



CURTIN COURIER

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We gather to support
We strive to succeed*

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Diary Dates

Mon 21 – Fri 25 May
NAPLAN catchup

Fri 25 May – Kindy
culminating event

Fri 25 May – Assembly
2pm

Monday 28 May
Public Holiday -
Reconciliation Day

29 May – 1 June
Book Fair

29 May – Yr 3 Exc –
Reconciliation Place

Tuesday 29 May
ICAS – Science

30 May
Da Vinci Decathlon

4 June – Parliament of
Youth

4 June – S/W Cross
Country

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Welcome to this week’s Curtin Courier,

NAPLAN has concluded for another year. Our year 3 and year 5 students were among thousands across Australia who completed the tests online. I asked several students for their thoughts on online testing. Most thought it was easier and in many ways less stressful as they felt confident navigating their way through the tasks.

This week classes are finalising their rich tasks in preparation for culminating events. The year 6 students are being challenged to design and build a device to halt the Pacific Ocean Garbage Patch. Year 3’s held their culminating event this morning, proudly sharing their community designs, Power Points and writing with their parents. Year 4 students are putting the final touches to their Risk in the past and present rich task in preparation for their visitors tomorrow morning. Kindergarten families have been invited to come in this Friday morning to share in their child’s learning.

In their next concept based inquiry, our year 5 teachers will be partnering with Questacon to pilot the Engineering in Elementary Schools program. Questacon advisers will be visiting the classrooms, and teachers and students will provide feedback to Questacon throughout the project.

K-6 Friday afternoon Passion Projects began last week and the students immersed themselves in activities including cooking, astronomy, gardening, woodworking, photography and many more.

As our students investigate and experiment with the loose items that are brought out to the playgrounds for recess, lunch and some before school play, we ask that children and parents do not take any items outside after school. We need to ensure that they are safely stored inside the building overnight.

Alfred Deakin High School’s Open Night will be held this evening. Year 6 families are encouraged to attend their in area high school open nights to gain important transition information. Former Curtin Primary students who now attend ADHS, visited last week to share their insights into high school life. If your child is in year 5 you are encouraged to begin the investigation into where they will be attending high school in year 7.

Deborah.

REMINDER

Assembly this Friday will be hosted by year 2, commencing at 2:00pm.

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return By
2 May 2018	Parliament of Youth (selected students)	ASAP
3 May 2018	Da Vinci Decathlon (selected students)	ASAP
9 May 2018	Year 3 Excursion – Reconciliation Place & MOAD	ASAP
16 May 2018	Student Information Check Sheet	1 June

Student Information Check Sheet

Each school year we ask all parents/carers to please check over the Student Information Check Sheet for their child/children. These will be coming home with students today.

Please check all details are complete and correct, especially the following:

- Contact details (ie. phone numbers and address)
- All medical information is correct and current (if your student does have a medical condition, do they need an Action Plan? Action Plan forms are available from the Front Office)
- Immunisation information
- Student Access Information (phone numbers used to notify absences)
- Email address for absences (used to send newsletter, etc.)

Please return the signed check sheet with any changes to the Front Office. If there are no changes to be made to the check sheet, please write “**NO CHANGES**” on the bottom of the sheet and sign.

Please return check sheet by Friday 1 June. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Front Office.



On the 27th of March, seventeen Year 5 and 6 Curtin Primary students participated in the Australian Mathematics Trust's Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) competition. CAT is a one-hour problem-solving competition which seeks to identify computer programming potential. 19, 476 students from 465 schools entered the competition. Our results include: one High Distinction, five Distinctions, six Credits and five Participations. This is the first year we have entered the CAT competition.

The following year 5 and 6 students will be presented with CAT certificates at the whole school assembly this Friday 25 May.

Dominic M, Madison B, Joshua M, George M, Zann W, Will McW, James C, Yujing L, Rowan T, Rhys W, Byron Mc, Harry M, Roshel M, Arnav G, Frank C, Erin W, Ida J.

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PBL Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who will receive a Bronze Certificate at assembly this Friday:

Safe Karin L	Learner Emma G Maeve M Arianne J Ewan Mc Taj P Charlotte Mck
Respectful Hughan H Stefan C Rhys W Zann W Billy D Gemma E Selina L Ned K Arianne J Felix P Maddison B (received)	



Invitation 2018 ACT Primary Schools Chess - Woden/Weston Zone

The ACT Junior Chess League (ACTJCL) is running the 2018 ACT Primary Schools Chess Teams - Woden/Weston Zone on Thursday 14th June 2018 (9am to 3pm) at Hughes Primary, Groom St Hughes.



This event is for chess playing students in schools in Woden and Weston Creek and is for individual players, with team results based on the best 4 scores of players from a school. NB Schools can have multiple team results with scores from the next 4 players forming a second team score etc.

The cost of entry is \$10 per student.

The event will consist of seven rounds with half-hour (allegro) games. No players are eliminated (Swiss-system) so every player plays seven games (unless we need byes).

It's a fun day for all students with at least a basic knowledge of the moves of chess. Thanks in advance to Hughes for hosting this event.

Shaun Press
ACT Junior Chess League Interschool Co-ordinator

Please email Deborah.fitzgerald@ed.ac.t.edu.au if interested.

P&C NEWS

The P&C is preparing a submission for the Curtin Group Centre/Curtin Shops Master planning consultation process. This is a great chance to make sure that the needs and interests of young families who frequently use the area are put forward. The ACT Government Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate will also be holding two information sessions about the masterplan on Wednesday 30 May at the Canberra Southern Cross Club in Woden. Details below:

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE REVISIONS TO THE CURTIN GROUP CENTRE DRAFT MASTER PLAN:

The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) is hosting two information sessions about the revisions to the Curtin Group Centre Draft Master Plan.

Please choose one of the sessions and confirm your attendance by emailing Curtin@act.gov.au.

Session 1

When: **Wednesday 30 May 2018, 4pm – 5:20pm**

Where: Orion Room, Canberra Southern Cross Club, [92-96 Corinna Street, Woden](#)

Session 2

When: **Wednesday 30 May 2018, 6pm – 7:20pm**

Where: Orion Room, Canberra Southern Cross Club, [92-96 Corinna Street, Woden](#)

* Please note that free parking is available at the club to all guests that attend an event at the club. The car park is located on the left hand side of the building facing the club. Upon entry you will receive a ticket that can be validated at reception upon departure.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, BUT WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE?

- **View** the revisions on www.yoursay.act.gov.au
- **Email:** Curtin@act.gov.au
- **By Hand:** Postcard boxes at Ivy Flowers and Gifts, Curtin Capital Chemist and Woden Library
- **Post:** The EPSDD Master Plan Team, PO Box 158, Canberra, ACT, 2601
- **Phone:** Access Canberra on 13 22 81 (and ask for the EPSDD Curtin Group Centre Master Plan team)
- **Information displays** on the revisions are also available at the Woden Library and at the Curtin group centre (in the Coles display windows).

Community engagement closes on 6 June 2018.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open for purchases on Tuesdays 8.30 to 9.30am for all over the counter sales (cash and cheque only).

Please note that all Flexischools orders will also be filled on Tuesdays.

The shop is not open any other day.

Book Fair Next Week!!

29th May – 1st Jun

8:30 – 9am & 3-3.30pm

Come check out a great range of books.

All money raised goes back to the library
to purchase more books for our students and teachers.

2019 Enrolments for ACT Government Schools

- Enrolments for the 2019 school year opened through the online enrolment system on Monday 30 April.
- The Education website has been updated with enrolment details for the 2019 school year, and this information can be viewed through the link below:
https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school
- In addition, a new PEA reference guide, using the ACT Government's ACTmapi web site, is also available through the link below to schools and to families to allow them to find their local school and to define their priority enrolment area. <http://app.actmapi.act.gov.au/actmapi2/index.html?viewer=Education>



Write4fun *Horizon of Dreams* publication

Children who participated in the Write4fun writing competition would have received a letter this week. We wanted to let you know that Curtin Primary will purchase **one copy** of the *Horizon of Dreams* book for the school library. If you would like your child's entry to be included in this book, please fill in and return the **Author's Approval** permission slip that your child recently received from **Write4fun** to the front office no later than Thursday 24 May.



There is no payment required with this.

We will then send all Authors Approvals to **write4fun** in Queensland.

Thank you

Deborah Fitzgerald

SkoolBag

As you are aware, we are trialling the **Skoolbag** app for communication with parents. Thanks to all those parents who have already signed up. Some things to remember:

- When you are choosing our school, you have the option of two schools named Curtin; please check to see you have chosen the correct school.
- All registered parents will get whole school notifications, have access to the events calendar and be able to change their details or send absentee notes through the app.
- The separate year groups are designed for allowing notifications or notes to be sent home to just that cohort.
- Please only subscribe to the year levels your children are in so you won't be inundated with notes, and notifications that you don't need.
- If you have already subscribed to all groups and you want to be taken off any groups please let me know.
- Details for accessing the app are below:

How to install the SkoolBag App

Instructions for parents



For Apple Users

1. From your iPhone/iPad, click on the "Download on the App Store" button above or open the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag"
2. Download the free SkoolBag app
3. Opening the app, and add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

For Google Android Users

1. From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store
2. Click on the "Get it on Google play" button above or go to the Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag"
3. Download the free SkoolBag app
4. Open the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

For more info visit skoolbag.com.au



Thanks
Maryanne Hayes
Deputy



HOT DOG DAY – Tuesday 19 June 2018

Please return the attached order form and correct money to the canteen no later than Friday 15th June.



Mental Health Issues and Young People: FREE Parenting Forum

Carers ACT is hosting a unique opportunity for parents, carers and friends to learn how to recognise the warning signs and better understand depression, suicide, eating disorders, deliberate self-harm and other mental health problems in young people. Mental illness in our youth – often known as the ‘invisible disease’ - is growing at an alarming rate with many parents at a loss on how to deal with it. The speaker will be Dr

Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia’s leading experts in parenting and child and adolescent mental health and founder of CanTeen for teenagers with cancer. *Bookings essential.*

When: Tues 19 June 2018, 7-9pm, Hellenic Club, Woden

More info: Ph 6296 9900 or email mhcarers@carersact.org.au

Register : through Eventbrite <http://bit.ly/2HIqSiy>

Cost: free

UNSW GERRIC Kensington, Sydney

Junior Scientia: Years 3 - 6

The Junior Scientia Program is designed for gifted and talented primary school students in years 3-6. The program features a 3-day workshop. The courses are developed and presented by teachers qualified in gifted education and aim to encourage the interests and curiosity of gifted children. The level of difficulty in the courses is generally two years above the enrolled school level of the child, providing a rigorous and challenging program for gifted students. Are you a student in Years 3 – 6 at an Australian primary school? Are you bright, intellectually inquisitive and looking for something more challenging, more intellectually demanding, and more fun than you may sometimes experience in school? Would you like to take part in program that will really stretch your mind?

Workshops are now open for the next GERRIC Student Program, 17 - 19 July 2018.

Apply Now Year 3 - 6



It is with great excitement that we open applications for our July GERRIC Student Programs for Years 3-10 students. We offer workshops in a huge range of topics, from art to engineering, with everything in between! Giving gifted students an avenue to explore their passions helps extend their thinking and reignite a passion for learning in a supportive environment.

We will also be running our parent courses coinciding with the student programs this July! This is a great opportunity to learn about helping your child achieve their greatest while they learn and have fun, all in one location. There are discounts available if you'd like to attend both courses, or if you come as a group of two or more.

Dates: Tuesday 17th - Thursday 19th July 2018

Daily times: 8:45am - 3:30pm

Venue: Various rooms at UNSW Kensington Campus

Cost: \$365 per child (scholarships available, see website)

Application closing date: 17 June 2018

[Find out more about the Student Programs and apply HERE](#)

[Find out more about the Parent Course Series and book in HERE](#)





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SUNDAY JUNE 24



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Our senior performers have entertained everyone from Queen Elizabeth II to Oprah, and have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman and Pharrell Williams. For the past 20 years, we've been proud to represent Qantas at live events and in the 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertising campaigns.



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