Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week’s Curtin Courier. I hope you are enjoying the beautiful spring weather, which is perfect for gardening.

Last week, our SRC representatives and many of our senior school students assisted with the planting of the Peace Garden in the senior playground, and it looks wonderful. We plan to put some outdoor furniture in the garden so that our students who would like some quiet time at recess or lunch can engage in some relaxing activities. Special thanks to Louise Smith, Tanya Devenish, Mark Sedgman, Elissa East and Gina Nestler who helped bring this student led inquiry idea to fruition. Miss Smith and a group of students also landscaped the neglected areas outside Mr Peoples’ room, including setting up some lovely planter boxes. Thank you to the tireless efforts of Mark Sedgman our BSO who did several trips to Bunnings and lots of shovelling of topsoil to assist with the projects. We are looking forward to landscaping the area outside the year 3/4 classrooms and the Centenary Garden next year. This week we will be potting up plants to add to the Twilight Fair stall and we welcome contributions of plants.

Our students are very excited about the Walkathon tomorrow. We will be setting off at 9:30am. Please have your child at school on time at 8:55am so they can be marked on the class roll and are organised with hat, water bottle etc before the start. Thank you to all our parents who have offered to assist with the Walkathon tomorrow.

Have a lovely week,
Deborah Fitzgerald

WALKATHON REMINDERS
CANTEEN CLOSED - NO LUNCH ORDERS.
PREORDERED SAUSAGES ONLY

Please remember to have a HAT AND WATER BOTTLE
Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at assembly this week:

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The following notes were sent home recently: (Notes will only be sent home on Wednesdays with Newsletter unless in emergencies)

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Curtin Primary Attendance 2015 Information
(please complete if not returning in 2015)

Name of child/children

[ ] We are unsure at this stage if my child/children will be returning to Curtin. We will advise the school as soon as transfer is confirmed.

[ ] Will not be returning to Curtin Primary.
HALL OF FAME
Kaitlyn Bugg (5/6JC) competed at the NSW Gymnastics Junior State Championships last weekend representing the Queanbeyan YMCA Rhythmic Gymnastics Club.

Kaitlyn came 4th in rope, 4th in hoop, she won a silver medal in ribbon and came 4th overall.

Well done Kaitlyn!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Save the date: Friday 7th November

Thank you to the families who have offered to help give out ribbons on the day. The morning sessions are well covered. It would be great to get some more help from 11am if possible. If you are able to help (even for 1 hour) please complete and return the reply slip that was sent home last week, or email me: amanda.beresford@ed.act.edu.au

SHADE TENTS
If you have an easy to erect shade tent you could lend the school for carnival day it would be greatly appreciated. You can drop it off at school on the morning of the carnival or earlier if that suits.
Thank you.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Royal Lifesaving have collected our enrolment forms and are currently organising the children into swimming groups. As soon as we receive the group structures, we will send home further information. No further enrolments will be accepted.
This week, I am introducing Mr Jimi Connal. Jimi has made a massive contribution to Curtin School, as both and LSA and this year as a teacher. It is such a privilege to be Jimi’s first school and to see him begin his career with already highly developed skills in the classroom. I know his class love Jimi’s personal manner and he works to ensure each individual experiences success. Perhaps they can convince him to share some of his carpentry skills in the future! I hope you enjoy learning more about one our newest teachers.

What inspired you to be a teacher?

My year 6 teacher was a huge inspiration for me becoming a teacher. I went to a very small primary school on the south coast of NSW, which had a student population of about 60 children. This teacher taught a 4/5/6 class and was the principal. Working in a small close knit community, he made the class room a place to explore possibilities beyond the parent’s farm or local fishing boats.

What is wonderful about teaching at Curtin?

Curtin is an incredible place to work. There is a genuine sense on comradery between the staff, more so than any setting I’ve worked in. The same goes for the children, who mostly get along naturally and are willing to help each other out.

What is the best part of your job?

Talking with the children in my classroom and around the school is the best part of my job. Each day is filled with a stories told with much enthusiasm, bizarre questions and hilarious jokes.

What other jobs have you had?

In high school, I worked in a nursery and then in college I delivered milk to people’s front doors from the back of a truck. After college I took on an apprenticeship as a cabinet maker. I liked making furniture but eventually got tired of the noisy, dusty work environment. While completing my Bachelor of Education at UC I worked in retail, hospitality and as a Learning Support Assistant in various primary schools around the ACT.

What are your goals as a teacher?

My goals as a teacher are for the students in my class to have interests, skills and passion for life-long learning.
Walkathon News

⇒ Just a reminder that the walkathon is tomorrow!

⇒ Just a reminder that the canteen will not be open tomorrow.

⇒ Please bring a hat, drink bottle, sunscreen, lunch (if not having a sausage sizzle) and wear appropriate sporting clothing to walk or run in. No singlet tops or sandals.

⇒ Don’t forget that the best decorated drink bottles win a prize!

⇒ Please note that ALL orange sponsorship forms must be returned to the class teacher by tomorrow at the latest.
Canteen News

Thursday 30th Oct - CANTEEN CLOSED - PRE-ORDERED SAUSAGE SIZZLE ONLY
Friday 31st Oct - Help Needed

Cheers Lizzy

STUDENT BANKING

Thank you for supporting the School Banking Program at Curtin Primary School. Please put your bank books in the canteen basket on Tuesdays.

Kelly Stephens
School Banking Co-ordinator

P&C Report

Preparations are gathering pace for the biggest event of the year, the Twilight Fair! It’s a great community event, with everyone welcome, so please tell your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to come along on Friday 14 November from 5pm.

Everyone can help make it a success - keep collecting those 5 cent pieces, cleaning out the cupboards and shelves for the White Elephant and the book stall, and potting up any plants you can spare for the plant stall. Please get in touch with your class coordinator to let them know when you’re available to spend half an hour on your class stall too – the Fair is powered by parents!

The P&C constitution allows office bearers to serve two years in their roles; this year’s committee is on their second year and won’t be standing when positions are filled at the start of next year. Please consider standing for one of the roles on the P&C – it’s a great way to contribute to your children’s learning and the school community. Please contact me, or one of the other office bearers, if you’re interested in nominating for a role and we’ll gladly have a chat. Don’t forget the next P&C meeting is Thursday 6 November, at 7.30pm in the staff room.

Finally, I hope everyone has a great time at the Walkathon tomorrow!

Georgie
P&C President
georgie.kelley@gmail.com

FREE TO GOOD HOME

2 pet mice with cage, food, equipment etc.
Very low maintenance and very cute.
These mice are both girls. One is white and one is black.
They make very easy and fun pets, but we are moving house and can’t take them with us.

If you’re interested, please contact Kirstie: 0404881973 or Kirstie@bonsella.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Woden Valley Festival
8 November 2019
Woden Valley

WODEN COMMUNITY SERVICE PRESENTS

Woden Valley Festival
8 November 2019
Woden Valley

The Carnival

Celebrating our community

LIVE MUSIC on stage - all day!
KIDS ARENA

Don’t miss
THE CARNIVAL
at Edillon Park
on 8 November!

The Carnival
2 November 10am-7pm
Edillon Park, Woden

www.wodenvallleyfestival.org.au