



CURTIN COURIER

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We gather to support

We strive to succeed

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Diary Dates

31 Aug Thursday
2:00pm Assembly KK
Change of Date

1 Sept –WALKATHON

1 Sept – P&C Father's
Day Breakfast

8 Sept Assembly
2:00pm 3/4 TM

14 Sept Christian
Education

14 Sept P&C Meeting

15 Sept Assembly
2:00pm 3/4KS

21 Sept Indonesian
Day

22 Sept KJG Assembly
2:00pm

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was a huge week at Curtin Primary. Thank you to all the amazing parents and members of community who gave up their time to present and work with the children during STEM week. Teachers and children alike enjoyed the challenges and opportunity to learn new things!

On Friday last week, the year 5 and 6 students visited the goldfields in Mogo. It was a glorious day and all students had the opportunity to pan for gold. Some struck it rich, while others could only dream. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience the conditions and hardships faced by the gold miners and they were able to see firsthand how skilful blacksmiths were. The highlight of the day was the traditional school experience with all students learning how to make damper and whirligigs!

Also on Friday, the big book swap extravaganza and dress up was held which was a huge success. The range of costumes and passion for reading was exciting to see! It was wonderful to see the support from the community and excitement on the children's faces when they were able to swap for a new book. All money raised and the remaining books will be donated to The Indigenous Literacy Foundation which aims to reduce the disadvantage experienced by children in remote Indigenous communities across Australia, by lifting literacy levels and instilling a lifelong love of reading! The total raised by our school this year was \$526.90 which is an outstanding result.

This Friday, the Walkathon will be held. All money raised will be used to help pay for the synthetic turf that is being installed in parts of the senior and junior playground during the term 3 holidays. Students are not required to wear school uniform and there will be prizes for the craziest hair or outfit on the day. If your child would like to participate in colour laps, we encourage them to wear an old white t-shirt. All students must have a Sun Smart hat. Please note that the canteen will NOT be open on the day.

Just a reminder that now it is August, it is hats on when playing! To help return any misplaced or lost items, please ensure that all hats are labelled and meet the Sun Smart requirements!

Enjoy the rest of your week,

Louise Smith

Teacher Transfers

I have received several questions about the teacher transfer process that occurs each year and why teachers move from Curtin to other schools. All staff at Curtin are employees of the Education Directorate. In a geographically small system, teacher mobility is a realistic option for sharing knowledge between schools. Teachers are placed in schools for an initial period of five years. Every year, following directorate procedures, principals meet with each teacher annually and discuss their career development. Factors that influence whether a teacher is nominated for transfer or extended in the school include continuing school programs, balancing the overall staffing profile of the school as well as the individual teacher's development and interests.

The transfer process is an opportunity to share expertise across the system and ensure a diverse range of professional experience in each school. At Curtin, we value teachers as the greatest resource to improve learning and aim each year to build our collective strength to provide quality learning for students.

Merryn O'Dea

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return By
17/8/2017	Year 3-6 Footsteps Dance Company	22/9/2017

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to those families who have paid this year's voluntary contributions. Your valued contributions have purchased resources to support your child's education. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to helping our students develop their education in new and innovative ways.

AWARDS

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

Kinder CS		3/4WL	Christine S Thomas D
Kinder TM	Ari P Sophie C	3/4KS	Orleans T Eliza Joan W
Kinder JG	Nico D Arianne K	3/4LR	Julian T Henry V
Kinder KK	Cadell R Tabitha H	3/4TM	Avinka K Harry M
1/2AS	Lily K Amna K	3/4KL	Isabella D Zachary M
1/2KZ	Mia S Libby T	5TD	Genevieve M Kain C
1/2KO	Audrey R Elizabeth D	5LS	Arnav G Hannah W
1/2MW	Will S Ari S	5JW	Zac U Lauren B
1/2LH	Ambika P Charlize S	6RD	Owen F Kate BA
1/2SL	Shepherd H Srivathsa K	6HH	
3/4RT	Adelaide C Silas S		

Ninja Warriors

Kinder CS	Luke K Zeel J	3/4WL	Thomas D Christine S
Kinder TM	Ben M	3/4KS	
Kinder JG	Sophia McP Aiden W	3/4LR	Nick D Grace P
Kinder KK	Emilia V Jimmy E	3/4TM	Grace H Ethan B
1/2AS	Jordy S Elisabeth P	3/4KL	Mia D Portia L
1/2KZ		5TD	Gabe K Emily S
1/2KO	Matilda T Hughan H-H	5LS	Amelia B Jake M
1/2MW	Emma M William Mc G	5JW	Cole P Telisha L
1/2LH	Aiden K Dihain A	6RD	Otto H Olivia H-L
1/2SL	Zac R Anthony P	6HH	Bridie W Racquel M
3/4RT	Sanelive T Tyrone W		

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED

The uniform shop will be closed this Friday 1st September.

Any Flexischool orders will be filled Monday.

Sorry for the short notice.

Canteen News

Due to the walkathon this **Friday 1 September** there will be **no canteen** operating for recess, lunch orders, or over the counter sales.

I will be cooking the sausage sizzle for the pre-ordered sausages.

Cheers Lizzy

P&C Father's Day Breaky - Friday 1 September

Bring Dad to school at 8am on Friday 1 September and have an egg and bacon roll with him, head into the library and read your favourite book with him, grab some sporting gear and kick, shoot or have a hit around with him and (if we can organise it) have a game of dodge ball against him (kids vs Dads!). The egg and bacon rolls will be in the Junior courtyard and will cost \$4.

Twilight Fair

Preparations for the Twilight Fair are underway! The Fair is [on Friday 10th of November](#) and it is time to start allocating stalls to classes. We also need ideas for new stalls! If you are interested in coordinating a stall, or have a suggestion for a stall, please get in contact with your class representative.

Trivia Night

The Trivia Night was a wonderfully fun night and raised over \$6,000. A massive thanks to everyone who attended and helped run such an amazing night. But a massive thanks to Louise Morgan and Liz Preston for all their time and efforts.

Can't wait for next year.

Shoe Boxes

Our kindergarten classes need your shoe boxes. If you have any spare shoe boxes could you please bring them in.

SRC Update

We are still collecting any type of tin with a lid. Can all containers please be given to Mrs Zarb and Ms North.



THE WALKATHON IS COMING AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

All money raised will be used to upgrade the junior and senior playground in the term 3 holidays!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$20,000!



SRC *Colour* Walkathon Friday 1 September, 2017



Date: Friday 1 September, 2017

Venue: Surrounds of Curtin Primary School (3km cross country track)

Classes: Whole school program – Preschool – Year 6

Time: 9.30am

Colour Run:

This term the SRC have organised a colour walkathon for participants. The powder is maize based with colour dye. If your child does not wish to participate, they will take an alternate route to avoid the colour section.

If you do not wish your child to be covered with colour, please contact your child's class teacher.

If the weather is unsuitable, the walkathon will be postponed to a later date (TBA)

What to bring:

- ❖ water bottle
- ❖ hat
- ❖ mufti clothing (including an old white T-shirt) and suitable walking shoes
- ❖ recess and lunch(if not having a sausage sizzle)

Don't forget:

- ✓ Sponsorship forms must be returned to the class teacher
- ✓ If your child is asthmatic or requires an EpiPen they **MUST** carry their own medication in a small backpack or in their pocket

Thank you to parents who have volunteered to assist during the day. All parents/carers participating or assisting during the walkathon need to sign in at the Front Office before meeting Mrs Devenish on the senior oval.

Thank you

Walkathon Committee

Curtin SAC

2018 ENROLMENTS OPEN 14 August 2017

Existing Families: Please place a booking request through your **My Family Lounge** account

New Families: Please register for an account with **My Family Lounge** through the link on our website and put through a booking request.

<http://www.wcs.org.au/2016-08-25-01-57-46/school-age-care/enrolments-and-fees-2018>

Places are limited and offered on a first in first serve basis. We will try to accommodate all families the best we can.

If you have any questions please email enrolments@wcs.org.au or call 6234 6829

