



CURTIN COURIER

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We gather to support
We strive to succeed*

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Diary Dates

25 July – Australian Primary School's Maths Olympiad

31 July – ICAS English

31 July – National Portrait Gallery and The National Gallery - 1KZ and 1CT

2 August – National Portrait Gallery and The National Gallery - 1CD & 1KC

7 August – Year 4 Green Shed Excursion

10 August – Year 6 Combined Band rehearsal

21 August – Year 5 Combined Band Rehearsal

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to term 3. It has been great hearing about the many adventures students had during the holiday break as well as the relaxing tales of comfort at home. This term we welcome back Nicole Moore who is returning from maternity leave. Nicole will support Clare Farr in providing targeted literacy intervention to students across the school.

A new round of passion projects will begin this week. Thank you to those families who promptly returned their child's selection note. As you can imagine, a lot of effort goes into organising these groups and I'm sure you will agree that they are well worth it. The aim of these groups is for students to try new things and/or explore areas of personal interest, and meet likeminded peers from their own and other year levels. This term some of our groups have taken on more of 'The Arts' type feel with origami, real school mural, drawing/colouring, textile art and musical mayhem on offer. We will also see genius hour run as a pilot project and the popular Tournament of Minds for years 5 and 6 students.

The junior courtyard upgrade is well and truly underway. The improved design features water hand pumps, dry creek riverbed, sensory path, raised vegetable garden beds and a large swing bed, creating a safe and inclusive space for our students. Students are already excited by the noticeable changes they can see occurring and I have even heard comments of envy from the senior students. Whilst the courtyards are labelled junior and senior, we look forward to all students being able to use these spaces as an extension of the classroom and playground. The upgrade is running on schedule and is due to be completed mid-term. Special thanks to Colleen for overseeing this project.

A reminder that dogs are not allowed to be brought onto school grounds, or within ten metres of a designated play space, with the exception of assistance/guide dogs. Under the *Domestic Animals Act 2000*, domestic animals may not be taken on to school grounds, or fields or playing areas where training or sport is being conducted, without permission of the principal. We have many students who are anxious around dogs and it is a safety issue. We ask that if you are walking your dog to school at morning drop off or afternoon pickup time, please ensure your dog is on a leash and you arrange for your child to meet you outside the school grounds.

Finally, we would like to invite feedback on the agreed practices for class placement that was distributed with the newsletter in week 10 last term. A copy is also attached with this week's newsletter. Any feedback or comments can be referred to Merryn O'Dea via phone or email curtinps@ed.act.edu.au by Friday 3 August.

Kind regards,

Kate North

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return By
16 May 2018	Student Information Check Sheet	ASAP
	Year 1 - National Portrait Gallery & National Gallery of Australia	26 July
	Year 4 - Camp expression of interest	27 July
	Year 4 - Green Shed Excursion	3 August

Class Placement – Agreed Practices

Every year, class placement processes are of high interest to students, families and staff. In past years, the school has always endeavoured to accommodate parent requests throughout the class placement process, up to the commencement of the school year. Making these accommodations is time consuming and challenging and at times has required the school to place students in classes against our professional recommendations. To ensure the class placement process is based on the best educational thinking and occurs in the most efficient way, we have developed a clear written procedure which is attached to this week's newsletter. This has been developed by a team of staff and approved by the School Board. From this year, this process will guide the class placement process. We invite you to become familiar with this procedure before the placement process begins. Please feel welcome to contact Merryn to discuss the procedure or ask any questions.

Proposed Year 5 Camp 2019

Dear Parents of Year 4 student 2018,

Please find attached to the newsletter information regarding a proposed camp for Year 5 2019. The deadline for returning expressions of interest is Friday 27th July 2018 (end of Week 1) and a decision on the viability of the camp will be made then.

Please contact Rob Whyte (robert.whyte@ed.act.edu.au) for any questions regarding this camp.

Many thanks,
Rob Whyte
Year 5 Teacher

A **HUGE** thank you to our parent helpers who assisted with cleaning up the junior courtyard.

Tanya Ralston - Jo McKenzie-Kay - Sarah Horne
Victoria Mansell - Ken Mansell

Also thanks to Ken for dismantling the metal benches in freezing conditions.

Your help, once again, is always invaluable to our school.



2018 Student School Satisfaction Survey – Years 5 & 6

Information for parents and carers

I am writing to request the participation of your child/ren in an important survey to be conducted online during class time in August. The survey results will contribute to our school improvement processes and will also be used in public interest research projects and longitudinal studies aimed at improving the quality of services in the ACT.

The survey includes general satisfaction items together with the school climate module, which covers relationships with other students and teachers, connection to the school, student well-being and engagement in learning. This module is part of a longitudinal study being conducted in partnership with researchers at the Australian National University. Student identification numbers will be used at the start of the survey to confirm the identity of students and to enable survey responses to be linked over time and with administrative and performance data. Linking data in this way will help researchers to assess the relationship between improvements in school climate and educational outcomes and enable a more informative understanding of patterns over time. No personal information will be provided to any school or college.

The Australian National University and the Education Directorate will handle all personal information in accordance with the Territory Privacy Principles set out in the *Information Privacy Act 2014*. Details about how personal information is stored and used are available in our *Privacy Policy* (available at <http://education.act.gov.au>).

The participation of all students in years 5 to 12 will be extremely useful and valuable in finding out what we do well and where we can improve. The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete.

If having read the information above you **do not want** your child/ren to participate in this voluntary survey please contact the front office by the **9 August 2018** so that we can exclude them from the survey.

Yours sincerely

Merryn O’Dea

Principal

SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

**INSTALLATION
INSTRUCTIONS**

Just download the "SkoolBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!

Attention Year 1 families

As part of Inquiry unit on Change, we have been looking at timelines and how the children changed over time. Could we please have a baby photo of your child either hardcopy or electronic (emailed to your child's classroom teacher is fine). Please send us a copy you are happy for us to keep as it will form part of a class display.

We would love to have them all by the end of Week 2.

Kind regards Year 1 teachers.



P&C NEWS



Do you feel like you're missing something?

Well maybe you are if you haven't yet signed up to receive emails from the class parent rep!

Signing up to class emails means you will receive extra and last minute reminders about class and school events and notes, as well as communication from class teachers that you won't get from anywhere else.

Please email your class rep to join the class email list and start receiving updates! Find your class on the list below.

By joining the Parent class email list and staying informed on what is happening at school you are helping the teachers, kids and parents maintain a strong school community which works well and achieves great things! Thanks!

For everyone already receiving class emails, you don't have to do anything; you will remain on the list 😊

Blue Emus	Lesley Whiteside	lesleypiccinato@hotmail.com
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5KL	Louise Morgan	nick@nmphotos.com
5RW	Belinda James	belindafjames@gmail.com
5LM	Tracey Carson	traceycarson08@gmail.com
6RD	Rachel Middleton	r_middleton@icloud.com
6DJ	Victoria Holland	victoriaholland@inet.net.au
6JW	Volunteer required	

School Banking News

School Banking continues in Term 3. School Banking provides a fun, interactive and engaging way for students to learn about money and develop good saving habits. School Banking is also great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 from the Commonwealth Bank when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

A quick reminder that banking is completed on Wednesday, with books returned to students at the end of the week. If you have any questions, or suggestions, email Ali at alicebourke@yahoo.com

If you have 10 or more tokens, please choose a reward and return your reward selection with your bank book on banking day. If you are unsure how many tokens you have pop us a note and we will let you know.

School Bankers still have time to complete 15 deposits and make it into the draw for the National School Banking competition.

Keep saving for a chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.



This year, School Banking is running a Super Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker and their family of two adults and up to three children to Hawaii.

The trip includes:

- Return economy flights to Honolulu, Hawaii plus airport transfers
- 7 nights accommodation at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel & Resort staying in a Luxury Ocean Room, with beach views and breakfast included
- AU\$2,000 spending money.

How to enter

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018 to automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things you should know: The 'Super Savers Grand Prize Competition' (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 48 123 123 124) of Level 3C, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promotion starts at 9am AEDT on 22/01/18 and closes at 11.59pm AEST on 28/09/18. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4-13 years only who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their Commbank 'Youthsaver' account during the Promotion period. Eligible entrants will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry/person. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children (aged 17 years and under), including 7 nights accommodation and AU\$2,000 spending money, valued at AU\$17,666. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 12pm AEDT on 10/10/18 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and in *The Australian* on 17/10/18. Winner must claim the prize by 5pm AEDT on 15/01/19 or the prize will be redrawn. The prize will be awarded to the winner's nominated parent or guardian. Conditions apply to accepting the prize. Full terms and conditions available from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Authorised under NSW Permit No: LTPS/17/18318, ACT Permit No: ACT TP 17/01989 and SA Permit No: T17/1878. ADV14546 010118



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Adults \$10 Children over 5 \$5 Seniors \$6 Family \$25

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