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Diary Dates

11 Aug 1/2KO
Assembly 2pm

14 Aug-18 Aug
National Science Week

15 Aug Maths ICAS

16 Aug – WALKATHON

Please note change of day:
17 Aug Thursday
1/2AS Assembly 2pm

19 Aug P&C
Trivia Night

21 Aug – 24 Aug
Stem Festival

25 Aug Book week
Celebration

25Aug 5/6 Excursion
Mogo Town

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to this week’s newsletter and another busy few weeks at Curtin Primary.

Next Wednesday is our annual Walkathon and many students have been looking excitedly at the prizes that are on display at the front office. Thank you to our parents who have organised sponsorship for their children. Please ensure that when the envelope is returned to school following the day, your child’s details and sponsorship form are included in a sealed envelope.

The STEM Festival is only two weeks away and already we have a fantastic line up of parent experts who will be sharing their expertise with students across the school. From nutritionists, astronomers, engineers, wildlife rescuers, doctors, IT specialists, veterinarians, statisticians, forensic scientists, medical researchers and many more, the school will be buzzing throughout the week as students focus on the importance of STEM thinking, ideas and their applications in our rapidly changing world.

Next Monday, Amanda Beresford and Ken Mansell will be taking 40 year 3 /4 students to a Gala Tennis Day at St Edmund’s College. Our thanks to Ken for kindly offering to assist Mrs Beresford.

In my Executive role this term I have been visiting our preschools and spending time with the children while their teachers are on release. I thoroughly enjoy my interactions with the children and am amazed at the independence and confidence they display. The children are showing an increasing readiness for Kindergarten next year. In preparation for their transition to Kindy, both preschools will be hosting visits from the Kindergarten classes during the remainder of this term and also making informal visits to the primary school to interact with the Kindy students.

As advised by the Cancer Council, the beginning of August means sun safe hats on again for students and teachers as the UV levels begin to rise in Canberra.

From Monday, we welcome Wendy Lee to the 3 /4 teaching team. Wendy will be working with Rachel Tibballs who has tirelessly and stoically maintained a calm and focused learning environment for all the students. Also joining Curtin Primary will be Clare Farr and Chloe Templeton who will be sharing the Literacy Support role. Sonya **Nemerich** has been facilitating our year 6 students who have taken up the Tournament of Minds challenge and are enthusiastically collaborating in student teams to solve a maths engineering, language literature or social sciences problem within a 6 week time frame without any external support or assistance.

Finally, it is not too late to join a table at this year’s exciting *Game of Thrones* Trivia Night!

Deborah Fitzgerald

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return By
29/06/2017	Walkathon Notes	
25/7/2017	Old Mogo Town Excursion	17/8/2017
2/8/2018	Questacon Stem Incursion Year 3,4,5,6	18/8/2017

AWARDS

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

Kinder CS	Hannah R Luke K	3/4JC	Shiza I Oscar L
Kinder TM	Whole Class	3/4KS	Flyn C Ben F
Kinder JG	Ava O Lucy M	3/4LR	Kamae R Flynn McD-W
Kinder KK	Lucas C Sophie B	3/4TM	Luke M Byron M
1/2AS	Alexander R Molly McA	3/4KL	Joshua K Jonathon K
1/2KZ	Kiri H Sam M	5TD	Mackenzie R Seth D
1/2KO	Roley S Oliver A	5LS	Olivia S Kobe S
1/2MW	Henry M Lucus R	5JW	Matt M Georgia J
1/2LH	Oesshi L Gemma E	6RD	Alex FD Owen F
1/2SL	Riley A Sarah McQ	6HH	
3/4RT	Sacha O Georgia M		

ART AWARDS

3/4JC		5TD	Gabriel K
3/4KS	Fred C	5LS	Charlotte H
3/4LR	Maddison B	5JW	Zoe B
3/4TM	Anna C	6RD	Flynn D
3/4KL	Alex S Jai D	6HH	
3/4RT	Taj P		

2017 Curtin Primary School

Parent Satisfaction Survey is now OPEN!!!

Today you will have received via email a letter providing you the link to complete the 2017 School Satisfaction Survey for Curtin Primary. As explained in previous newsletters, this important survey informs the school of your level of satisfaction about key aspects of our school. This survey contributes to our school improvement processes and helps us to understand where we are doing a great job and areas for further development. Your voice matters. We welcome the positive feedback and constructive critique to ensure that we continue to build positive outcomes for our students at Curtin Primary.

Your responses are anonymous. A number of provisions have been made to ensure that the access codes cannot be used to link survey responses to individual families. The access codes are randomly generated by the survey system and are not linked to survey responses. If you do not have access to the internet at home, please contact the school office and we will ensure that you are able to access a paper version or a computer within the school to complete the survey in an anonymous manner. We do hope that you take the small amount of time that it takes to complete the survey. A small moment of your time is a big investment in our school.

Frequently Asked Questions

When should I complete the survey?

The 2017 Satisfaction Survey for all parents and carers at Curtin Primary will be open from 9 to 28 August 2017.

Who should complete the survey?

All parents and carers with one or more students at a Canberra public school should complete the survey questionnaire. A questionnaire should be completed for each child attending Curtin in the family.

Is the survey confidential?

Yes. Your responses will be anonymous, however, if you choose to answer the voluntary demographic questions, survey administrators may be able to identify you in some circumstances. If that is the case, your responses may be regarded as personal information and will be handled in accordance with the Territory Privacy Principles set out in the *Information Privacy Act 2014*.

I lost or never received the satisfaction survey email/letter. Can I get a new email/letter?

Yes. One replacement letter can be provided to parents for each of their children.

Can I use the access code more than once?

No. Each access code can only be used once. If you have more than one child at the school and you did not receive a letter or email (which includes the access code) for each child in your family, one additional letter can be provided for each child.

I only did half the survey, how do I go back to the survey to complete it?

School Survey does allow you to create a password if you start the survey but don't have time to complete the survey at that time. If you have forgotten your password or you did not create a password you will need to start the survey again using a new access code. One replacement letter (with a new access code) can be provided for each child.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

Kerri Clark



STEM FESTIVAL 2017



Week 6 term 3 Mon 21 –Thur 24 August

If you work, study or are just passionate about **science**, **technology**, **engineering** or **mathematics** and are willing to share that expertise and enthusiasm with our students during this year's STEM Festival, please contact

[**Deborah.fitzgerald@ed.act.edu.au**](mailto:Deborah.fitzgerald@ed.act.edu.au)



SRC Update

Also we are still collecting any type of tin with a lid. Can all containers please be given to Mrs Zarb and Ms North.



THE WALKATHON IS COMING AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

All money raised will be used to upgrade the junior and senior playground in the term 3 holidays!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$20,000!



SRC *Colour* Walkathon Wednesday 16 August, 2017



Date: Wednesday 16 August, 2017

Venue: Surrounds of Curtin Primary School (3km cross country track)

Classes: Whole school program – Preschool – Year 6

Time: 9.30am

Colour Run:

This term the SRC have organised a colour walkathon for participants. The powder is maize based with colour dye. If your child does not wish to participate, they will take an alternate route to avoid the colour section.

If you do not wish your child to be covered with colour, please contact your child's class teacher.

If the weather is unsuitable, the walkathon will be postponed to a later date (TBA)

What to bring:

- ❖ water bottle
- ❖ hat
- ❖ mufti clothing (including an old white T-shirt) and suitable walking shoes
- ❖ recess and lunch(if not having a sausage sizzle)

Don't forget:

- ✓ Sponsorship forms must be returned to the class teacher
- ✓ If your child is asthmatic or requires an EpiPen they **MUST** carry their own medication in a small backpack or in their pocket

Thank you to parents who have volunteered to assist during the day. All parents/carers participating or assisting during the walkathon need to sign in at the Front Office before meeting Mrs Devenish on the senior oval.

Thank you

Walkathon Committee

SRC SEM 2 2017

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected as their classes SRC. These students will be presented with their badges at assembly this week.

Class		
SRC FACILITORS	Kate B, Hamish R	Oliver M
KKK	Benjamin C	Neave H
KTM	Ava P	Hani W
KCS	Jasmine M	Akein M
KJG	Lucy M	Mac K
1/2 KO	Isaac D	Elizabeth D
1/2LH	Charlize St	Darcy B
1/2AS	Adam B	Lily K
1/2KZ	Kiri H	Adelaide D
1/2MW	Luke J	Leo P
1/2SL	Angus C	Christian k
3/4LR	Julian T	Jack S
3/4TM	George M	Anna C
3/4KS	Flyn C	Ben F
3/4KL	Thomas J	Jasmine I
3/4JC	Oscar L	Violet L
3/4RT	Juan D	Lara C
5LS	Jim C	Emily V
5JW	Umar N	Lauren B
5TD	Frank C	Charlotte H
6HH	Hamish R	Alyssa R
6RD	Owen F	Cynthia S

Canteen News

The canteen will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday 16 August due to the walkathon. No recess or lunch orders available and no over the counter sales. I will be cooking the BBQ for the sausage sizzle lunch. If you do not have a sausage sizzle order, please bring your own lunch and recess.

Cheers Lizzy

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop will be **closed** Friday August 18

Curtin SAC

2018 ENROLMENTS OPEN 14 August 2017

Existing Families: Please place a booking request through your **My Family Lounge** account

New Families: Please register for an account with **My Family Lounge** through the link on our website and put through a booking request.

<http://www.wcs.org.au/2016-08-25-01-57-46/school-age-care/enrolments-and-fees-2018>

Places are limited and offered on a first in first serve basis. We will try to accommodate all families the best we can.

If you have any questions please email enrolments@wcs.org.au or call 6234 6829

Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

COMMUNITY NEWS



BrickExpo
Canberra 11th to 13th August 2017
TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!
www.BrickExpo.com.au

Sessions and tickets are limited!

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An entertaining and interesting exhibition of rare and unique LEGO® creations by interstate and local collectors and modellers. Hundreds of static, moving and robotic models in themes including: Star Wars™, Trains, Planes, Space Ships, Racing Cars & Sculptures.

Where is it?
The Hellenic Club, Matilda Street Woden

When is it?
1:30 pm - 6:00 pm, Friday 11th August 2017
9:00 am - 6:00 pm, Saturday 12th August 2017
9:00 am - 4:30 pm, Sunday 13th August 2017

Brick Expo is a not-for-profit event organised in association with the Canberra Lego User Group. Event proceeds will assist our major charity PATCH (Paediatrics at the Canberra Hospital).

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The Curtin Residents Association has been selected by the ACT Government to represent the community's interests in the new Curtin Community Panel formed to finalise the Curtin Group Master Plan. Further information is available at http://www.planning.act.gov.au/topics/current_projects/studies/curtin_group_centre_master_plan.

Please search for Curtin Residents Association on Facebook and like our page to keep up to date on developments and share your views on the future of Curtin.



Eastlake Cricket Club

Junior registrations now open for 2017-18

Eastlake is the local junior cricket club for Woden Valley and the Inner South. We have a range of formats to suit boys and girls of Primary School age, including:

- **Milo In2Cricket:** Entry-level program for boys and girls aged 5 to 6
 - **Milo T20Blast:** Mid-level program for ages 7-10
 - **Boys Under 10 to Under 13 Junior cricket:** Competitive cricket for ages 9 and up
 - **Eastlake Spirit Girls Meteor Cup:** Competitive cricket for girls aged 9 and up
- Registrations: <http://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=14950>
- Under 11 trials will be held at Makin Place, Deakin cricket nets 9am-11am, Sun 13 and 27 August
 - Under 12/13 trials will be held at Makin Place, Deakin cricket nets 1.30pm-3.30pm, Sun 13 and 27 August

Further junior trial information is available at: <http://eastlakejcc.act.cricket.com.au/>

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