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# CURTIN COURIER



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We gather to support  
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## Diary Dates

**24 August** – Book Week Parade – Hats & Masks – morning lines

**28 August** – EALD afternoon tea – 3pm

**5-7 September** – ART Incursion

**5 September** - Year 5 Botanical gardens excursion

**6 September** – S/W Athletics Carnival

**8 September** – P&C Trivia Night

**11 September** – Year 1 Culminating Event

**13 September** – Walkathon

**15 September** – Working bee

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- Halfway through term 3 already! Where does the time go?
- A HUGE thanks to all the parents who have completed the **School Satisfaction Survey** already. We did have a few glitches and are working our way through them. If you are still not able to access the survey please email [maryanne.hayes@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:maryanne.hayes@ed.act.edu.au) and we will try to fix the issue.
- We have been told that if you try too many times it will lock you out and we will need to create a new link for you. If you are having difficulty completing the survey due to internet or computer issues you are welcome to come to school and complete it on one of our devices. If access to the survey is challenging because of technology or the need for translation, please come into school and we will be able to assist you to complete the survey if required.
- All surveys will close on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.
- Colossal congratulations to the students and teachers of Year 5 and Kindergarten for their successful culminating events last week. The students gained so much enrichment in their learning through explaining and demonstrating to their parents and guests. The process of explaining learning deepens and extends the thinking greatly. Thank you to so many parents and family members for attending the various events last week; we are sure you were very proud.
- This Friday is our **Book Week – Find your Treasure parade**. Students are encouraged to wear a mask or hat related to a favourite children’s book. The parade will be held at morning lines. Please encourage your children to find or make a mask, hat or use face painting to represent their character. It is wonderful to see students share favourite literature through their costumes.
- Fiona Hale and Yee Man work across the school to support students who are English language learners. To build the school community, they are organising a get together for the families of these students to meet each other and talk about the school. This will be held on Tuesday 28 August at 3.00pm. We are excited to meet some new families over afternoon tea.
- This term, all Curtin staff are participating in significant professional learning to enhance their practice. Our years 3-6 teachers are working in teams to observe and discuss lessons to develop teacher skills and understanding of the curriculum across the year levels. P-2 teachers are engaged with the *Early Years Literacy Program* which involves learning from consultant Christine Topfer and follow up in the classroom. It is exciting to see all staff talking about teaching and the most effective strategies for learning. This professionalism and ‘lifelong learning’ helps make our school an incredible learning community.
- As the weather warms up we are planning another working bee for the playgrounds in the main school on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 12-3pm. This will involve some shaping of new dirt mounds in both senior and junior playgrounds, painting furniture for the junior mud kitchen, embedding bricks for a car track amongst other tasks. More information will be sent out in next few weeks, but please put the date in your calendar.

## Notes sent home

Date	Note	Return By
	Year 5 – Australian National Botanic Gardens Excursion	ASAP
	Raw Art Incursion	29 August

### BYOC (Bring your own Chromebook) survey

Now we have been implementing BYOC for over 12 months we would like to find out how it is going and to get parents feedback.

The survey can be found here <https://goo.gl/forms/hO5WrcJoiWrzHf9C3>

It should take about 5-10 minutes to complete. It would be fantastic to get as many responses from our year 3-6 parents as possible. We will also be surveying our students and teachers involved in BYOC in the next few weeks.

The information gained will assist us in developing our BYOC plan for the next few years.

Thanks for your support,  
Maryanne Hayes

### The 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted from 14 August to 3 September 2018

Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5 to 12) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to school research and improvement processes.

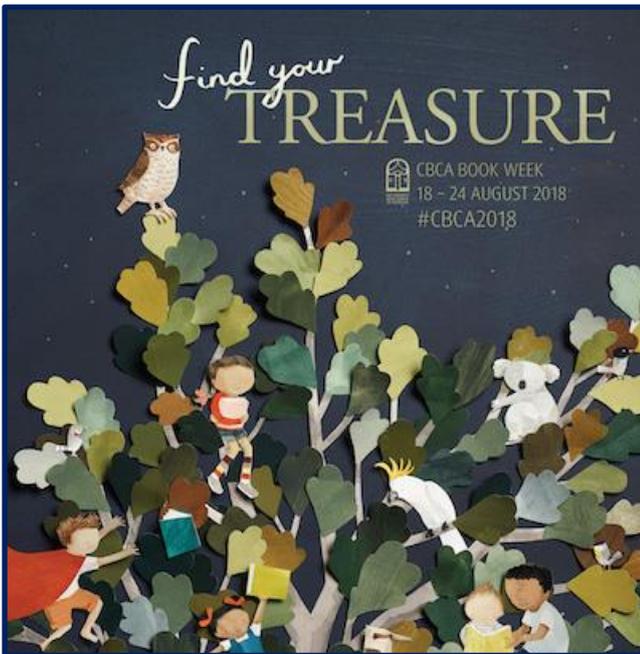
Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and will help us improve our school for your child and future students. A letter or email about the parent and carer survey will be sent to you in August. The key ACT results from the 2017 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website ([www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au)) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2017 School Board Report.

If you need any assistance, please let the front office know.

### Volunteers to support in library



At Curtin Primary we love to see the children borrow our library books regularly. Due to the large amount of returns each week we would appreciate some volunteers to support us with shelving books. If you are available to help in the library, even if only for a short time, please contact Jane Steinback via [Jane.Steinback@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Jane.Steinback@ed.act.edu.au) to arrange a time which is convenient for you.



## Book Week Parade

Friday 24 August

### *Find your Treasure*

Get creative and wear a **hat** or **mask** inspired by your favourite **book**, **author** or **character**.

There will be a short parade at both junior and senior lines at 9am.

## EALD Afternoon Tea

Hello parents and carers,



We are EALD teachers at Curtin Primary school. Our role is to teach English language to students who speak another language or dialect at home. We are having an afternoon tea in our EALD classroom (which is next to 2AC classroom and the music room). We would like to invite you and your children to come for a cuppa and a chat.

**When: Tuesday 28 August 2018 at 3pm**

**Where: EALD room 24**

We look forward to seeing you!  
Fiona Hale and Yee Man  
EALD Teachers

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## CANTEEN NEWS

If your child has received an emergency lunch from the Canteen you will receive a note requesting payment. It would be appreciated if you could please return the slip with payment to the Canteen as soon as possible.

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## Year 1 – Culminating Event

Save the date!

**Week 8 - Tuesday 11 September 2018**

Year 1 students invite their parents, carers, grandparents and special friends to their culminating event *Change*.

**When:** Tuesday 11 September (Week 8)

**Time:** Drop in at any time between 8.30am and 9.30am to hear your child's speech and see their learning. Then stay if you wish for morning tea 9.30am – 10am.

**Where:** Your child's classroom

**What:** An opportunity to hear your child present their speech on an item from the past, to view their learning and to discuss what has changed since you were at school.

*Formal invitation to follow*



## Book Launch at Curtin Primary

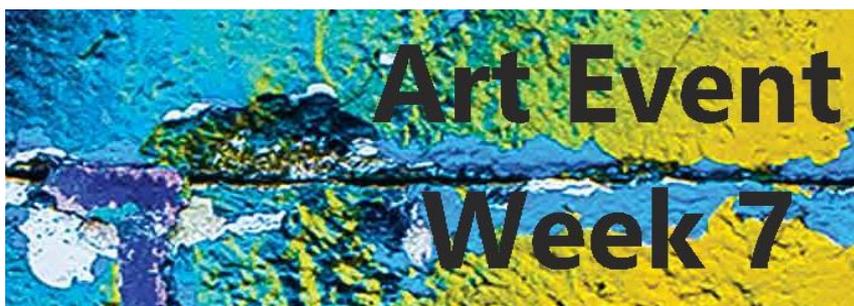
To coincide with the commencement of book week, local author Sandra Bennett visited our Indonesian room yesterday to launch her book, *Secrets Hidden Below*.

The story takes place on the Indonesian island of Bali. It is an adventure story which incorporates Indonesian language, culture and geography. Some students from years 5 and 6 attended the launch and learnt about the many processes involved in writing a book. Prior to the event, the students in year 5 and 6 were asked to write a short adventure story that incorporated Indonesian language. Congratulations to Maddison in 5KL, who was the winner. In recognition of her writing skills, she received a signed copy of Sandra's book.

Art workshops involving every child in the school will be happening in week 7!

Please remember to send in your contribution of \$5 per child for this exciting school incursion.

See the attached note for all details





# MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY TRIVIA NIGHT

CURTIN PRIMARY  
SATURDAY 8 SEPT  
TICKETS \$20

WEAR A FANCIFUL HAT AND TEA PARTY ATTIRE  
GOURMET PIZZAS FROM CRUST PIZZA ERINDALE (\$22 EACH)  
ALCOHOL AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT (NO BYO)  
AUCTION ON THE NIGHT

Book your table of 10 now or book your own ticket and we will place you on a table | **RSVP by Thursday 6 Sept**

**Payment:** by Cheque, cash or EFT

Acc Name: Curtin PG Association | Account number 156239147 | BSB: 633000  
(Include description TRIVIA & your name)

**Donations:** If you would like to donate to the auction contact Louise Morgan ([nick@nmphotos.com](mailto:nick@nmphotos.com))

## BOOKING FORM

Return this form to the front office or email it to Louise Morgan at [nick@nmphotos.com](mailto:nick@nmphotos.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number/email: \_\_\_\_\_

Table coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Pizza Order\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment type: CASH / CHEQUE / EFT (date of transfer): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Pizza choices: Capricciosa - Pepperoni - Mediterranean lamb - Peri-peri chicken - Garlic prawn - Vegetarian supreme  
\$22 each for large pizza. To check ingredients please refer to the Crust website ([www.crust.com.au](http://www.crust.com.au)).



**CURTIN AFTER SCHOOL AUSKICK PROGRAM!**

WHEN: MONDAYS 3:30 - 4:30PM

WHERE: CURTIN OVAL STARTING 28TH AUGUST

COST: \$46 INCLUDING AUSKICK PACK AND FOOTBALL!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: [AMY.DWYER@AFL.COM.AU](mailto:AMY.DWYER@AFL.COM.AU)

VISIT THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER!

[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)   

HUGHES P&C invites interested parents and school communities to a screening of ...

**DATE:** Sunday, 9 September  
**TIME:** 7:00pm - 8:15pm followed by 30 minute Discussion and Q&A

**VENUE:** Hughes Primary School Hall, Groom St, Hughes  
**COST:** \$5/family  
**RSVP:** by 5<sup>th</sup> September to [screenagers@knoke.id.au](mailto:screenagers@knoke.id.au)

**SCREEN AGERS**

Online Movie Trailer:  
<https://www.screenagersmovie.com/trailer/>

Discussion facilitated by Southside Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service



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School Orienteering

**SC-ORE**

**SC-ORE School Orienteering**

**2018 Term 4**

A before school body and brain work out.

**Teams 2 girls and 2 boys**

Thursday 25 Oct	Forrest Primary School
Thursday 1 Nov	Garran Primary School
Thursday 8 Nov	Hughes Primary School
Thursday 15 Nov	Canberra Grammar School

**SC-ORE online registration NOW OPEN**

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=29490>

For more information visit <http://act.orienteering.asn.au/juniors/blue-sparks/sc-ore/>

Or call 0411 968 001



**ENTRIES NOW OPEN**

**(4-week Challenge in Term 4)**

**PLAY WITH US**

**U/15'S**  
(ADVANCED PLAYERS)

**SOFTBALL**  
(10+)

**T-BALL**  
(6-9 YEARS)

Mawson Playing Fields - October to March

To register your interest

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