



CURTIN COURIER

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We seek to inspire

We gather to support

We strive to succeed

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Diary Dates

February 13
Board Nominations
close 11am

February 13-21
Robotics Incursion

February 16
P&C AGM 7:00pm

Board Meeting 7:30am

February 17
P&C Welcome BBQ

February 21
Parent Information
evening

February 24
Swimming Carnival
Year 3-6 – Big Splash

February 28
Goal setting Interviews

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AFTER SCHOOL CARE
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Wow, week 2 already! Congratulations to everyone for such a settled start, especially the Preschool and Kindergarten students. You would never know that it was their first time in these settings.

A HUGE thank you to all the Year 5/6 parents who have jumped on board our BYOC (Bring your own Chromebook) journey and provided their child/ren with a Chromebook. It is greatly appreciated and these classes are humming along. There are a few teething issues, which are common with all new ventures, and we are working these out. Our new lockers have arrived and students have been issued an individual locker for security. These colourful additions have excited the students and brightened our corridors.

From next week the 5/6 students will be allowed to walk their bags inside and put them in their classrooms after 8:30am. They will not be unpacking bags at this time. Students will need to tell the teacher on playground duty they are going inside to do this and then report that they are back outside. A staff member will be inside unlocking the classroom doors and relocking them so that the bags and Chrome books are kept safe and secure. This is a trial and if it works will become the process. Please discuss this with your child/ren so that they are aware they need to be as efficient as possible in doing this.

Last year we applied for a Digital Literacy grant to assist in introducing the Digital Technologies curriculum into our school. (We will not know the outcome of the grant process till the end of February/early March). As part of this grant we are hoping to buy robots for each grade level to introduce coding. Coding is part of the Digital Technologies curriculum. We have also booked an incursion based on robotics and coding to ignite the students’ and teachers’ minds and start us on our journey. The incursion involves an exciting and unique series of hands on activities tailored for our school. The students will be completing real world problems to design, create, evaluate, modify, test and demonstrate how their robots achieve the task. The incursion will take place from Monday week 3 to Tuesday week 4 and will involve all students from K-6. If you have not returned the permission note and payment please do so by this Friday.

The teachers will also be upskilled and empowered to teach coding to their students through hands on activities, online tasks and using the robots if our grant is successful.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will also be using the Chromebooks in their classrooms. In order for this to occur all students are required to complete the *Acceptable Use of ICT* form and the *Google apps for Education* permission forms. These are both attached to this newsletter.

Thanks,

Maryanne Hayes
Deputy Principal

CURTIN PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

Position Vacant: **Parent Member (2)**

The above School Board positions will be open for nomination for a **2 year term from 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2019.**

Nominations **Open:** 11am Monday 30th January 2017

Nominations **Close:** 11am Monday 13 February 2017

Nominations must be submitted between these dates

Nomination forms can be obtained from the front office early next year.

Voting if required will take place from 11am 20 February 2017 – 11am 27 February 2017

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return BY
31/1/2017	Swimming Carnival YR3-6	17/2/2017
31/1/2017	Year 6 shirts	10/2/2017
2/2/2017	Robotics	10/2/2017
7/2/2017	Kindy health check	24/2/2017

PARENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 2017

The P&C is seeking parent class reps for 2017! The role of the parent class rep includes disseminating information from the school, the P&C and the teacher to your child's class each week. You might also be involved in organising your class' contribution to P&C events, like the Twilight Fair, and you may even organise social class gatherings for your class if you choose!

If you are interested in taking on the role of parent class rep, please return the form below to the front office, or email the details to Lis Preston at Elisabeth.preston@canberra.edu.au, using the subject heading "parent class rep".

Name _____

Child's name _____

Child's Class _____

Phone: _____

Email address _____

SPORT/BAND NEWS

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SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

(Yrs 3-6 + Yr 2 children born 2009 entering 50m races)

Friday 24 February (Week 4)

BIG SPLASH

Catchpole Street, MACQUARIE

Notes MUST be returned by Friday 17 February.

Please email me if you are able to help on the day.

9.30-12pm, 12-2.30pm or all day.

Volunteers will receive free entry, morning tea and lunch.

Parents are welcome to come and watch but will be charged \$3.00 entry to the pool.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Thank you to all the students who ran for House Captains.

Congratulations to the following children who were elected:

HOUSE	CAPTAINS
OKEY	Sophie G, Lucia S James H, Brandon L
AINSLIE	Jada-Lily L, Jaz C Zander H, Hamish R
TAYLOR	Kiriley J, Leah T Tristan B, Tom C
STROMLO	Aprillia M, Chelsea P Sam F, Nick S

House Captains badges will be presented at an assembly once they arrive.

Notice will be given in the newsletter.

WEETBIX TRYathlon

I look forward to seeing all our athletes at the Weetbix TRYathlon this Sunday. I will set up a Curtin flag near the finish line. Please drop by and say hello.

Band 2017

Year 5 Band testing

Thursday 9th February 9.30am-10.30am

Welcome to Curtin BBQ

Friday 17 February 5:30 to 7pm

Want to get to know other parents at the amazing Curtin Primary?

Come along to the Welcome to 2017 BBQ on Friday the 17th.

We will get the parents of the Kindergarten classes together to meet each other. And we put some areas for the parents of the other classes (1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6) to get together as well.

The P&C will provide the sausage sandwiches so BYO everything.

P&C AGM on Thursday 16th February 2017 at 7pm in the staff room

The next P&C meeting will be our AGM on Thursday, 16th February 2017 to which all parents and other P&C members are invited.

The meeting will involve a number of brief reports on last year's activities and a spill of all positions.

Positions are available for the P&C proper (President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary) and the Canteen and Preschool Subcommittees.

Turnover is great for new ideas and helping the P&C grow. Our current committee members are keen to give up their existing positions and are happy to provide support to new members to the extent this is needed or wanted. We are hoping that lots of people will turn up to volunteer!

P&C looking for an auditor

Each year we get the accounts of the P&C audited and we need a new auditor for the 2016 accounts. If you are a member of the three main accounting associations or an auditor under the Corporations Law and would be keen to check out our accounts email or treasurer (Ken, ken@taxrambling.com). Thanks.

Regards

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Lost Property

Hi everyone,

School is back and that means lost property will be steadily growing.

I am unable to manage the lost property this year and would like to handover to another willing parent/s.

Please contact me on carson.ange@gmail.com and I will fill you in on how it works, nothing too taxing!

Thanks,

Angela

Community News

Woden Weston Rams Junior Rugby League - Registrations for the 2017 Junior Rugby League season are now open!

To register online please follow the link below:

[Register now](#)

Players returning from the 2016 season are required to register no later than 19 February 2017 to guarantee a position on a team. After this date new players wishing to join to club will be offered available positions in age groups.

An information and registration day will be held on Sunday 19 February 2017 at the Mawson Club between 10.00am and 1.00pm for any players or families who like to learn more about playing junior rugby league with the Woden Weston Rams.

For any enquiries or if you are having trouble registering, please email ramsjuniors.web@gmail.com



Come and Learn to Play Hockey

U9s - Hookin2Hockey/Minkey at Deakin

9yrs+ at ANU

Season launch and registration Saturday 11th February

Lyneham Hockey Centre

12.00pm-2.45pm

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