



CURTIN COURIER

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We seek to inspire
We gather to support
We strive to succeed

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Diary Dates

18, 20, 21 Sept
3/4 History
Perspectives
Excursion

21 Sept Indonesian
Day

22 Sept KJG Assembly
2:00pm

22 Sept PJ's/ Mufti Day
gold coin donation

22 Sept End of Term3

9 Oct Start of Term 4

13 Oct Athletics
Carnival

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Dear parents/carers

Term 3 has been a big one. We have had a big term filled with highlights. These include daily learning in classrooms, our STEM festival, first Book Swap, a successful walkathon and most recently, excellent presentations by our teams in the *Tournament of Minds* finals, with one team now heading to Adelaide for the next level of competition. We have welcomed nine new students and four new staff. Today, we also farewell, Jeff Suptut who has taught chess across the school and supported our teams in competitions. Jeff's association with chess at Curtin has spanned decades, and we thank him for his contribution. We look forward to continuing with chess in 2018, with a new coach to be sought.

At a whole school level, planning for 2018 is well underway. This occurs through reflecting on student learning results, considering student wellbeing approaches and through a range of surveys to gather information from students, staff and families. Many families will be looking for opportunities to give information about their child with relation to their progress, class placement or social learning. At this point, we encourage the first step of communicating with your class teacher to discuss your child's progress learning in term 4 and into 2018.

At a general level, I would like to thank the families who have contributed to the surveys regarding our PALs program, and the *School Satisfaction Survey*. Summaries of these surveys will be published in term 4. The online surveys will close on the 29th September. In the meantime please see the below invitation.

The end of term 3 signals the end of the cold days and hopefully the winter germs that have had such a big impact on students and staff this term. We wish all students a restorative break to recharge and return to school ready for term 4.

Yours in learning,
Merryn

You are invited!

Be part of a small group discussion about education at Curtin. Join the principal, Merryn O'Dea for morning or afternoon tea to discuss the research into gifted learning and other aspects of school life at Curtin. This is an opportunity to ask general questions and contribute to creating a dynamic learning environment at Curtin.

Groups will be capped at eight participants to ensure opportunities for participation.

Please note, evening sessions are not being offered due to school information sessions for new enrolments occurring across the school.



When	Week 1	Wednesday 11 October, 9.00-10:30am	Week 6	Friday, 17 November, 9.00-10:30am
	Week 2	Thursday 19 October, 9.00-10:30am & 3.15-4.45pm	Week 7	Wednesday, 22 November, 9.00-10:30am
	Week 3	Friday, 27 October, 9.00-10:30am	Week 8	Thursday 30 November, 9.00-10:30am & 3.15-4.45pm
	Week 4	Wednesday 1 November, 9.00-10.30am	Week 9	Friday, 8 December, 9:00am – 10:30am
	Week 5	Thursday 9 November, 9.00-10:30am & 3.15-4.45pm		
Where	Front Office Meeting Room			
RSVP	Please send your name, preferred date and any dietary requirements to CurtinPS@ed.act.edu.au			

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return By
17/8/2017	Year 3-6 Footsteps Dance Company	22/9/2017

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at assembly this week:

Kinder CS	Oliver K Maeve M	3/4WL	Elinor H Drew F
Kinder TM	Keith T Hannah M	3/4KS	Libby S Mateja S
Kinder JG	Grace W Valentina HH	3/4LR	Nick D Edie S
Kinder KK	Matthijs G Filip S	3/4TM	Nikolai K Holly R
1/2AS	Asal Y Kitty T	3/4KL	Amelia C Riley W Chase M
1/2KZ	Ali N Loki W	5TD	Ben P Aiden W
1/2KO	William O Matilda T	5LS	Jim C Katy K
1/2MW	Maya J Maya C	5JW	Joyce I-R Chase M
1/2LH	Massi M Emily M	6RD	Milly W Penny M
1/2SL	Riley A Matilda W	6HH	Lauren D Juliet D
3/4RT	Mason E Max H		

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) NEWS

Our expectations at Curtin are to have Safe, Respectful Learners. As part of our commitment in the PBL process we have now developed a matrix of expectations and behaviours for different settings in our school. This matrix outlines clearly what rules we expect our school community to follow to maintain positive behaviours for learning in all spaces. The matrix to date has had input from staff, students and the P&C. It is attached for wider consultation with the whole school community. If you have any suggestions please contact leanne.harrigan@ed.act.edu.au

Tournament of Minds

Congratulations to the three Tournament of Minds teams who represented Curtin Primary competing against the best schools in the ACT at the Territory Finals on Sunday. All three teams worked incredibly hard engaging in team work, thinking skills and creativity to come up with their solution over three hours, which they then presented to the judges and an audience of family and friends. We had teams competing in Maths Engineering, Social Science and Language Literature.

A special CONGRATULATIONS goes to our Maths Engineering team who won! Jada – Lily L, Stella K, Yujing L, Jaz C, Katy K and Sophie G who will be going on to represent ACT at the Australian Pacific Finals in Adelaide in October. They will be accompanied by Mrs Sonya Nemarich and Mrs Deborah Fitzgerald as they travel to Adelaide to compete against the best teams from all over Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Singapore and Hong Kong. We wish them all the very best as they prepare over the next few weeks and maybe come back as the Australian Pacific champions!

Sonya Nemarich

Walkathon

Just a reminder that to be eligible to win the major prizes from the Walkathon that the cut-off date is Thursday 21st September. The assembly will be announced early term 4. Thank you to all those who have returned their money. So far we have reached the \$9000 mark and are working towards our total of \$20,000. We appreciate your support!

Kindergarten Culminating Event

Kindergarten friends and families are invited to come along to the Kindergarten classrooms on:

Thursday, 12th October at 9.00am.

The Kindergarten students would love to share their learning with you.



SPORT NEWS

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SWIMMING PROGRAM 2017

We are excited to announce our swimming program for 2017.

All programs will be run at Tuggeranong Pool in Term 4, Weeks 8-9 in the afternoon.

Year 2: 12.25pm - 12.55pm

Kindergarten & Yr 1: 1pm – 1.30pm

Year 3/4: 1.35-2.05pm

Years 5 & 6 participated in the Bronze Rescue Program in Term 1.

Year 2: AQUA SAFE

Curtin Primary School is excited to be offering Year 2 students the opportunity to acquire essential life skills in water safety and survival through Royal Life Saving ACT. **It is our aim to have 100% participation.**

The ACT Education and Training Directorate provides substantial funding for Year 2 students in ACT Public Schools to participate in the Royal Life Saving ACT *Aqua Safe* program – a series of 10 practical and 5 theory lessons focussed on general water safety and personal aquatic survival skills. This targeted approach will ensure every participating student has the opportunity to access structured aquatic activities during primary school.

PLEASE NOTE: These are not 'swimming lessons' they are survival skills

The cost of the program is \$50 per student.

Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 3 & 4: SWIM AND SURVIVE

Swim and survive is a comprehensive swimming and water safety initiative of Royal Life Saving that seeks to increase the swimming and water safety skills of all Australian children to prevent drowning and increase participation in safe aquatic activity.

The cost of the program is \$106 per student.

Expression of interest notes went home on Monday.

We only have 65 places available for each time slot.

Please return expression of interest by **this Friday 22nd September** to be considered for placement.

NO PAYMENT IS REQUIRED YET.

Canteen News

Canteen will be **closed this Friday 22 September** due to end of term cleaning, stocktake.

Have a great break!

Lizzy

TWILIGHT FAIR

Preparations for the Twilight Fair are underway! The Fair is [on Friday 10th of November](#) and it is time to start allocating stalls to classes. We also need ideas for new stalls! If you are interested in coordinating a stall, or have a suggestion for a stall, please get in contact with your class representative.

5 Cent Drive

Is about to begin so start saving up

“Coins over here

Coins over there



Maybe even in your dad’s underwear” 9 year old author

Prizes for the Winning classes

1st – Pizza Party

2nd – Ice-creams

3rd – Cupcake

Thank You – South Curtin Preschool Working Bee

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents, friends, teachers and children who turned up in the rain to help at the South Curtin Preschool working bee on Saturday. There was concreting, painting, planting and building and the garden looks fantastic. Thanks to everyone for the donations of time, know-how, supplies, vouchers and morning tea!

An extra special thank you to Anthony from Magnet Mart in Phillip for donating lots of supplies for the working bee including concrete, soil and paint.



LOST PROPERTY

Hi everyone,

With the end of Term 3 approaching it's time to checkout lost property and see if any of your belongings are there. A reminder to please label your belongings with your surname. At the end of week 10 I will be donating any unnamed items.

Many thanks,

Rebecca



PJ /Mufti Day

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2017

Dress in your PJ's Mufti clothing

Bring a Gold Coin Donation

All proceeds will help send our team to Tournament of Minds finals in Adelaide.

RE: Changes to the Transport Canberra Bus Network, Saturday 7 October 2017.

On Saturday 7 October 2017, Transport Canberra will be introducing a revised network and timetable. This change is the first of a series of improvements towards an integrated public transport system in 2018 with the introduction of light rail to the nation's capital.

This information including new timetables and maps are now available for parents and students to view on the Transport Canberra website – transport.act.gov.au

Some dedicated school services have also changed. We ask all parents and students to check their school route timings and maps for changes. This information is available on the [schools page](#). You can choose to search by *Route Number* or *School Name*.

Community News

Woden Community Service
School Holiday Program

Curtin K-Yr.6 Program Patterson Hall at Curtin Primary School Theodore St, Curtin Coordinators: Tim Palmer and Tim Yap	Duffy P-Yr.6 Program "Play Space" at Duffy Primary School Burrinjuck Cres. Duffy Coordinators: Jodie Wastell and Vidya Chandra
Garran K-Yr.6 Program School Hall at Garran Primary School Gillmore Cres. Garran Coordinators: Brian Pearce and Elise Bailey	Red Hill K-Yr.6 Program School Hall at Red Hill Primary School Astrolabe St. Red Hill Coordinators: Michael Abbott and Daniel Burden

Throughout the school holidays:
Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th September
Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th October
8:00am – 6:00pm daily

Cost: \$75.25 per day, including excursions!
CCR & CCR available.
Bookings are now open
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For further information please contact:
Courtney on (02) 6147 3318
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Website: www.wcs.org.au

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When: Thursday – 19th & 26th October, and 2nd November
Where: St James Church, Gillies St, Curtin
Time: 4.30-5.30pm – 3yrs to 7yrs
5.30-6.30pm – 8yrs to 13yrs
For more information about calisthenics go to www.deanne.com.au



Lost School Jumper

Missing school jumper labelled Arianne Jeremiah. If you have seen this jumper please return to the front office