 20th
- 5-6pm

WHERE

- Kalka Shades/Birdwood Park
34 Water Street, North Rockhampton

CONTACT

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PORT CURTIS ROAD STATE SCHOOL
1875 - 2025

150th Celebration

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 2025

Save the date to reminisce about the last 150 years at Port Curtis Road State School.

