



# CURTIN COURIER

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## Diary Dates

**29 November** – P&C Meeting 7pm

**7 December** – Parent Volunteer Morning Tea 10.30am – 11am

**12 December** – Semester 2 reports home

**13 December** – Christian Education

Year 5 Brains Day 8am-9am or 3pm-5.30pm

**17 December** – Acting Up Day

**19 December** – Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 9am – 12.30pm

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Welcome to this week’s newsletter,

With less than four weeks until the end of another busy year, our teachers are continuing the assessment and report writing process, part of this includes students writing their self-reflections which are an integral part of their end of semester reports. Reflecting on their learning goals which can include planning for next year, inspires our students to detail where and how they have made progress with them as well as justifying why they were or were not successful in achieving them.

The students’ end of semester two reports will be sent home in week 9.

Congratulations to Miss Mues and the Year 6 Band for their wonderful Bandstravaganza performance. After two years of hard work and practice, they played beautifully in their combined band.

Our Year 2 swimming program was very successful. It was great to see students develop their confidence and skills in water safety. We are encouraging families to continue their water confidence during the summer break.

Year 6’s are excitedly preparing for their graduation in week 10. The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will commence at 9am on Wednesday, 19 December. Parents and grandparents are welcome.

The Year 6 culminating event will follow the graduation ceremony and parents will have the opportunity to celebrate their child’s success.

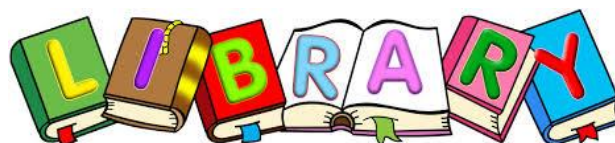
The library is now closed and preparing for relocation. If you have any books at home could you please ensure they are returned to school as soon as possible.

Enjoy the rain,

Deborah

There has been a reported case of chicken pox in the school.

Notes sent home	Return By
Year 6 – Graduation dinner and yearbook	5 December
Footsteps Dance Program	ASAP



## RELOCATION

For the rest of this term we will be undertaking the mammoth job of culling the library collection and moving it to one of the classrooms in Patterson Hall. This will take several weeks to complete.

The current library space will become Kindergarten for 2019.

**We will need volunteers at different times over the next few weeks.**

If you are available at any time and would like to pitch in could you please let me know dates and times via email to [maryanne.hayes@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:maryanne.hayes@ed.act.edu.au)

Thank you for your continued help and support.

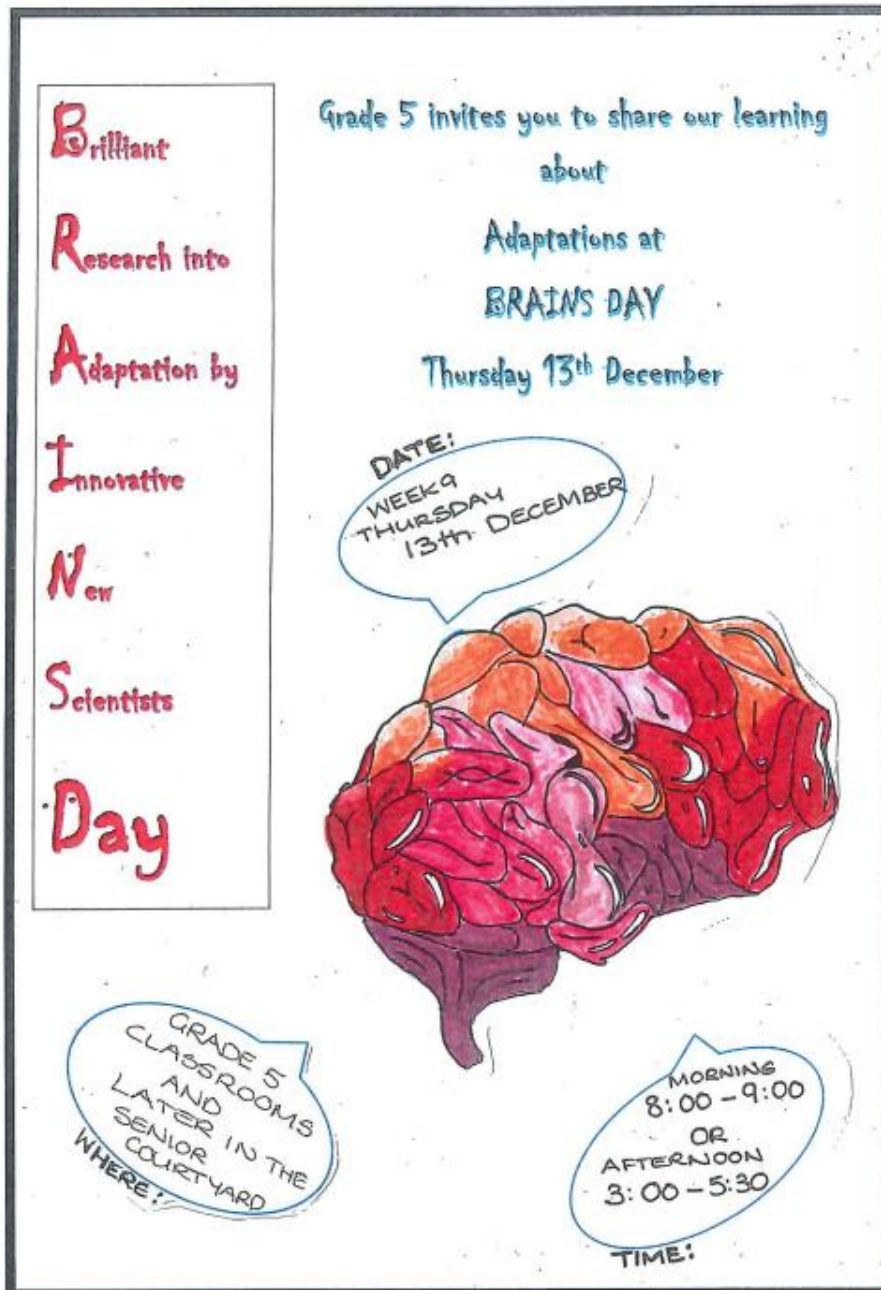
Maryanne Hayes,  
Deputy Principal

## CHIEF MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE

Thank you to all students for completing the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. The school won awards in All sections – P-2, 3-4, 5-6. We won \$100 voucher for each section, sponsored by Paperchain Bookstore at Manuka.

Our three representatives collected the certificates and vouchers and enjoyed a lovely lunch. Congratulations to Lucy (3TM), Phoebe (4HH) and Asher (KLS).





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## FINAL 2018 P&C Meeting - Week 7

The final P&C meeting for 2018 will be held at 7pm in the staff room on Thursday, 29 November.

Come along as we wrap up fundraising for the year and plan for priorities for 2019!

All members of the Curtin parent community are welcome to take part in P&C meetings.

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## January 2019 GERRIC Student Programs New Workshops Announced for 3-4 and 5-6!

GERRIC are excited to announce two brand new workshops on offer for the 2019 January Student Programs, sure to tickle the interests of your gifted child!

### **Poetry, Percussion and Performing your Story with Gabrielle Journey Jones**

In this workshop for years 3-4 we will have fun as we learn how to tune into our creativity through individual and group writing and drumming exercises. You will also engage with live spoken word performances each day with Gabrielle and work towards a special public performance event featuring your own poetry and drumming on the final day.

Interested? Read more [here](#).





### **Biomimicry: Recreating the Future with Voni Howard**

This workshop for years 5-6 will have you using inquiry, questioning and collaborating with other students to design and create STEM prototypes. With a focus on biomimicry, which involves looking at nature for inspiration to solve engineering problems, there will be opportunity to develop innovative new designs for products, viewing them through the lens of sustainability.

Interested? Read more [here](#).

**Remember! Registrations are first-come first-served this time around. The scholarships and equity application window has closed, and registrations open on December 3rd 7am at**

<https://january2019studentprograms.eventbrite.com.au>.

***Add registrations to your calendar now so you don't miss out on a place in the 2019 January GERRIC Student Programs:***

**Remember to read our frequently asked questions and [registration guide](#) before booking in for the programs.**