



CURTIN COURIER

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*We seek to inspire
We gather to support
We strive to succeed*

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Diary Dates

March 17 Assembly
5JW 2:00pm

March 20 -24 Bronze
Rescue

March 21
School Photos

March 23
P&C 7:00pm

March 24 Assembly
1/2MW

April 4
Cross Country
11: 00am-1:00pm
**(notice change of
date)**

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Dear Parents and carers,

People from more than 200 countries make up our Australian community and 300 languages are spoken in our homes. Apart from English the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi. Harmony Day is celebrated across Australia on March 21 with the message being that everyone belongs. Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our cultural diversity, promoting inclusivity, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. To acknowledge the importance of this day, Curtin Primary will honour Harmony Day in class throughout the week, and with a focus on promoting our Cultural Corner in the library. Students and staff are also encouraged to wear orange on Friday March 24.

Students in years 3/4 and 5/6 have been participating in an AFL clinic every Wednesday for 45 minutes. Students in Years 3/4 have also participated in rugby clinics on a Thursday. Students have learnt a range of skills which include passing, catching holding the ball correctly and kicking. The clinic provides students with an opportunity to learn new skills that will benefit a range of sports. Thank you to Amanda Beresford for coordinating these opportunities for our students. They are a popular addition to our co-curricular programs.

Curtin Primary school photos are scheduled for next week on Tuesday March 21. Class portraits, individual student portraits and sibling photos will all be done on this day, except for all preschool groups, who will be photographed the following week on their respective sites. To make the most of your school photo opportunity, please ensure that the students come in full school uniform.

Please note the change of date for our school cross country carnival. This will now be held on Tuesday, April 4, 11am-1pm in the last week of school this term. If you are available to support us on this day by providing assisting with marshalling around the track, please complete the note inside this newsletter or contact Amanda Beresford at the school. Any support is greatly appreciated!!

Kind regards,

Kerri Clark

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return BY
3/03/2017	ICAS	28/03/2016
15/03/2017	School photos	

AWARDS

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

Kinder KCS	Oliver K Maeve M	Kinder KJG	Mac K Lucy M	Kinder KK	Manuel S Emilia V
Kinder KNM	Tariah B Henry R	1/2 CC	Isabelle K Hayden C	1 /2KO	Bruce R Felix P
1/2KZ	Nicholas L Shams A	1 /2 LH	Shepard H Charlie L	1/2MW	Luke J Charlotte H
3/4JC	Amber W Elinor H	3/4KL	Portia L Jonathon K	3/4KS	Laura P Benjamin S
3/4 LR	Luke R Madison B	3/4RT	Zoe L Max H	3/4TM	Grace H George M
5JW	Lucia D Umar N	5LS	Charlotte H Kevin W	5TD	Frank C Genevieve M
6HH	Taniela M Whole class	6RD	Kyle S Brandon L Penny M	6SL	Charlotte H Kevin W

Looking for a volunteer from 1/2LH

We are still looking for a volunteer to be a parent rep for 1/2LH. If you can help, please contact Lis Preston on elisabeth.preston@canberra.edu.au

HEADLICE

It's that time of year again!
With the change of weather we are noticing a few cases of headlice.

Please check your children regularly.

Please find information attached to this newsletter.



Photo Day

Grin & Bear it
PHOTOGRAPHY

Tuesday 21st March

☑ No need to order until you've seen your photos and can choose your favourite.

☑ See the note sent home to register online. We'll send a link to your photo gallery as soon as the photos are ready.

☑ Email schools@grinandbearit.com.au for more information.

Bring your brightest smile and we'll do the rest.

A Reminder for parents/carers

It is lovely to see children and families connecting after school in the playground. From 3:00pm children need to be supervised by their parents/carers, please ensure they follow school rules, especially if they enter the building to access bathrooms.

A Reminder for parents/carers

From 3:30pm onwards please exit the school through the front doors as all other doors are locked for security reasons.

Please note:

Please beware a case of Chicken pox has been reported in our school.

Cross Country Carnival

NEW DATE

Tuesday 4th April (Week 10)

11am-1pm

INVOLVEMENT

All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating in the Cross Country Carnival throughout the morning. They may choose to walk or run the course.

ARRIVAL

Morning session at school will be as usual. Children will move down to the oval with their teacher after recess.

WHAT TO WEAR

Children will need to wear shorts, t-shirt, school hat and running shoes. Children are encouraged to wear a top in the colour of their house (no singlets).

FREE ICEBLOCK

At the end of their race, children will receive an ice block (99% fruit - no added sugar), kindly donated by the school canteen. If you do not wish your child to receive an iceblock, please inform your child's teacher.

HELPERS

At Curtin we are very lucky to have a fantastic Cross Country Course for the children to run, which includes grass, concrete, dirt tracks, up hill and down hill. For safety reasons we need a number of marshals placed around the course. We will have staff placed at various points, but we need parents to help so the children can be well supervised at all times throughout the race. If you are able to help on the senior course please contact me on the phone number or email address below, or return the reply slip.

The carnival should not go any longer than 2 hours.

NB: I will place you on the course where you are able to see your own child compete.

ORDER OF EVENTS

(NB: approx times only)

11.15am: 7, 6 & 5 yr olds
11.45am: 10, 9yrs
12.15pm: 8yrs, 11 & 12yr olds

Amanda Beresford
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5, 6 & 7yrs - (Course is within the school boundary - approx. 700m)

8yrs (2009)	1km
9yrs (2008)	1.5km
10yrs (2007)	2km
11/12yrs (2006/05)	3km

REPLY SLIP - Senior (8yrs-12yrs) Cross Country Marshal (Return to Mrs Beresford) or email me.

I am able to help as a marshal on the senior course at the Cross Country Carnival.

Name: _____

Child's name: _____ Year born: _____

Class: _____

Upcoming P&C Meeting (Thursday Week 8)

All parents are welcome to be involved in Curtin Primary's P&C.

Our next meeting will be in week 8, on Thursday 23 March at 7pm in the staff room

Do not touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms!

Death Cap mushrooms are one of the world's deadliest mushrooms and can be found across the Canberra region, usually in late summer and autumn. There have been four deaths and many poisonings in the ACT in the past 15 years due to Death Cap mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms often grow near established oak trees in mild, moist weather. Death Cap mushrooms have been found growing on school grounds in the ACT.

Parents and teachers are asked to remind children **not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms**.

As the Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible varieties, adults are also strongly advised not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. It is difficult, even for experienced collectors, to tell the difference between the Death Cap mushroom and edible wild mushrooms.

All parts of the Death Cap mushroom are poisonous and eating even a small amount of the mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the Death Cap mushroom does not make it safe.

If you suspect that you or one of your family members might have eaten Death Cap mushrooms, you should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom, do not touch the mushroom with your bare skin. If it is in your own yard, the best option is to leave it be and make sure others stay away from the area. The mushroom will die in a few days.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom growing in a public area, please contact Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

For further information on Death Cap mushrooms, download the fact sheet online from ACT Health:

http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health#Death_Cap_Mushrooms



Weston Creek Molonglo Wildcats Junior AFL Club Come and Join the Wildcats in 2017!

Registrations are now open

To register with the club please use the following links.

Auskick Rookie (4 to 6) - GOTO THE WESTON CREEK ON THE POP DOWN LIST

www.aflauskick.com.au

Auskick Pro (U7/8) - GOTO THE WESTON CREEK ON THE POP DOWN LIST

www.aflauskick.com.au

U9s to U17s & Youth Girls

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?alD=4117&pKey=5d97e3e7fdaef9a6f392430b04af1ae8&cID=1396&formID=36056>

Player \$120 (7s - 17s)

Family \$180 (more than 1 player in 7s to 17s)

Auskick Rookie \$75 (not included in family)




Wednesday 26 April
Try a Day at St Clare's
 Become a St Clare's girl for the day! All prospective Year 7, 2018 students are invited to experience the exciting and enriching opportunities that St Clare's has to offer. Please register online at www.stcc.act.edu.au

Thursday 27 April
Open Evening (4.30 pm to 7.30 pm)
 We would like to extend a warm welcome to all prospective students and their families to visit the College during our Open Evening. The Principal's address will commence at 6 pm in the College Hall and school tours will be conducted throughout the evening.

Monday 15 May
Year 11, 2018 Information Evening (6 pm to 7 pm)
 Discover the many courses and leadership opportunities available for senior students at St Clare's. New and continuing students are invited to attend.

“Everyday when you walk into St Clare's College you know you're about to walk into a place of enthusiasm, learning, fun and most of all wisdom.”
 Arabella Haskins Year 9

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Welcome to our Spirited Learning Community

Free workshop for parents & carers of young people on the autism spectrum!

Canberra - 2 May

Register your place:

positivepartnerships.com.au



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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