



# CURTIN COURIER

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## Diary Dates

20 Oct Assembly  
3/4WL 2:00pm

26 Oct Athletics  
Ribbons 8-12years  
2:15pm

27 Oct Assembly KCS  
2:00pm

3 Nov Assembly 3/4RT  
2:00pm

10 Nov Twilight Fair

13 Nov Nth preschool  
Parent information for  
2018 6pm-7pm

14 Nov Sth preschool  
Parent information for  
2018 6pm-7pm

14 Nov Bandstrav  
Rehearsal

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Athletics carnival

Last Friday was the school athletics carnival. It was a fabulous day, with beautiful warm weather and many eager students participating in various athletic and novelty events. It was great to have so many parents attend and even participate in some of the events themselves. A huge thanks to Mrs Beresford for her coordination of the day and to the house captains for motivating everyone with their dance moves and chants. Congratulations to Oakey house for taking out the win.

### ICAS certificates

We have recently received the final envelope with our ICAS certificates. On Friday 17 November (week 6) we will hold a special ICAS assembly and present students with their certificates. Names of students receiving awards at this assembly will be in week 5 newsletter.

### School reports

Our school based report will look a little different for semester two. The report will be one page in length and have a combined comment covering the curriculum areas taught. Reports will continue to record your child's achievement against the expected achievement standards for their year level and provide the same information about work habits as in previous reports. A-E grade reports will still accompany the school based report for students in years 1-6.

### 2018 class planning

Over the coming weeks, teachers will begin to look at classes in preparation for 2018. Students will be asked to nominate five peers who they would like to have in their class next year. With this we aim to place each child with at least one of their nominated peers. As well as choosing friends, it is important for students to take some time to think of peers with whom they work well. Please see the attached information sheet about school structures for 2018, which outlines the findings of our research into the impact of the streamed PALs classes on learning at Curtin.

### School Satisfaction Survey feedback

Feedback from community helps strengthen connections between home and school and plays a valuable part in guiding future plans. Last term staff, senior students and parents were invited to have their say about our school through the school satisfaction survey. Overall our parent feedback was very positive, with a resounding number of parents:

- strongly agreeing their child likes being at this school and that teachers expect them to do their best
- feeling they can talk to teachers about their child, and,
- feeling that community partnerships are valued and maintained.

A couple of areas highlighted for further consideration are; communication between home/school, parent input into decision making, and the management of student behaviour. This year our school embarked on its journey in developing whole school Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL). After consultation with families, students and staff, the PBL team have finalised our matrix of expected behaviours for the various areas around the school. The P&C have already donated money for signage and our next goal is to purchase posters to remind students of these expectations. Further PBL updates will be included in upcoming school newsletters.

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## After School Care

After School Care is a highly valued service at Curtin. To ensure student safety, the licence agreement for out of hours care requires exclusive use of the play area during care hours. Gradually over time, increasing numbers of students and families are staying on the grounds in the afternoon. While some flexibility has been given to create community atmosphere, some issues have arisen. To support the smooth and safe running of After School Care, please be aware the following expectations will now apply.

1. Unless at After School Care, no students will use the senior play equipment after school.
2. The senior area of the school grounds is for exclusive use by After School Care from 3.15pm. Anyone accessing the bike rack after this time should do so quickly, without joining After School Care students.

Please also note, the concrete path near the oval provides the border of school grounds. Families are able to access the oval at any time. Thank you for your consideration.

Kate North

## AWARDS

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

<b>Kinder CS</b>	Catherine R Malachi W	<b>3/4WL</b>	Asha C Willy M
<b>Kinder TM</b>	Torsten H Lillie C	<b>3/4KS</b>	Fred C Sophie T
<b>Kinder JG</b>	Aiden W Gus B	<b>3/4LR</b>	Madison B Max C
<b>Kinder KK</b>	Emilia V Vedha K	<b>3/4TM</b>	Nikolai M Ayrton R
<b>1/2AS</b>	Molly McA Hayden C	<b>3/4KL</b>	Josh K Isabella D
<b>1/2KZ</b>	Emma C Chayse S-J	<b>5TD</b>	Keanan P Emily S
<b>1/2KO</b>	Elizabeth D Audrey R	<b>5LS</b>	Bryn C Yujing L
<b>1/2MW</b>	Angus A Stefan C	<b>5JW</b>	Jacob S Annika C
<b>1/2LH</b>	Chloe K Charlie L	<b>6RD</b>	Lucia S Logan G
<b>1/2SL</b>	Anthony P Selina L	<b>6HH</b>	Tom C Maddy D
<b>3/4RT</b>	Mason E Kate S		

# TWILIGHT FAIR

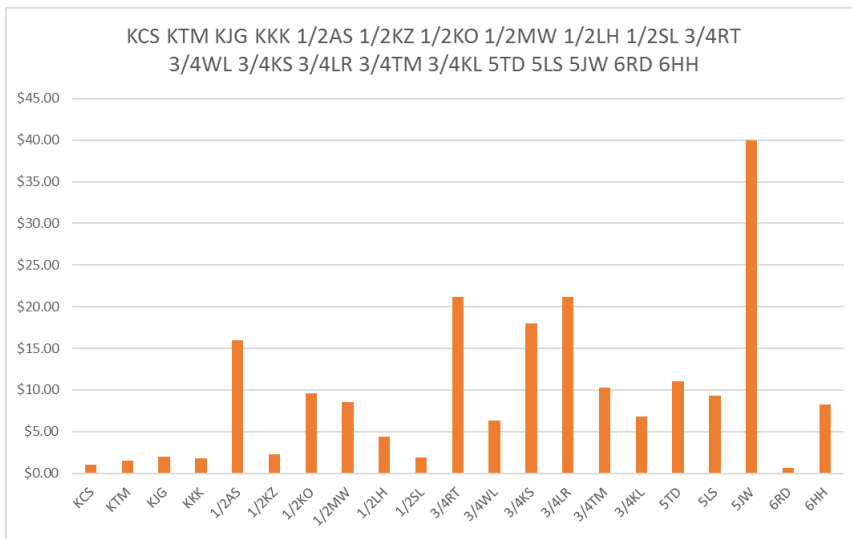
## Twilight Fair 5 cent drive.

Collection has begun for the 5 cent drive for the Twilight Fair. See the table below to see how your class is going in the competition.

1<sup>st</sup> prize pizza party

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Ice creams

3<sup>rd</sup> prize cupcakes



# SPORT NEWS

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## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thank you to everyone who came along to the carnival last Friday. I hope you and your children enjoyed the day. I had a perfect spot up on the hill overlooking the oval. It was such a great feeling watching all the kids participating and having fun. Our House Captains did an amazing job organising house chants, helping everyone in their houses and leading the Cha Cha Slide. They have set a high standard for our House Captains next year.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all our fabulous staff who worked tirelessly all day running the events for the kids. They did so with energy and enthusiasm.

Congratulations **Oakey** house for winning the athletics trophy this year.

Earlier in the year we held heats (all classes) and finals (8-12yr olds) in track and field events during PE lessons and lunchtimes. Children who placed in the top 4 of the finals receive a school athletics ribbon. Please see a list of children that will be receiving their ribbon/s at a special ribbon presentation next **Thursday 26 October (Week 3) in the Main Hall at 2.15pm.**

8yrs	9yrs	10yrs	11yrs	12yrs
Denham F	Caeli B	Zoe B	Jordi B	Tristan B
Rosie H	Jess B	Amy B	Frank C	Tom C
Zoe I	Asha C	Matilda C	Jim C	Jaz C
Arianne J	Phoebe D	Maxwell C	Seth D	Flynn D
Jonathon K	William E	Anna C	Amy G	Sophie G
Violet L	Ida J	Amelia C	Charlotte Hy	James H
Jackson M	Flynn McD	Adelaide C	Stella K	Zander H
Devyani S	Lucia McG	Max D	Katy K	Charlie K
Nayte S	Darcy M	Nick D	Sophie L	Jada-Lily L
Will U	Thomas M	Emmanuelle H	Evan L	Grace L
	Lulu R	Joyce I-R	Jake M	Oliver M
		Addie I	Aprillia M	Joel P
		William J	Chase M	Chelsea P
		Portia L	Thomas P	Hamish R
		Josh M	Cole P	Lucia S
		George M	Olivia S	Leah T
		Hugo McD	Cynthia S	
		Filip M	Rowan T	
		Alex P	Rhys W	
		Lachlan S		
		Brianna T		
		Zachary U		
		Erika Y		



27 October 2017  
**WORLD  
TEACHERS'  
DAY**

Thank you to all public school teachers across the ACT, for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities.

To stay up-to-date with the achievements of public school teachers, follow *ACT Public Schools* on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.





You're invited to the Community Services #1 Open Day on Saturday 28 October 2017 next to the Griffith Shops.

The day will include lots of fun activities, including:

- Jumping castle
- Face Painting
- Magician
- Sausage Sizzle
- Children's Activities
- Cake Stall
  
- Photo Booth

- Food & Drink and more!

CS#1 offer a variety of services to the Canberra community including: Early Childhood Centres, Family and Individual Support, Parenting programs, Community mini-bus service, Community Development, Home and Community Care, Assistance with Care and Housing for the Aged and Venue hire. We also offer Accredited Training.

We will also be launching our Christmas Hamper drive at the event and we welcome donations of canned and non-perishable goods for our Food Pantry which helps families in need.

**GET COURT UP**

**WANT TO BE A PART OF THE TENNIS ACT BALLKID SQUAD?**

GAIN SKILLS FOR LIFE  
hand-eye coordination • ball skills • listening skills • focus • concentration • observation

BALLKID AT THE AUSTRALIAN PRO TOUR SERIES OF EVENTS IN CANBERRA  
NEXT EVENT: APIS CANBERRA INTERNATIONAL 28 OCTOBER - 8 NOVEMBER

Ballkid program members must be aged 10+

To find out more, please contact Jaha Lutzler on 0488969695 or 02 6164 7098

APIS tennis

**FREE COME AND TRY SESSIONS**  
SAT 7 OCT SAT 14 OCT SAT 21 OCT 1000-200PM

ALL TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE CANBERRA TENNIS CENTRE, RIGGALL PL LYNEHAM

**KIDS TENNIS DAY**  
A Free Community Event  
Part of Apis Canberra International 2017

- ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Sessions
- Fitbit Cardio Tennis Sessions
  - Jumping castle
  - Face Painting
- Disney & Marvel Inspired Characters 'Elsa' & 'Spider-Man'
- Wilson World Wide Demo Tour
  - Reptiles Inc.
  - Charity Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 4 November 9 - 11am  
Canberra Tennis Centre, Riggall Pl, Lyneham  
www.tennis.com.au/act

**Walk for Prens**  
SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER  
Together we can make a difference for these little treasures  
Register or donate at [walkforprens.org.au](http://walkforprens.org.au)

LAKE TUGGERANONG, TUGGERANONG TOWN PARK, BARTLETT PLACE, GREENWAY

#walkforprens2017

Major sponsors: medela, britax, Huggies

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