



# CURTIN COURIER

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## Diary Dates

February 24  
Swimming Carnival  
Year 3-6 – Big Splash  
**CANTEEN CLOSED**

February 27 - March 3  
Goal setting Interviews

March 3 Assembly  
House Captains  
2:00pm

March 10 Assembly  
6RD 2:00pm

March 13  
Canberra Day

Principal  
Merryn O’Dea

Deputy Principals  
Kerri Clark  
Maryanne Hayes

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Anne Twyman  
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AFTER SCHOOL CARE  
6285 4444  
Bookings  
6282 2644

Student-Absence No: 0437 787 824

Dear families,

Last week saw a number of school events and this week is equally busy.

Last Friday evening, the P&C held a ‘Welcome to Curtin’ BBQ. Our school is lucky to have such an enthusiastic and dedicated parent community and personally, being new myself, I found it to be a nice introduction to Curtin Primary. It was great to see so many families attend and support this event. Picnic rugs and the delicious supply of sausages certainly helped make the most of the warmer weather. It is always nice to see children playing with their friends outside of school hours and I’m sure many of the parents enjoyed catching up with each other too. A huge thank you to the P&C for organising such a successful event.

Robotics sessions finished up on Tuesday and proved to be a tremendous success across the school. Hopefully we will receive the grant so we can purchase our own robotics and build on the skills the students learnt over the past week and a half.

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the information evening last night. Evenings such as this help to develop positive partnerships and set the outlook for the year. Over recent years, the school and parent/carer community have worked collectively to refine the homework policy and set agreed expectations for each year level. At the information evening, parents and carers were asked to nominate their preference and either opt in or opt out of weekly homework. Parents and carers could also add their details to the contact list for communication from the class parent representative. If you were unable to attend or have multiple children and couldn’t make it to each class session, then please contact the class teacher to inform them of your preferences. Thank you to all the teachers and parents and carers involved.

Goal setting interviews also begin this week across the school. They are an important part of the new school year and provide families with the opportunity to share information about their child. Students, parents/carers and teachers discuss areas of strength, areas for development, and set individual targeted goals for each child. If you have not yet received a note or booked a time, then you can do so by contacting your child's teacher to arrange a mutually available time.

I have already heard the excitement for the upcoming swimming carnival at Big Splash out on the playground. Carnivals are always a great opportunity for senior students to demonstrate their leadership skills and I’m sure Friday will be no different. House captains have been busy preparing posters and chants to help boost team spirit and for some of our Year 2 students, it will be their first time attending a swimming carnival. Students **can wear their house colours and** will have the opportunity to participate in competitive races as well as a number of novelty events. The forecast is for warm weather so students are reminded to pack sunscreen, water and wear sun smart clothing. I look forward to seeing the carnival spirit and enjoying our day of school at the pool.

Kate North  
Executive Teacher

## Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return BY
7/2/2017	Kindy health check	24/2/2017
15/2/2017	Voluntary Contributions	

### **School Board Elections 2017**

**Please read our nominees expressions of interest below and play your role by casting your vote. Ballot papers will be available from the Front Office and voting closes on Monday 27 February at 3:30pm. Our nominees are:**

❖ **Justin Moyle**

Hi, I'm Justin. I trained as a primary school teacher and have worked in the education sector for many years -in primary schools, teaching English as a second language and also at the university level. I currently teach in primary schools around the local area. I have two children at Curtin Primary School (kindergarten and year three). I believe I could make a positive contribution to the school community as a board member.

❖ **Tania Ralston**

My name is Tania Ralston and I am a stay at home mum who helps with the running of my husband's business. This will be my 8<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the Curtin Primary school community with my daughters now being in years 3 and 6. I have been a member of the Canteen committee and helped run the uniform shop for several years. I enjoy being an active member of the P&C helping to raise funds for our school.

I believe that the experience and knowledge I've gained from being on the Canteen Committee and running the uniform shop would translate well to the broader school needs and value to the Board. I feel that I could use this knowledge as a parent rep on the Board to help guide our school in the setting of the school's strategic plan for the next 5 years. I would like the opportunity to be one of the voices of the school community as a parent representative on the school Board. Thanks.

❖ **Alastair James**

I have been affiliated with Curtin Primary since both my son and daughter started at North Curtin Preschool. William is now in year 4 and Abigail in year 3. I have nominated for one of the parent representative positions on the school board, as I strongly believe that Curtin Primary is a great school with a supportive community, and that I can assist in making it even better. I will seek to ensure the school has an appropriate strategic direction, is well run and focused on delivering the best possible education outcomes for all our children. By working closely with my board peers, I will also endeavour to upgrade amenities and seek installation of critical infrastructure. I am looking forward to the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the Curtin Primary School Board, therefore its community, and promoting excellence in all areas at our great school. Thank you your consideration.

## **SCHOOL BOARD**

### **Calling for Expressions of Interest as a Community Member**

The Education Directorate is seeking expressions of interest from people to fill the position of *appointed member* on ACT public school boards.

The appointed member is usually someone from outside the immediate school community, who is interested in and committed to public education.

Appointments extend for periods up to two years and an appointed member may also be re-appointed after the conclusion of their term.

If you are interested in becoming an appointed member on a school board, please complete the nomination form attached to the newsletter and return it to: Governance and Community Liaison Branch

Email: [EDUSchoolBoards@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUSchoolBoards@act.gov.au)

Should you have any questions, please contact: Governance and Community Liaison Branch

Phone: (02) 6207 6846 or

Email [EDUSchoolBoards@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUSchoolBoards@act.gov.au)

### Lunch reminders for students

Please ensure your student has adequate food packed for the day. It has come to our attention that a number of students have been going to the canteen at lunch time and asking for food because they have eaten all their food at recess.

The canteen operates as a business. If your child requires additional food the canteen can provide food and will issue an invoice for your payment.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Please be aware of parking and traffic safety around our school.

It has come to our attention that traffic rules are not being followed at present.

Our disabled parking bays need to be left for genuine users (some of our families who genuinely require these parks are finding it difficult to access them).

Please obey all parking signs and keep our community safe.

Parking inspectors regularly check our school area so be aware.

**Class reps for 2017 are almost sorted! Class reps will soon commence sending a weekly email to families who have provided their email address. This email will outline the key upcoming events for each class. The class rep also organises a class contact list to allow families to contact each other easily (e.g. for play dates and lost excursion notes!). If you have not already provided your email address either by filling in the form and handing it to the front office, or by filling in the sheet at the information night, and you would like to receive the weekly emails, please contact your class rep on the email address below. The school CAN NOT give out your email address, so you will not receive these updates without providing your details. All emails are sent using blind cc, so if you do not want your email address shared, it can remain confidential.**

Class	Class Rep	Email
Preschool North– Preschool South - Red Wombats	Natasha Case Sophie Dowling	<a href="mailto:natashawerner@hotmail.com">natashawerner@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:sophaway@yahoo.com">sophaway@yahoo.com</a>
Preschool South – Blue Emus	Belinda Casson	<a href="mailto:thecassons@yahoo.com.au">thecassons@yahoo.com.au</a>
KCS	Kate Hegarty	<a href="mailto:kate.hegs@gmail.com">kate.hegs@gmail.com</a>
KJG	Sonia Bursle	<a href="mailto:bursles@outlook.com">bursles@outlook.com</a>
KKK	Lis Preston	<a href="mailto:Elisabeth.preston@canberra.edu.au">Elisabeth.preston@canberra.edu.au</a>
KNM	Ken Mansell	<a href="mailto:ken@taxrambling.com">ken@taxrambling.com</a>
1/2MW 1/2 KO 1/2 LH 1/2 KZ	Sally Hawkins	<a href="mailto:sallyjoyhawkins@gmail.com">sallyjoyhawkins@gmail.com</a>
1/2 CC	Bruce Driver	<a href="mailto:bld@netspeed.com.au">bld@netspeed.com.au</a>
3/4 TM	Cathy Fussell	<a href="mailto:cathy.fussell@gmail.com">cathy.fussell@gmail.com</a>
3/4 LR	Louise Morgan	<a href="mailto:nick@nmphotos.com">nick@nmphotos.com</a>
3/4 KL	Michelle Kirby	<a href="mailto:michkirby9@gmail.com">michkirby9@gmail.com</a>
3/4 RT	Belinda James	<a href="mailto:belindafjames@gmail.com">belindafjames@gmail.com</a>
3/4 JC	Tina Meir	<a href="mailto:TMeir@pbwwc.com.au">TMeir@pbwwc.com.au</a>
3/4 KS	Kerry Stellios	
5 JW	Cate McDonald	<a href="mailto:cittymcdonald@bigpond.com">cittymcdonald@bigpond.com</a>
5 TD	Victoria Holland	<a href="mailto:Victoria.Holland@health.nsw.gov.au">Victoria.Holland@health.nsw.gov.au</a>
5LS	Carolyn Barker	<a href="mailto:carolyn@horizonone.com.au">carolyn@horizonone.com.au</a>
6SL	Rachel Middleton	<a href="mailto:r_middleton@icloud.com">r_middleton@icloud.com</a>
6HH	Lis Preston	<a href="mailto:Elisabeth.preston@canberra.edu.au">Elisabeth.preston@canberra.edu.au</a>
6RD	Georgie Kelley	<a href="mailto:georgie.kelley@gmail.com">georgie.kelley@gmail.com</a>

## P&C News

Thanks to all the families who came along to the welcome BBQ on Friday night. The evening was a great reflection of the community spirit at Curtin Primary School. A big thanks to the volunteers on the sausage sizzle, headed up by Ken Mansell.

The P&C AGM was held on Thursday night. All executive positions were spilled and up for nomination. The following people were elected into these positions:

President: Joanna McKenzie-Kay

Vice President: Anna Mallett

Secretary: Sara Horne

Treasurer: Ken Mansell

Public Officer: Ken Mansell

As the new President of the P&C, I am really excited about the year ahead and the long list of events that are planned.

The first social committee meeting will be held soon, where planning for these events takes place. Everyone is welcome to attend. Keep an eye on the Courier for the details. Please feel free to contact me with any matters for the P&C at [joanna\\_mckenziekay@hotmail.com](mailto:joanna_mckenziekay@hotmail.com).

## Canteen News

Wow, what a busy three weeks we have already had.

Thank you to those who continue to support the canteen and a big thank you goes to a little helper who helped me cook this week, great job.

Just a reminder that the canteen **will not be opened this Friday 24th Feb** due to the swimming carnival.

Again if anyone has any ideas or suggestion please feel free to pop past for a chat

Cheers Lizzy

## Christian Education in Schools

Dear Parents,

Our school has received requests by parents for their children to receive Christian Education (CE) as part of our school curriculum, based on provisions in the Education Act 2004. The Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) project of the ACT Churches' Council provides a coordinated serviced to fulfil such requests. This service includes four modern and interactive CE sessions, varied each year, prepared professionally and delivered by trained and endorsed volunteers. The one-hour sessions are designed for groups of students to discuss and explore the four topics outlined below.

Parent permission is essential for children to attend CEIS. Please use the section below to indicate your request for your children. Requests will remain in effect while your child is at the school, but can be changed simply by contacting the front office. Each CEIS session will be advertised in our school newsletter.

For further information please contact the school or visit [www.ceis.org.au](http://www.ceis.org.au) .

Regards,



RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL

**YES**, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.

CHILD/REN: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Christian Education in Schools  
Each school year the ACT Churches' Council presents the values and beliefs of Christianity in 4 modern, interactive and engaging sessions

**EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA**  
Exploring what this joyful week festival really means.

**BEYOND YOU**  
Wondering about myself, others, nature and God.

**BIBLE BONANZA**  
Discovering the world's biggest selling book!

**CEIS**  
seek question explore  
www.ceis.org.au

www.ceis.org.au

Parent/carer signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# social COMMITTEE

## What is the Social Committee?

The purpose of the Social Committee is to draw people together and create a social community within the school for both students and parents.

Another responsibility of the Social Committee is to raise money for the P&C. These funds are used to purchase resources for our school for the benefit of our students.

## Why join in?

The Social Committee is made up of parents who volunteer their time to organise the social events throughout the year.

Getting involved means meeting other parents, having a say in how we raise funds and having lots of fun.

## Events

Our previous events have included the Twilight Fair, Trivia Night, Mother's Day High Tea, Father's Day BBQ Breakfast, Winter Ball, Easter Raffle, Art Show, Kids Disco, and quite a few BBQ's.

**WE PUT THE  
FUN  
IN FUNDRAISING**

## Please come along

Our first Social Committee meeting is when we'll put together our events for 2017.

It will be held next **Tuesday, 28 February from 7pm** at the Statesman Hotel, Curtin.

**We'd love to see some new faces and new ideas!  
BYO friends or make some new ones**

For more information please contact Sami Cronin – [samicronin5@gmail.com](mailto:samicronin5@gmail.com)