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We gather to support

We strive to succeed

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Diary Dates

13 Oct Athletics
Carnival

18 Oct 1/2 Tidbinbilla
Excursion

20 Oct Assembly
3/4WL 2:00pm

26 Oct Athletics
Ribbons 8-12years
2:15pm

27 Oct Assembly KCS
2:00pm

3 Nov Assembly 3/4RT
2:00pm

10 Nov Twilight Fair

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AFTER SCHOOL CARE

6285 4444

Bookings

6282 2644

Welcome to Term 4

Thank you for your support in having your children back at school in fresh uniforms ready for learning. The atmosphere in all classrooms yesterday was productive and settled as students reconnected with their peers and focused on new learning.

Our teachers will continue to guide classroom learning and begin the process of preparing reports. In some year levels, teachers will also be supporting transition programs for students joining the Curtin community as well as those moving on. Supporting our teaching staff, it is my pleasure to welcome **Maryanne Hayes** back to Curtin as our deputy principal for term 4.

Maryanne will be in this role while the recruitment process for a substantive deputy principal occurs. The first step in this process is seeking candidates who are existing deputy principals seeking transfer to a new school.

Planning for 2018 begins in term 4. The structure of the school and class placements is a significant part of this process. Teachers apply their professional knowledge to developing the school structure and ensuring each student is placed where their academic and wellbeing development can be optimised. Student relationships are also considered. Each student will be asked to name five peers they would be happy to have in their class, and placed with at least one. Generally, we believe teachers are best placed to balance the needs of a cohort to build the classes. Additional information from families about a specific aspect of their child's learning or wellbeing can support this decision making. If you have information you would like to contribute to your child's 2018 placement, please contribute this in writing to Merryn.O'Dea@ed.act.edu.au by Thursday 9 November. There are still spaces in the morning tea sessions advertised last term to discuss learning at Curtin. I encourage you to book in and engage in a more general conversation about our school practices.

The athletics carnival this Friday is a highlight of the term. The teaching of skills and competitive aspects of track and field events were completed in Term 1 PE lessons. The purpose of our carnival day is for all students to participate in a range of athletic and novelty events with a focus on enjoying physical activity. We are lucky to use the neighbouring oval to include students from all age levels and reduce costs to families. This inclusive and enjoyable carnival is unusual and a special aspect of our school culture. I would like to acknowledge the work of Amanda Beresford in planning for the day and thank all of the parent volunteers who make the carnival run smoothly. We look forward to talking with families as you visit the carnival to watch your children.

Yours in learning,

Merryn

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return By
17/8/2017	Year 3-6 Footsteps Dance Company	22/9/2017
	Swimming notes	
9/10/2017	Year 1-2 Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve Excursion	17/10/2017

You are invited!

Be part of a small group discussion about education at Curtin. Join the principal, Merryn O’Dea for morning or afternoon tea to discuss the research into gifted learning and other aspects of school life at Curtin. This is an opportunity to ask general questions and contribute to creating a dynamic learning environment at Curtin.

Groups will be capped at eight participants to ensure opportunities for participation.

Please note, evening sessions are not being offered due to school information sessions for new enrolments occurring across the school.



When	Week 1	Wednesday 11 October, 9.00-10:30am	Week 6	Friday, 17 November, 9.00-10:30am
	Week 2	Thursday 19 October, 9.00-10:30am & 3.15-4.45pm	Week 7	Wednesday, 22 November, 9.00-10:30am
	Week 3	Friday, 27 October, 9.00-10:30am	Week 8	Thursday 30 November, 9.00-10:30am & 3.15-4.45pm
	Week 4	Wednesday 1 November, 9.00-10.30am	Week 9	Friday, 8 December, 9:00am – 10:30am
	Week 5	Thursday 9 November, 9.00-10:30am & 3.15-4.45pm		
Where	Front Office Meeting Room			
RSVP	Please send your name, preferred date and any dietary requirements to CurtinPS@ed.act.edu.au			

WORKING BEE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the senior playground upgrades, we are building permanent timber garden beds.

Can you help us? We are holding a working bee on **Thursday the 19th of October from 7.00am.**

The school will supply the timber and other materials and will be led by Mark. If you are able to help us, can you please email Ms Smith at louise.smith@ed.act.edu.au

Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Please bring your own gloves, shovel, crowbar and any other tools that might be needed!



Hello,

This is a reminder that the new Transport Canberra Timetable will start operation on Saturday 7 October 2017.

All details are available on the Transport Canberra website including changes to [school services](#). Please direct students and parents to the website for further route information.

Please note: There are also diversions in place due to the closure of Flemington Rd and Wells Station Drive. These diversions will start on Monday 9 October until further notice. It will affect the Route 58 and the following school services:

[School Route 850](#)

[School Route 574](#)

[School Route 618](#)

[School Route 880](#)

[School Route 890](#)

More information is available from the [Transport Canberra Website](#).

Regards,

Transport Canberra and City Services | ACT Government

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SPORT NEWS

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL THIS FRIDAY - ALL WELCOME!

13 October

Curtin Primary School Oval

9am-3pm

BAND REMINDERS

Year 5 Band

- Friday 3rd November (Week 4) - Pairs Rehearsal at Hughes Primary School
 - Permission/medical notes have been emailed to families.
- Friday 10th November (Week 5) - Yr 5/6 Band performance at the Twilight Fair, 5pm Main Hall

Year 6 Band

- Friday 10th November (Week 5) - Yr 5/6 Band performance at the Twilight Fair, 5pm Main Hall
- Tuesday 14th November (Week 6), Bandstrav Rehearsal, Venue TBC
 - Notes for the Bandstrav rehearsal will be emailed this week.
- Wednesday 15th November, Bandstrav Performance, Llewellyn Hall 7pm
 - Notes for the Bandstrav performance went home on Tuesday.
- Thursday 7th December (Week 9) TBC - Year 6 Band performance at the Canberra Hospital Volunteer Christmas Party 4pm.

Canberra's School canteens!

Canberra's school canteen managers have been busy! And our canteen manager Lizzy is one of them! Check out these great statistics about school canteens in the ACT:

- 49% of all canteen menu items across ACT public schools are GREEN!
- 42% of public school canteens (30 schools) have met the National Healthy School Canteen Guidelines in 2017.
- The proportion of unhealthy RED food and drinks has dropped from 23% to only 3% of all food and drink items.

We would like to congratulate our school canteen and say a huge thank you to the whole school community for your support in helping make the healthy choice the easy choice for our kids!

Canteen News

Welcome back everyone!

I hope we all had an action packed break.

As we all know the athletics carnival is on this Friday so the canteen will not be running as normal. There will be no lunch or recess orders. An outdoor canteen will be running on the day, which will only be selling ice cream, lollies and snack chips. As it is a special event we are able to sell red food items. It will be up to individual parents to make a choice whether they send money with their child on the day; Ice creams will be ranging from 50c up to \$3.20.

Please ensure your child has enough food and drinks for the day.

Cheers Lizzy.

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.

5 Cent Drive

Is about to begin so start saving up

"Coins over here

Coins over there



Maybe even in your dad's underwear" 9 year old author



Prizes for the Winning classes

1st – Pizza Party

2nd – Ice-creams

3rd – Cupcake

Tournament of Minds Fundraising

Our Tournament of Minds team will be representing the ACT at the Australian Pacific finals in Adelaide at the end of week 3. Please help support our team. If you can spare a few dollars to help them get to Adelaide, you can visit the GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/curtin-tournament-of-minds-team>.

Colouring –in Competition

2 Categories – K-2 and 3-6
Great prizes!!!

Cost – \$1 to enter

Get your entry near the canteen on Thursday this week or any day in week 2 at recess or lunch.
Competition closes and judged on Friday 20th October!

Be in it to win it!!!

Lunchtime Disco

Where: Patterson Hall

When: Wednesday lunchtime week 2.

Who : EVERYONE Invited

Cost: Gold coin entry

Come and sing and dance the lunch time away.....

Prizes awarded for great dancing!!

Popcorn will also be on sale for 50c!

SEE YOU THERE!

Community News

Walk-in Centres in the ACT



Have you heard of Canberra's Walk-in Centres?

Walk-in Centres provide free and efficient access to treatment and health advice for one-off minor injury and illness on a no appointment basis.

Walk-in Centres are open from 7.30am to 10.00pm 7 days a week, including public holidays, and are located at:

- Belconnen Community Health Centre, on the corner of Lathlain and Cohen St, and
- Tuggeranong Community Health Centre, on the corner of Anketell and Pittman St.

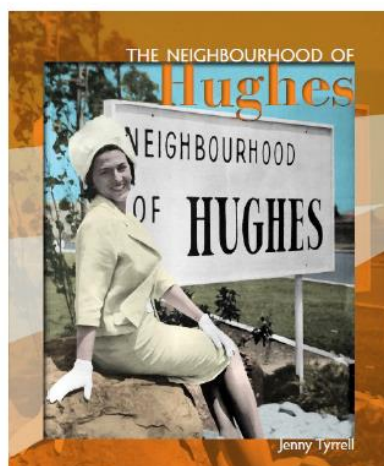
Walk-in Centres provide free one-off treatment for less serious conditions, particularly after-hours when there are limited options available.

Walk-in Centres are staffed by a team of highly skilled Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners who have extensive experience in treating people.

Walk-in Centres offer a range of services and treatments. Visit our website www.walkincentre.act.gov.au to see what's offered.

Book Launch

At the Hughes Primary School
Food and Wine Extravaganza
Saturday 28 October, 2017 4.40pm



A story of life in Hughes from 1963-2017
Stories and anecdotes from Hughes residents past and present.

Books will be available from Hughes Capital Chemist and
Hughes Primary School office after the launch or contact
Jenny Tyrrell at hugheshistory@gmail.com



Raising awareness of, and funds
to support people with,
Primary Immune Deficiencies