



CURTIN COURIER

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We gather to support
We strive to succeed*

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Diary Dates

April 6
5/6 National Zoo & Aquarium Excursion

April 7
End of Term 1

Wednesday April 26
1st day Term 2

May 9-12
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Dear Curtin families,

After a fantastic cross country carnival yesterday, students and teachers are finishing off class work and preparing for the holiday break. Like all carnivals, the success of cross country is in the community spirit achieved through parents and teachers working together. Thank you to those of you who volunteered their time and energy to support our students.

This term has flown by and has been one of significant learning for students and teachers. Our teaching teams and executive have spent time analysing student results and will use this to plan for individual and class learning next term. Professional learning has focused on ways we adjust classroom activities to ensure learning is optimized for all students and we look forward to applying this next term.

Curtin Primary is committed to providing a balanced curriculum which exposes students to varied opportunities. To enrich the arts education that occurs in class, we alternate between a visual art show and performing arts experience every second year. This year, we focus on the performing arts and will be holding a performing arts festival in week 6 (junior school) and week 7 (senior school). The festival is an innovation from the writing festival held at this time in previous years. It is a pilot for Curtin and engage students and teachers in the performing arts skills and content in the Australian curriculum. Students will explore different strands of the arts through workshops and a concert program with local performer and educator, Mr Tim. If our festival model works, it will be expanded in future to include parent experts and visiting artists.

Twice each term, it is my pleasure to meet with our board and P&C and discuss ways to enhance our school. I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Anne Twyman and Nick Morgan as our departing board members. Both Anne and Nick have dedicated time and energy to our school and their ideas and participation have helped the board to improve the school over time. I am delighted to announce Tanya Ralston and Alistair James as our new board members and look forward to their contributions. Our P&C do an incredible job fundraising, running the canteen, supporting volunteers and doing other tasks as they arise in the school. Last meeting the P&C dedicated funds to providing furniture for year 6 classrooms, enabling Mr Tim to work with us in term 2 and printing high quality signs to support PBL. I thank the committee for their support and all families who support P&C fundraisers.

There are some changes occurring to our staff for next term. Nicole Moore is moving from Kindergarten to working across the school as our learning intervention teacher before her maternity leave from term 3. We will welcome Tessa Mews to our staff as the new kindergarten teacher. Tessa worked at Curtin as an intern and assistant during 2016 and early this year. Kate North will be teaching 1/2MW for two days each week to support Megan Ward as she takes more time to be with her baby. We have the sad task of farewelling Caitland Curnow as she moves to Queensland to be with her family. Caitland began her career at Curtin and has made a significant contribution to many students in her short time. We thank her for her contribution and wish her well for the future. A replacement teacher is being recruited.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays with your children and have some fun and relaxation. We look forward to seeing everyone recharged and ready to learn on Wednesday 26 April.

Merryn

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return By
22/03/2017	Student Information check sheet	05/05/2017
24/03/2017	Kindergarten excursion to Capital Theatre	06/04/2017

ANZAC Day Commemorations

ANZAC Day is an important day and it is commemorated in many ways.

Fred Ward Gardens will commemorate the day on Friday 21 April. This date is during the school holidays but Curtin community members are invited to attend and participate in this event.

Finally on Friday 28 April 6HH will host an ANZAC Day assembly where we will tell some of the stories of what ANZAC means to the Curtin community. If your family has a story it would like to share please let me know so we can plan out respectful assembly.

We hope you will be able to attend one of these important commemorations.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be **closed this Friday the 7th April** due to stocktake. Flexischool orders will still be filled and delivered to children in their classrooms.

Tania and Clare

Canteen News

Canteen Closed Friday April 7

No lunch orders for years 5 and 6 Thursday April 6 due to their excursion

Lost Property

As we are nearing the end of term I thought it would be a good idea to remind the children if they are missing any items to come have a look at lost property. Lost property has rapidly built up a big collection of unnamed items which I will be donating at the end of term.

If you have some free time and would like to help out at lost property I am there most Friday's from 2:30pm. Alternatively you can contact me at rebtan@velocitynet.com.au

Many thanks, Rebecca

P&C News

At the recent P&C meeting, some big spending decisions were made. There were many items to be considered, with the following items selected for funding.

The P&C will contribute \$27,000 for new furniture for the Year 6 classrooms, well deserved after many years of fundraising throughout the school, and seeing the upgrades to the junior classrooms.

In Term 2, Mr Tim will be returning to the school to run a performing arts event. The P&C will contribute \$7,000 to this event.

To support the new Positive Behaviours for Learning program, the P&C will contribute \$2,000 towards signage around the school.

We are looking forward to the Easter Raffle at the end of this week, with some great prizes to be won.

SPORT NEWS

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SOUTH WESTON SWIMMING

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the South Weston 12/U Region Swimming Carnival last Thursday.

All our swimmers were excited to represent the school and we are very proud of their efforts.

I am still waiting on the overall results. Children who qualified for the ACT Carnival will be notified ASAP.

BEEP TEST

In PE, each class (K-6) did the beep test. The beep test is a 20m shuttle run that measures fitness.

Please see the attached Hall of Fame Term 1 Top 10 for each grade level.

Please contact me if you would like to know how your child went.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE FIRST AID TRAINING

All classes K-6 will be involved in age appropriate first aid training in Term 2, 22nd-25th May. Each class will have one session. More information about this program will be available next term.

SPORTING SCHOOLS

This term we had AFL clinics for P-6 and Rugby clinics for 3/4.

The Rugby Clinics will continue in Term 2 due to poor weather this term.

Next term all classes 3-6 will be involved in a Hot Shots Tennis Program. We have local coach Frank Calabria who is employed by Tennis ACT running these clinics.

The Tennis program will continue in Term 3 for K-2.

GALA DAYS

TERM 2: 5/6 Boys AFL Gala Day

Thursday 25th May

Notes will be coming home early next term to those boys interested in playing (Cost \$10)

No experience necessary.

We hope to expand this to a girl's competition in 2018.

TERM 3: 3/4 Red Ball Tennis Competition (Teams of 8-10)

We hope to enter 3 mixed teams (no experience necessary)

More information will be provided later next term.

CURTIN PRIMARY BEEP TEST HALL OF FAME

TERM1 2017

TOP 10

KINDY Average 2.7				YEAR 1 Average 3.1				YEAR 2 Average 4.2			
Henry	R	KNM	5.2	Hughan	HH	1/2KO	6.6	Levi	D	1/2KO	8.4
Ava	P	KNM	4.6	Angus	C	1/2KO	6.4	Ryan	W	1/2KZ	7.9
Jordaine	D	KNM	4.5	Kye	J	1/2CC	6.3	Henry	M	1/2MW	7.5
Jackson	D	KJG	4.4	Zac	R	1/2CC	5.4	William	S	1/2MW	7.5
Charlotte	M	KNM	4.2	Alex	K	1/2MW	5.3	Isaac	D	1/2KO	7.2
Charlie	H	KKK	3.6	Noah	B	1/2CC	5.2	Nayte	S	1/2LH	7.1
Alexander	K	KCS	3.5	Isla	T	1/2KO	4.7	Darcy	B	1/2LH	7.1
Evie	M	KCS	3.5	Cailin	P	1/2KZ	4.7	Lachlan	W	1/2CC	6.5
Benjamin	C	KKK	3.5	Roley	S	1/2KO	4.4	Arianne	J	1/2CC	6.4
Jimmy	E	KKK	3.5	Abbi	K	1/2KO	4.3	Felix	P	1/2KO	6.1
Hannah	M	KNM	3.5	Leo	P	1/2MW	4.3				
YEAR 3 Average 4.6				YEAR 4 Average 5.4				YEAR 5 Average 6.4			
Darcy	M	3/4TM	10.1	Nicholas	D	3/4LR	9.7	Zann	W	5LS	11.5
Thomas	M	3/4LR	9.4	Jesse	B	3/4KL	9.3	Jordi	B	5TD	11.5
Ethan	B	3/4TM	9.1	Maxwell	D	3/4JC	9.1	Zachary	U	5JW	11.3
Jonathan	K	3/4KL	8.1	Maxwell	C	3/4LR	9.1	Rowan	T	5LS	11.2
Flyn	C	3/4KS	8.1	Matilda	C	3/4TM	8.4	Charlotte	H	5LS	11.1
Oscar	L	3/4JC	7.8	Lachlan	S	3/4TM	8.2	Chase	M	5JW	10.7
Will	U	3/4KL	7.7	Logan	S	3/4JC	8.1	Matthew	M	5JW	10.5
Joshua	K	3/4KL	7.5	Edward	A	3/4LR	8.1	Cole	P	5JW	10.5
Will-Daley	S	3/4KL	7.4	Luke	M	3/4TM	7.6	Jim	C	5JW	9.4
Ellery	W	3/4LR	7.4	Benjamin	S	3/4KS	7.5	Frank	C	5TD	9.3
YEAR 6 Average 6.5				<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px;"> <h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">CROSS COUNTRY WRAP UP</h3> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Thank you to everyone involved in helping run this carnival. We had parents/grandparents/siblings and teachers all out on the course. I hope you noticed our fancy new finish line and tunnel.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">The top 5 runners (8-10yrs) will have the opportunity to represent our school at the South Weston Carnival on Wednesday 31st May at Stromlo Forest.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Please see results below.</p> </div>							
Nicholas	S	6SL	12.9								
Tristan	B	6RD	12.1								
Andy	M	6SL	12.1								
Sophie	G	6SL	10.11								
Clem	H-A	6HH	10.1								
Flynn	D	6RD	10.1								
Tom	C	6SL	9.8								
Zachary	W	6RD	9.7								
Lucia	S	6SL	9.5								
Zander	H	6SL	9.2								

SOUTH WESTON ATHLETICS SELECTIONS

At Curtin Primary we run our selections for the Regional Athletics Carnival early in the year while the oval is dry and when we can use the athletics track marked by Holy Trinity. They are holding their carnival on Friday 28th April (Term 2, Week 1), therefore our regional track selections will be held in Week 2, Term 2. The regional carnival is in Term 3. Lots of time to train.

Races will begin at 12.30pm (lunchtime). Parents are welcome to attend. Students should already know what final/s they have been selected in - if they have forgotten, the lists are displayed outside my office. Children will be given a reminder on the day at morning lines and an announcement will be made over the speaker just before event.

WEDNESDAY 3rd May: 10-12yrs 200m

THURSDAY 4th May: 10-12yrs 800m (10.30am - RECESS)

8-12yrs 100m

Thursday events may go into the afternoon session.

FRIDAY 5th May: 8 & 9yrs 70m

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2017

Age this year	BOYS	GIRLS
12yrs	Tristan B Nicholas S Andy M Tom C Flynn D	Sophie G Lucia S Kiriley J Jada-Lily L Taby M-W
11yrs	Jordi B Rowan T Matthew M Cole P Zann W	Charlotte Hy Stella K Aprillia M Jill E Cynthia S
10yrs	Zachary U Seth D Joshua M Alex P Filip M	Matilda C Brianna T Zoe B Emmanuelle H Charlotte He
9yrs	Jesse B Darcy M Oscar L Thomas M Ethan B	Phoebe D Lucia Mc Serena B Ida J Isabella D
8yrs	Jonathan K Max W Jackson M Levi D Will-Daley S	Abigail J Rosie H Zoe I Isabella K
7yrs	James C Kye J Darcy B Ben Zac R	Charlize S Cailin P Adelaide D Abbi K Gemma E
6yrs	Jimmy E Torsten H Benjamin C Charlie H Jordan SS	Sara M Maeve M Ava P Alexandra H Hannah M
5yrs	Gus B Codie S-J Manuel S Oliver K Nico D	Neave H Tabitha H Zaina J Valentina S Arya P

Children who placed 1st- 5th will receive their ribbons at assembly next term:

FRIDAY 12TH MAY 2:00pm.

Children who placed 1st-5th and are **turning 8 or older this year** are eligible to represent the school at the South Weston Regional Carnival on Wednesday 31st May.

Notes will come home early next term.

**CONGRATULATIONS TAYLOR HOUSE FOR WINNING
THIS YEARS CARNIVAL.**