



# CURTIN COURIER

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## Diary Dates

26 Oct Athletics

Ribbons 8-12years

2:15pm

27 Oct Assembly KCS

2:00pm-**Postponed**

30 Oct – 6 Nov

Scholastic Book Fair

31 Oct Girls League

Tag

2 Nov Walkathon

Assembly

3 Nov Yr 5 Band @

Hughes

3 Nov Assembly 3/4RT

2:00pm

10 Nov Twilight Fair

13 Nov Nth preschool

Parent information for

2018 6pm-7pm

14 Nov Sth preschool

Parent information for

2018 6pm-7pm

14 Nov Bandstrav

Rehearsal

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6285 4444

Bookings

6282 2644

**Student-Absence No: 0437 787 824**

Welcome to this week’s Curtin Courier,

This week I would like to share my gratitude and appreciation of our generous and energetic school community. Firstly, through the P & C’s financial support of the year 5 and 6 Tournament of Minds (TOMs) Maths Engineering team which Sonya Nemarich and I will be taking to Adelaide tomorrow to compete in the Australian Pacific Finals. Teams come from Australia, Singapore and the Pacific region. The six Curtin students, who won the ACT TOM Finals, will spend 3 hours on Saturday at Flinders University, working on solving an unseen maths engineering challenge. During this time, they will be expected to write a script, create some basic props to accompany their play and most importantly, build a ‘device’ that will work in front of the panel of judges during their 10 minute presentation later in the day. The Curtin team will also be expected to solve a 5 minute Spontaneous Challenge and the team that overall achieves the highest points for both this and the 3 hour challenge, will be the Australian Pacific 2017 Primary Maths Engineering Champions. All teams must clearly demonstrate teamwork, creativity, critical thinking and problem solving. The Curtin team also organised school fund raising activities to help finance their trip. We wish our students all the very best for the trip.

At the senior playground working bee which began very early last Thursday morning, a small but hardworking group of students, parents and teachers worked together to clear foliage, dig holes and pour concrete to set the foundations for the new garden beds below the year 5 classrooms. Thank you to Louise Smith, SRC lead teacher and Mark our BSO for organising the working bee, and Lizzy in the Canteen who supplied a delicious breakfast. Special thanks to our parents Ken Mansell, Brendan C, David H and Julian B for coming to school so early to help. We could not have done it without you! Thank you also to Hazel Hoskisson, and the year 5 and 6 students who ably assisted with digging holes, removing the rubbish and helping to clear up at the end. The SRC and Louise Smith are looking at some of the ‘neglected’ areas in our school gardens and developing improvement plans. The garden beds at the edge of the junior playground were created following consultation with the student representatives.

The preparations for the Twilight Fair are well underway and the Canteen area is filling up with items for the White Elephant and Book stalls. A dedicated group of parents is sorting through and organising all the items and books. They have asked that items dropped off need to be in good condition and remain untouched by students until the Fair. If this will be your family’s first Twilight Fair, you are in for a treat! The evening is always very busy with lots of activities, delicious food, raffles and entertainment. This annual event is always lots of fun for students, parents and staff.

Finally, a huge thank you to the parents who come in weekly to sort through the mountain of lost property. If clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles are clearly named then they can be easily returned to their owners.

It is lovely to see our students enjoying the comforts of the revamped senior courtyard. Many teachers are holding classes there and the outdoor bean bags and lush green ‘grass’ provide a restful space in the beautiful spring weather.

Deborah Fitzgerald

**PLEASE NOTE: The KCS Assembly this Friday has been postponed, however merit awards will still be presented to this week’s recipients at 2pm.**

## AWARDS

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

Kinder CS	-	3/4WL	Ella P Alex P
Kinder TM	Jasmeen K Hani W	3/4KS	Sneha J Jackson M
Kinder JG	Mac K Antonio J	3/4LR	Flynn McD-W Grace P
Kinder KK	-	3/4TM	Ewan P Matilda C
1/2AS	Lily K Amnah A	3/4KL	Will-Daley S Jonathan K
1/2KZ	Elana S Hugo M	5TD	Addie I Livvy B
1/2KO	Isaac D Abbi K	5LS	Charles R Kobe S
1/2MW	Ashton C Emma M	5JW	Allira Y Darrence T
1/2LH	William S Nicholas N	6RD	Zac W Peta-Ann M-F
1/2SL	Andre D Angus C	6HH	Kirily J Zoe R
3/4RT	Harley D Lakshayan R		

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## Walkathon Assembly – Thursday 2 November

Juniors (K-2) 2pm-2:30pm

Seniors (3-6) 2:30pm-3pm

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## Canteen News

As we all know the Twilight Fair is an exciting, busy time. So to free up the canteen area on the day, we are having a 'sushi day'. **No other orders will be available.** I am outsourcing the sushi so please have your order forms and money back to the Canteen by **Monday 4th November 2017** so they have enough time to prepare the sushi. Order form below. Cheers Lizzy

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Sushi Day Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Vegetarian

Teriyaki Chicken

Cooked tuna and Avocado

\$3.00 each



Name

Class

Order:

Amount:

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# SPORT NEWS

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## SWIMMING PROGRAM 2017

Thank you to all the families who have enrolled online in the 2017 swimming program. Just a reminder that each session is capped at 65. Once full - no more online enrolments will be accepted. If you would like to enrol your child/ren, please do so ASAP so you don't miss a spot.

**Kindy/Yr 1:** 34 places left

**Yr 2:** 43 places left

**Yr 3/4:** 35 places left

## TENNIS AT CURITN

As part of the Sporting Schools Grant Program, we have had a few sports visit our school to run clinics this year including Rugby Union, Orienteering, Cricket and Tennis.

As part of our association with Tennis ACT, they will be sending a couple of players from the Apis Canberra International 2017 to speak with our children at a whole school gathering on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 2pm in the main hall. They will also be presenting every kindergarten child with a brand new tennis racquet. This will continue each year for our new kindergarten children. After the presentation they will take the kindergarten children out to the oval to have a turn at using their new racquets. Please feel free to join us for this exciting event.

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## Tournament of Minds

A big Thank You to everyone who has supported the TOMs team through the fundraising over the last few weeks. Thank you to those who donated some money through the GofundMe page, but also supporting the Colouring In Competition and Lunchtime disco and popcorn last week. The team are very grateful for your generosity.

We wish the team all the best as they travel to Adelaide on Thursday afternoon to represent Curtin primary and the ACT in the Maths Engineering challenge on Saturday at Flinders University.

At the Sports award assembly this Thursday, the girls who are in the Tournament of Minds team travelling to Adelaide will receive their medals and certificates.

The Girls are Jada-Lily L, Stella K, Sophia G, Jaz C, Yujing L & Katy K

Good Luck Girls!!

Sonya Nemarich and Deborah Fitzgerald



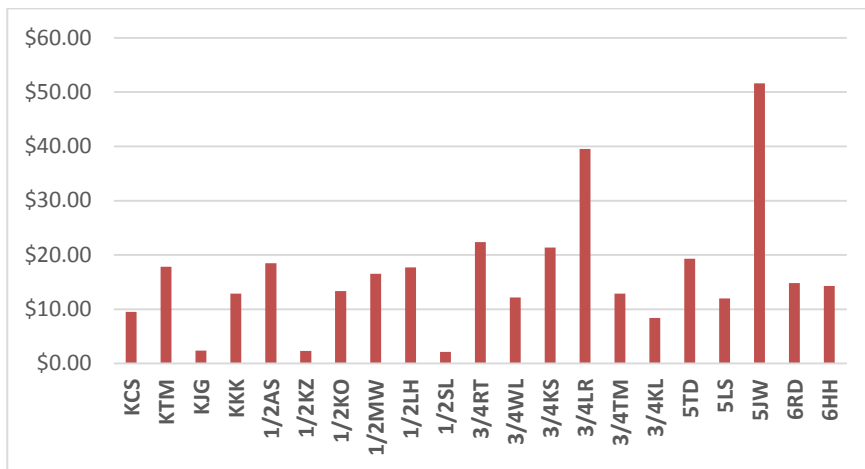
# TWILIGHT FAIR

Week 2 Five cent drive

Congratulations to all the classes who have been bringing in their 5 cent pieces. We have 3 more collections before the winner will be announced at the Twilight Fair. So far, the leaders are:

1. 5 JW \$51.60
2. 3/4 LR \$39.55
- 3/4 RT \$22.35

Keep up the great work!



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## PARKING AT CURTIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Once again can we please remind our families to drive carefully and respect other drivers in our Carparks. We are particularly concerned with children running between cars in our Front carpark. Please use the pickup/drop off zones correctly at the front of the school.

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## Community News

WANTED to rent: 4 bed or 3 bed plus study home in Curtin or nearby suburbs. We have been given notice and need to move house before Christmas. If you know of anyone with a house to rent or are moving imminently, please contact Helen Sloane ph 0415 439 012.