



CURTIN COURIER

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We gather to support

We strive to succeed

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Diary Dates

2 March
YR 3 -6 Swimming
Carnival

2 March
Junior Assembly –Year
1 at 2.15pm

2 March
P&C Welcome BBQ

5-8 March
First Aid Training

12 March
Public Holiday

20 March
Red Wombats &
Yellow Possums
Preschool Photos

21 March
School Photos

22 March
Blue Emus School
Photos

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week’s Curtin Courier and another busy week in our dynamic learning community.

Relationship building, strengthening and nurturing is a focus point at Curtin Primary and is highly valued by our staff, students and parents. We are committed to ensuring that our relationships are built around open and positive communication and programs that support our students’ wellbeing.

For students in K-6, the *Passion Projects* were launched last Friday and the engagement and enjoyment for students and teachers alike was abundantly evident. Students met like-minded peers in photography, charcoal drawing, soccer, cooking, ukulele playing and other diverse activities. After the sessions, feedback from students to their class teachers was overwhelmingly positive.

Goal setting parent teacher interviews are currently underway for families from Kindergarten to year 6. The focus is on setting important learning and social goals with students to enable 2018 to be a positive and successful year. Teachers and key support staff, including executive will work closely to ensure that individual learning needs are met throughout the year. Feedback from parents, teachers and students has been positive and our new parents are especially appreciative of the opportunity to personally meet with their child’s teacher. If you have not yet made an appointment time, I encourage you to do so. The interviews have been held this week and will continue next week. Please contact your child’s teacher to make a mutually suitable interview time.

This week our Peer Support teachers have been working with the year 6 students to build their capacity in running structured social skill activities for our younger students. During the middle session every Friday, the Peer Support student leaders will facilitate the discussion of open-ended questions and scenarios with their multi-age group. The focus for the first session next Friday will be getting to know the other students in the group and discussing the importance of team work and supporting each other. Thank you to Ken Mansell for cooking a delicious barbecue yesterday for the year 6 students and Peer Support teachers to share at lunchtime.

Our annual senior school Swimming Carnival is being held at Big Splash in Macquarie this Friday and I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parent helpers who will be at the pool supporting teachers and helping to keep our children safe and happy throughout the day. It is a complex event to organise and we greatly appreciate the effort Amanda Beresford makes to ensure it all runs smoothly.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Swimming Carnival on Friday and then later in the afternoon at the P & C Welcome Barbecue. The P&C works tirelessly behind the scenes to support our school community and this event is an ideal opportunity for you to meet the families in your class and welcome new families to Curtin Primary. Thank you to those parents who have responded to the P&C request for parent class reps for 2018. The role of the parent class rep includes disseminating information from the school, the P&C and the teacher to your child’s class each week.

Finally this week, we welcome Frances Brand back to Curtin Primary and the school executive team, after a year at Isabella Plains Early Childhood School, and the start of this year travelling!
Deborah Fitzgerald
Executive teacher

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return By
13/2/2018	Voluntary Contributions	13/04/2018
28/2/2018	School Photo Notes – Grin & Bear it	N/A

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY WEEK 4

Our first assembly for 2018 will be held next Friday, 2 March. On this day, the senior school and some year 2 students will be at the Swimming Carnival. This means we have an opportunity to begin the schedule with a junior assembly. In this assembly, we will explicitly teach students the expectations and routines for assembly. Year 1 will then host the performance part of the assembly and we will conclude with an introduction to the awards that will be presented throughout the year. At this early stage, we do not anticipate any awards being presented at this assembly. Parents of Year 1 students are invited to attend to see their children perform. The assembly will be held at 2.15pm in the main hall.

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen will be closed on Friday March 2 due to the Swimming Carnival

Library News

We have started the year with lots of classes booking in for Library. Please check with your class teacher about when the class has library.

This year we are continuing to do Scholastic Book Club, Chief Minister's Reading Challenge and a Book Fair has been planned for next term.

I am looking for Volunteers to help contact books for the library. Training and all contact will be supplied.

If you love covering books then I have a backload of books that need doing.

Please feel free to drop into the Library Monday, Tuesday or Thursday to have a chat or call 62055606 on one of those days.

Thank you Jane (Library Technician)

Welcome to Curtin BBQ

Friday 2 March 5:30 to 7pm

Want to get to know other parents at amazing Curtin Primary?

Come along to the Welcome BBQ on Friday March 2

The P&C will provide the sausage sandwiches so BYO everything else!

If you are available to help out working on the BBQ email Ken at ken@taxrambling.com or just drop by from 5pm...




Chief Minister's Reading Challenge.

Our school has once again enrolled all students in the reading challenge. Preschool to Year 6.

Below are the details:

- The Chief Minister's Reading Challenge commences on **26 February 2018** and concludes on **7 September 2018**.
- There is no prescribed Book List for the Challenge. Students, teachers, parents and carer's can access [Reading Tips](#) on how to select a book and how to engage students in the Challenge.
- In 2017 we had all students complete the challenge and were awarded \$300 vouchers for Paperchain Bookstore.

Instructions For Students

- Read 15 books of your own choice before **7 September 2018**. These can be novels, non-fiction, poetry, or books in a language other than English.
- Collect an [Individual Student Reading Record](#)  (1.8Mb) from your teacher or download a copy from our website. Each time you complete a book; don't forget to add it to your reading record. Alternatively, record the books you have read on your online [Google Individual Reading Record template](#) .
- When you have finished reading a book, ask a parent, carer or teacher to initial/verify your entry.
- When you have finished reading all 15 books and have recorded them, give your completed *Individual Student Reading Record* to Jane in the library. If you are recording your books online through Google Apps, your teacher may submit your Reading Record for you.
- *Individual Student Reading Record* for each student OR if your school has access to Google Apps for Education, use the **online templates** - [Google Individual Reading Record template](#).

Students in Preschool to Year 2

- Students in Preschool, Kindergarten, Year one and Year two can read books themselves or with someone else.
- Students may list books that are read to them on their Student Reading Record.
- Students may also read books in their home language.

Students in Year 3 to Year 8

Students in Years three to eight may read books of their own choice, including in their home language.



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FULL DAY WORKSHOP – SUNDAY 18th March 10AM – 4PM

GIFTED AWARENESS WEEK EVENT

VENUE: Holy Spirit Primary School

Kellway Avenue NICHOLLS, ACT

COST: \$95.00 per person or \$115.00 per couple (morning and afternoon tea provided)

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS BEFORE 5TH MARCH

Online Booking Essential as numbers are limited

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/act-bright-students-who-struggle-at-school-gifted-and-underperforming-tickets-43466357044>



This is a great initiative by Coles that allows us to order fantastic sporting equipment. The collection bins will be arriving shortly, so in the meantime, please send your vouchers to the front office. When the program finishes we **will tally all our vouchers and start ordering.**

Thank you for your support.

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Woden Weston Rams

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Home Ground: North Curtin Playing Fields.

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