



CURTIN COURIER

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We gather to support

We strive to succeed

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Diary Dates

March 31
Assembly 2:00pm – 5SL
Mufti Day-Gold Coin Donation

April 4
Cross Country
11:00am-1:00pm
(note change of date)

April 6
5/6 National Zoo & Aquarium Excursion

April 7
End of Term 1

Wednesday April 26
1st day Term 2

May 9-12
NAPLAN

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Dear Parents/Carers

Behaviour management is a topic that has been raised at different times in recent years. This year, our school is embarking on a journey to clearly articulate our expected behaviours across the community.

From 2017, Curtin Primary is implementing a whole school program called Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). This program is used across Australia and America and is based on research about behaviour management in schools that optimises student learning. Follow up research demonstrates that over time, PBL schools find increased academic results. PBL emphasises the opportunity to reduce the repeated minor interruptions that impact on teaching and learning time for schools. While the majority of students at Curtin generally display appropriate behaviours, we believe the program will support us to enhance our learning culture. PBL will complement our existing social and emotional literacy and wellbeing programs as well as the processes in place to deal with complex behaviours as they arise. The ACT Education Directorate is supporting PBL in public schools as one of the recommendations of the 2015 Schools for All Expert Panel Report. (http://www.det.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/795186/62074-Expert-Panel-Report-Web.pdf)

The PBL process involves several steps. The first few of these are:

- clearly stating whole school behaviour expectations
- designing rules for achieving the expectations across the school
- teaching the expected behaviour across the school
- developing a recognition system for positive behaviours.

Our teachers have worked through a process to develop our expectations, or values. These are:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

During the remainder of 2017, these will replace the 6Cs. The links between our expectations and the school vision will also be made clear to each student. This is very exciting as the role of students as learners is clearly articulated in our values.

To introduce the values to students, a design competition for our PBL mascots is being sent home with next week’s newsletter. The existing school mascot, Oats, will be the basis of the competition. With the support of our P&C, the mascot and values will be professionally printed for display around the school.

Next term, the expectations will be expanded into rules for the common areas of the school (eg corridors, canteen, toilets, bike cage and playground). Staff, students and parents will be able to contribute to articulating rules in these spaces. Once the rules are in place, we will develop our recognition system and opportunities to teach the rules in each space.

To keep you informed of the PBL process, the weekly newsletter will include a PBL update. This might be a school action, fact or point for consideration. We invite you to engage with the PBL process and value your questions or comments at any time. Please feel welcome to talk to a staff member at any time or to make contact by email. Our PBL leadership team includes representatives from across the school. The team includes Leslee Roberts (senior school), Christina Refshauge (LSU/C), Kate North (executive), Amanda Beresford (release), Merryn O’Dea (P-6 principal) and Leanne Harrigan (junior primary).

We look forward to the exciting changes PBL will bring during and beyond 2017.

Merryn O’Dea

Notes sent Home

| Date | Note | Return By |
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| 22/03/2017 | Year 5/6 National Zoo and Aquarium | 31/03/2017 |
| 22/03/2017 | Student Information check sheet | 05/05/2017 |
| 24/03/2017 | Kindergarten excursion to Capital Theatre | 06/04/2017 |

AWARDS

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

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| Kinder CS | Jasmine M Luke K | 3/4KL | Mia H Thomas J |
| Kinder NM | Torsten H Sophie C | 3/4KS | Mateja Serena B |
| Kinder JG | Annie McM William B | 3/4LR | Bronte H Erika Y |
| Kinder KK | Jordan SS Blighe S | 3/4TM | Hedda L P Maya S |
| 1/2CC | Molly M Lily K | 5JW | Sophie L Zac U |
| 1/2KZ | Hugo M Cailin P | 5TD | Olivia B Ben P |
| 1/2KO | Abbi K | 5LS | Duncan L P Amelia B |
| 1/2MW | Thomas D Erin C | 6HH | Kiriley J Luke B |
| 1/2LH | Ambika P Nicholas N | 6RD | Milly W Kate B |
| 3/4JC | Christine S Tiarni M | 6SL | Jaz C Tom C |
| 3/4RT | Adam N Hayley C | Indonesian | KJG |

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to everyone who have already made contributions this year. Your contributions to the school go a long way to supporting the educational programs of the school and are greatly appreciated.

A reminder that the Early Bird Discount for Voluntary Contributions ends on the 7 April.

School Board Election Results

Following the recent school board elections, we congratulate and welcome our newest members, Tania Ralston and Alastair James. The School Board supports the school in its strategic directions and priorities.

The school community would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing members, Anne Twyman, Nick Morgan and Damien McNamara for their valuable service, contributions and support throughout their terms.

ICAS PAYMENTS

We have had the following payments for ICAS but unfortunately they do not have names on the form

Internet Payment - \$17.60 for Digital Technologies & Science

Internet Payment - \$ 29.70 for Digital Technologies, Science & Spelling

Cash Payment - \$35.20 for Digital Technologies, Science, English & Maths

If you think this may be for your child, please contact the Front Office ASAP as we need to order tests this Friday.

ANZAC Day Commemorations

ANZAC Day is an important day and it is commemorated in many ways.

On Wednesday 5 April our house captains will represent the school at the Combined Primary Schools ANZAC and Peace Celebrations in Eddison Park, Woden. Jaz C and Alexander H have been chosen to lay a wreath during this ceremony on behalf of our school community.

Fred Ward Gardens will commemorate the day on Friday 21 April. This date is during the school holidays but Curtin community members are invited to attend and participate in this event.

Finally on Friday 28 April 6HH will host an ANZAC Day assembly where we will tell some of the stories of what ANZAC means to the Curtin community. If your family has a story it would like to share please let me know so we can plan out respectful assembly.

We hope you will be able to attend one of these important commemorations.

Medical Information

We have had confirmed cases of School Sores in both our Preschool and Primary school. If you have any concerns please see your Family Doctor.

Canteen News

Can you believe it Week 9 already. Just a reminder the canteen is closed on the last Friday of term, Friday 7th April, due to cleaning and stocktake. Over the next week we will be running stock down so there may not be what your child has ordered but an alternative will be offered.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out this term. Cheers Lizzy

Lost Property

Hello everyone!

As we are nearing the end of term I thought it would be a good idea to remind the children if they are missing any items to come have a look at lost property. Lost property has rapidly built up a big collection of unnamed items which I will be donating at the end of term.

If you have some free time and would like to help out at lost property I am there most Friday's from 2:30pm. Alternatively you can contact me at rebtan@velocitynet.com.au

Many thanks, Rebecca

Cross Country Carnival

NEW DATE

Tuesday 4th April (Week 10)

11am-1pm

INVOLVEMENT

All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating in the Cross Country Carnival throughout the morning. They may choose to walk or run the course.

ARRIVAL

Morning session at school will be as usual. Children will move down to the oval with their teacher after recess.

WHAT TO WEAR

Children will need to wear shorts, t-shirt, school hat and running shoes. Children are encouraged to wear a top in the colour of their house (no singlets).

FREE ICEBLOCK

At the end of their race, children will receive an ice block (99% fruit - no added sugar), kindly donated by the school canteen. If you do not wish your child to receive an iceblock, please inform your child's teacher.

HELPERS

At Curtin we are very lucky to have a fantastic Cross Country Course for the children to run, which includes grass, concrete, dirt tracks, up hill and down hill. For safety reasons we need a number of marshals placed around the course. We will have staff placed at various points, but we need parents to help so the children can be well supervised at all times throughout the race. If you are able to help on the senior course please contact me on the phone number or email address below, or return the reply slip.

The carnival should not go any longer than 2 hours.

NB: I will place you on the course where you are able to see your own child compete.

ORDER OF EVENTS

(NB: approx times only)

11.15am: 7, 6 & 5 yr olds
11.45am: 10, 9yrs
12.15pm: 8yrs, 11 & 12yr olds

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5, 6 & 7yrs - (Course is within the school boundary - approx. 700m)

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| 8yrs (2009) | 1km |
| 9yrs (2008) | 1.5km |
| 10yrs (2007) | 2km |
| 11/12yrs (2006/05) | 3km |

REPLY SLIP - Senior (8yrs-12yrs) Cross Country Marshal (Return to Mrs Beresford) or email me.

I am able to help as a marshal on the senior course at the Cross Country Carnival.

Name: _____

Child's name: _____ Year born: _____

Class: _____



WIN an Easter basket! **Three Easter baskets to be won**

Ticket price: \$2 each or 5 for \$10

Tickets will come home this week.

Please write the name and mobile phone number
of the purchaser on the ticket stub.

Return stubs and money to your class teacher by **Wednesday 5 April.**

Raffle drawn on Friday 7 April at Curtin Primary School.

MUFTI DAY! Friday 31 March

What is Mufti Day?

it's a day where the children can come to school dressed
in ordinary clothes...no school uniform!

***Please bring along a gold coin or Easter egg donation
to help with the Easter Raffle.***

Any questions - contact Sami Cronin – samicronin5@gmail.com

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