



# CURTIN COURIER

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

## Diary Dates

February 13-21  
Robotics Incursion

February 16  
Board Meeting 7:30am  
P&C AGM 7:00pm

February 17  
P&C Welcome BBQ

February 21  
Parent Information evening

February 22  
Excursion Questacon 3/4

February 24  
Swimming Carnival  
Year 3-6 – Big Splash

February 28  
Goal setting Interviews

Principal  
Merryn O’Dea

Deputy Principals  
Kerri Clark  
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AFTER SCHOOL CARE  
6285 4444  
Bookings  
6282 2644

Dear parents and carers,

This week our exciting Robotics program is underway and it is wonderful to see the students so engaged in this incursion. The students have been actively completing real world problems to design, create, evaluate, modify, test and demonstrate how their robots achieve the task. Feedback from the students and teachers has been extremely positive. We look forward to providing enrichment activities such as this throughout the year.

Students are reminded of procedures around personal items and keeping their belongings safe at school. Years 5 and 6 have lockers for their Chromebooks; however these lockers are not for storage of other personal items such as mobile phones. All students at Curtin Primary are asked to hand these into the front office when they arrive at school for safe storage throughout the day. Mobile phones can be collected at 3pm before students go home. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss and/ or damage of such items. If a student needs to be contacted throughout the day, please contact the front office.

There are times when students like to bring along personal possessions for showing and playing with during break times. It is the students’ responsibility to look after these items, and students are encouraged to leave treasured possessions at home. At times, these items can be the cause of disagreements and even disrupt the learning in the classroom. The current popularity of Pokemon cards is one such example. To alleviate problems on the playground and prevent disagreements from carrying into learning time, Pokemon cards are now banned from school. If a student brings Pokemon cards into school, the class teacher will take possession until the end of the day when cards can be collected before going home. If a student continues to bring them in, the cards will be kept until a parent or carer can collect them from the front office.

Next week we invite all parents and carers to our **Information Evening, on Tuesday February 21st**, where teachers will share the challenging, engaging and exciting learning opportunities your children will be participating in throughout the year, as well as how students and teachers work collaboratively to create positive learning environments to support all. It is also an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and parents of their class peers in the classroom learning space. Minimal supervision of young children will be provided in the library.

<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Kindergarten and Years 1/2 sessions in individual classrooms</b>
<b>6:10pm</b>	<b>Whole school address in the hall</b>
<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Years 3-6 in individual classrooms</b>
	<b>The evening will conclude at 7pm.</b>

At the information night, you will be able to nominate a time for a **Goal Setting Interview** in weeks 5 or 6 as well as add your name to the class parent contact list. Information regarding these interviews has been sent home. These interviews will allow each teacher, student and family to plan learning and social goals for 2017. These goals will support teachers in individualising the curriculum effectively and guide student self-assessments each semester. Student input to the goal setting will be modified to suit their age, but we do encourage you to bring your child to the interview. Please ensure that you take advantage of this partnership opportunity.

Kind regards,  
Kerri Clark

## Notes sent Home

<b>Date</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>Return BY</b>
31/1/2017	Swimming Carnival YR3-6	17/2/2017
7/2/2017	Kindy health check	24/2/2017
10/2/2017	Questacon YR3/4	20/2/2017
15/2/2017	Voluntary Contributions	ASAP

## Learning Inspiration Award



It is my great pleasure to describe to you a new award in our school in memory of a longstanding member of the Curtin community, Mrs Shane Egan.

Mrs Shane Egan was a teacher at Curtin during the 70s and 90s. Her decades of service enabled Shane to enrich the school community and touch the lives of many students. Shane's relationship with the school continued through her support of her grandchildren as Curtin students over the past ten years.

Sadly, Shane passed away late in 2016. In her memory, her husband, Mr Bob Egan has provided a new opportunity to our school. To represent Shane's love of inspiring children to learn, each year, a senior and junior student will be nominated for a Learning Inspiration Award. This will be a book award which recognises a student's dedication to learning and ability to overcome challenges in their learning. a perpetual trophy will remain in the school to celebrate these students. This will be presented at the end of Term 4, at the same assembly as the Patterson Award.

Mr Egan has also provided additional support to the school which will assist us to ensure all students are able to begin the year with a complete backpack. This represents Shane's commitment to providing an inclusive learning environment.

Merryn O'Dea

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to be a class rep! We still need class reps for almost half the classes in the primary school, so consider volunteering. It's a great way to be involved in the school community, as well as in your child's class.

Class	Class Rep	Email
Preschool North–	Natasha Case	<a href="mailto:natashawerner@hotmail.com">natashawerner@hotmail.com</a>
PreschoolSouth -	Sophie Dowling	<a href="mailto:sophaway@yahoo.com">sophaway@yahoo.com</a>
Red Wombats		
Preschool South –	Belinda Casson	<a href="mailto:thecassons@yahoo.com.au">thecassons@yahoo.com.au</a>
Blue Emus		
KCS		
KJG		
KKK	Lis Preston	<a href="mailto:Elisabeth.preston@canberra.edu.au">Elisabeth.preston@canberra.edu.au</a>
KNM	Ken Mansell	<a href="mailto:ken@taxrambling.com">ken@taxrambling.com</a>
1/2MW	Sally Hawkins	<a href="mailto:sallyjoyhawkins@gmail.com">sallyjoyhawkins@gmail.com</a>
1/2 KO		
1/2 LH		
1/2 KZ	Bruce Driver	<a href="mailto:bld@netspeed.com.au">bld@netspeed.com.au</a>
1/2 CC		
3/4 TM	Louise Morgan	<a href="mailto:nick@nmphotos.com">nick@nmphotos.com</a>
3/4 LR	Michelle Kirby	<a href="mailto:michkirby9@gmail.com">michkirby9@gmail.com</a>
3/4 KL	Carolyn Barker	<a href="mailto:carolyn@horizonone.com.au">carolyn@horizonone.com.au</a>
3/4 RT	Tina Meir	<a href="mailto:TMeir@pbwww.com.au">TMeir@pbwww.com.au</a>
3/4 JC		
3/4 KS		
5 JW		
5 TD		
5LS	Rachel Middleton	<a href="mailto:r_middleton@icloud.com">r_middleton@icloud.com</a>
6SL	Lis Preston	<a href="mailto:Elisabeth.preston@canberra.edu.au">Elisabeth.preston@canberra.edu.au</a>
6HH	Georgie Kelley	<a href="mailto:georgie.kelley@gmail.com">georgie.kelley@gmail.com</a>
6RD		

#### 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](mailto:Elisabeth.preston@canberra.edu.au), using the subject heading "parent class rep".

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Class \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**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!

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**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](mailto:ken@taxrambling.com)). Thanks.

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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](mailto:carson.ange@gmail.com) and I will fill you in on how it works, nothing too taxing!

Thanks,

Angela