



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 27 - March 3
Goal setting Interviews

March 3 Assembly
House Captains
2:00pm

March 10 Assembly
6RD 2:00pm

March 13
Canberra Day

March 21
School Photos

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Dear Parents and Carers



It is hard to believe that we are almost midway through term 1. Our students are well-settled into the school routine and are rising to the learning and social expectations that they set for themselves during the goal setting period. Our school is busy with parent-teacher interviews, in which the students discuss their goals, strategies for success and timeframes within which to achieve them. Thank you for making the time to come in and be an important part of your child's success at school. The home-school partnership is highly valued by all at Curtin Primary.

Thank you to all our parent nominees who expressed an interest in becoming a Curtin Primary School Board members. Thank you also to our community who voted for the new board member. Voting has now closed. All ACT public schools are required to have a school board which is responsible for the school's strategic direction, its budget, curriculum and related issues.

Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending the Swimming Carnival with a group of 15 year 2 students. It was a great success and at the end of a day of swimming races, novelty events and time on the waterslides, our students, staff and parents were exhausted! Thank you to all our parents who were able to assist on the day. Your support helped the day run smoothly and we hope you were able to wind down and relax afterwards!

Finally, I would like to invite you to the official opening of our school upgrade. This will take place tomorrow from 11:30-12:30pm at the front of the school.

Deborah Fitzgerald
Executive Teacher

Board Report – Meeting 16 February 2017.

- The Board welcomed Ms O’Dea on her return from maternity leave. It’s been a great start to 2017 following on from a successful year in 2016 under the leadership of Ms Clark.
- We continued our discussion on the Annual Operating Plan (AOP) from last meeting, of note are the targets set for the 2017 academic year which include sharing data with parents on differentiation strategies, growth identified in NAPLAN and establishment of visible goals for students for key learning areas in consultation with parents and carers.
- A focus for 2017 will be on strategies for students to further develop writing and spelling skills. ICT and Google Apps For Education (GAPE) will continue to be developed throughout the year noting that this year BYOD and Chrome books became embedded in school policy for years 5 and 6. This supports learning as well as the transition to high school for our senior students.
- Our school remains firmly committed to student well being and the Kids Matter program, and to analysing the supports this offers our students. External validation of our school will be undertaken in collaboration with the Directorate in 2018 as part of the cycle of ACT public school validations.
- The Board passed the December and January Finance Report.
- The Schools for All Infrastructure project planning is underway for the multipurpose sensory space in the senior courtyard. Parents and students have been consulted. At our next meeting in week 7 we’ll be discussing priorities and ideas for discussions for the new Board for 2017 ahead of welcoming two new members from April. It’s great there has been so much interest in Board activities from the school community, please don’t hesitate to contact any one of us if you have ideas you’d like us to consider.

Warm Regards,

Anne

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SCHOOL BOARD Calling for Expressions of Interest as a Community Member

The Education Directorate is seeking expressions of interest from people to fill the position of *appointed member* on ACT public school boards.

The appointed member is usually someone from outside the immediate school community, who is interested in and committed to public education.

Appointments extend for periods up to two years and an appointed member may also be re-appointed after the conclusion of their term.

If you are interested in becoming an appointed member on a school board, please complete the nomination form attached to the newsletter and return it to: Governance and Community Liaison Branch

Email: EDUSchoolBoards@act.gov.au

By Friday March 3 2017

Should you have any questions, please contact: Governance and Community Liaison Branch

Phone: (02) 6207 6846 or

Email EDUSchoolBoards@act.gov.au

Students with Disability Survey

The Education Directorate is currently undertaking an evaluation of support for students with disability in Canberra public schools. To inform this work we are seeking a wide variety of views on how we best support both students and schools.

The Directorate is consulting with students, families, school staff, peak bodies and leading practitioners to ensure a wide variety of views are considered.

We would like to invite the Canberra community to contribute to the review process by completing a short survey or providing a written submission. Information on how to contribute is at

http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/students-with-disability-review.

Surveys and written submissions close on 10 March 2017.

This is an important review and your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Notes sent Home

| Date | Note | Return BY |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 15/2/2017 | Voluntary Contributions | |

School Bus Service 493

School Service **493** will see a small diversion:

Commencing: Monday 6 March 2017 until further information.

Change to route: Due to roadworks and improvements to the intersection of Eggleston Crescent and Hindmarsh Drive route 493 will be diverted via Chifley.

We encourage you to view this information now available on the [Transport Canberra Website](#). We would further appreciate your assistance in circulating this information using your existing communications channels, such as school emails, newsletters or notices so students and parents can start planning their travel during this time.

We further advise that parents and students are able to use our [NXTBUS](#) system to view live bus information for selected stops or stations. Map attached to newsletter.

Regards,

Transport Canberra

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Assembly Time Table 2017

| | Term 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----|--|--|-----------------------|---|
| 1 | | Short Week no assembly | 3/4RT | House Captains/band performance & class awards |
| 2 | | 6HH | 3/4JC | 1/2KZ |
| 3 | | House Captains Cross Country & house awards | 5TD | KCS |
| 4 | | 1/2LH | 1/2KO | House Captains Athletics Awards & class awards |
| 5 | House captains-swimming & class awards | 3/4KL | 1/2CC | Twilight Fair (6HH Remembrance on Tuesday) |
| 6 | 6RD | Festival- no assembly | 3/4TM | ICAS |
| 7 | 5JW | Festival- no assembly | KKK | KNM |
| 8 | 1/2MW | 6SL | Festival- no assembly | SRC |
| 9 | 5LS | SRC | 3/4KS | Staff Xmas |
| 10 | Easter Raffle | 3/4LR | KJG | Egan & Patterson Award |

AWARDS

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

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Kinder KCS | Zeel J Akein M | Kinder KJG | | Kinder KK | Cadell R Charlie H |
| Kinder KNM | Ari P Hannah M | 1/2 CC | Noah B Charlotte M-K | 1 /2KO | Audrey R Isaac D |
| 1/2KZ | Emma C Thomas M | 1 /2 LH | Ayden K Chloe K | 1/2MW | Leo P Ned K |
| 3/4JC | Caitlyn T Denham F | 3/4KL | Hunter Y Tilly A | 3/4KS | Flynn C Hannah D |
| 3/4 LR | Henry V Ida J | 3/4RT | Prajna D Hugo M | 3/4TM | Ewan P Audrey T |
| 5JW | Anika C Cole P | 5LS | Bailey W Oliver T | 5TD | Charlotte H Lua M |
| 6HH | Hamish R Dee O | 6RD | Livia H-A Zach W | 6SL | Wilbur P Cynthia S |

THE UNIFORM SHOP NEEDS YOU!

It's time to hand over the reigns of the uniform shop after several fun years! If you have a couple of hours a week to dedicate to this very easy but essential service for the school community then let's talk about you taking over!

The uniform shop is open Fridays from 8:30-9:15am and is only manned during this time. There are usually a couple of online orders to process each week and a stock take once a term with some stock replenishment to follow. It isn't taxing work and it's a great way to interact with the school community. Kids love seeing their parents supporting their school!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL WRAP UP

Thank you everyone for a fabulous day last Friday. It is always such a good feeling seeing the kids having a great time participating in races, novelties and slides.

The carnival has been designed for maximum participation where we are also able to select our swimmers for the 12/U South Weston Region carnival on March 30th.

A massive thankyou to all the wonderful parents who helped on the day. Your enthusiasm and assistance is most appreciated.

Thank you to all the staff who spent much of their day in the pool supervising activities.

Also, a big thank you to our wonderful P&C canteen who kept us fed and hydrated throughout the day.

Congratulations to **AINSLIE** house for their win. That is 3 in a row.

Overall placings are below. Children will receive their ribbons at assembly this Friday 3 March @ 2pm.

House Captains will also be introduced at this assembly.

| RACE | 8yrs | 9yrs | 10yrs | 11yrs | 12yrs |
|---------------------|--|--|--|---|---|
| 50 free | Will-Daley S Isaac D Will S Lachlan W Charlize S Elizabeth P Izzy K Abbie J | Jesse B Darcy M Edward A Thomas M Grace H Phoebe D Holly R Serena B | Logan S Nick D Ayrton R Alex P Charlotte He Hannah D Zoe B Estella R | Thomas P Ben P Rowan T Evan L Charlotte Hy Chelsea W Aprillia M Amy G | Tristan B James H Tom C Zander H Sophie G Leah T Eilis R Bridie W |
| 50 back | | | 10/U Jesse B Nick D Logan S Ayrton R Charlotte He Tilly C Charlize S Erin W | Ben P Thomas P Rowan T Charlie R Charlotte Hy Chelsea W Genevieve M Aprillia M | Tristan B James H Tom C Duncan P Sophie G Leah T Kiriley J Eilis R |
| 50 breast | | | 10/U Jesse Thomas Ayrton R Alex P Tilly Zoe B Estella R Annika C | Thomas P Ben P Rhys W Rowan T Charlotte Hy Stella K Katy K Olivia S | Tristan B Tom C Zander H Sophie G Leah T Lucia S Eilis |
| 50 butterfly | | | 10/U Ayrton R Luke M Lachlan S Logan S Charlotte He Charlize S Tilly C Hannah D | Thomas P Ben P Rhys W Zann W Charlotte Hy | Tristan B James H Tom C Zander H Sohpie G Eilis R Jaz C Grace L |

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Sporting Schools is a \$100 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect children with community sport.

The Sporting Schools programs are underpinned by the quality assurance provided by National Sporting Organisations, and importantly, the programs are free to families.

This term we have a Rugby Union program run by the Brumbies called 'Game ON' for all children in year 3/4. This is a 5-week program that will run on Wednesday's starting this week. This program will not involve tackling.

We also have our local AFL club – EASTLAKES, coming to run free AFL clinics to every child in the school from K-6. The program will run for 3 weeks.

Yr 3-6 Weeks 5-7

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 7th April (weather permitting)

Cross Country Carnival K-6

Curtin Oval

11-1pm

All welcome – please contact me if you would like to be a marshal on the senior course (8-12yrs)

Congratulations to Thomas, Sophie and Charlotte (below) for participating in the Sri Chinmoy 500km lake swim a couple of weekends ago. Sophie came 1st in the U13 girls, Charlotte 3rd and Tom came 2nd in the boys U13.

WELL DONE!

BRONZE RESUCE

We still have some places available in the Bronze Rescue program being run in week 8 this term for Years 5 & 6.

If your child would like to be involved, please ask them to collect an enrolment form from Mrs Beresford.

BAND REMINDERS

TUESDAY

| | |
|-----------|------|
| 11am | Yr 5 |
| 11.45am | Yr 6 |
| Lunchtime | Yr 5 |

THURSDAY

| | |
|-----------|------|
| 9am | Yr 6 |
| 9.45am | Yr 5 |
| Lunchtime | Yr 6 |





Woden Community Service School Holiday Program

Lyons – K-Yr.2 Junior Program

School Hall at **Lyons Early Childhood School**,
Tarraleah Cres. Lyons

Duffy – P-Yr.6 Program

“Play Space” at **Duffy Primary School**
Burrinjuck Cres. Duffy

Garran – K-Yr.6 Program

School Hall at **Garran Primary School**
Gilmore Cres. Garran

Red Hill – K-Yr.6 Program

School Hall at **Red Hill Primary School**
Astrolabe St. Red Hill

Throughout the school holidays:

Monday 10th – Thursday 13th April

Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st April

Monday 24th April

8:00am – 6:00pm daily, excluding public holidays

Cost: \$75.25 per day, including all excursions!
CCB & CCR available.

Bookings open Tuesday 14th March 2017



For further information please contact:

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