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CURTIN COURIER



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We gather to support
We strive to succeed*

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Diary Dates

2 August – National Portrait Gallery and The National Gallery - 1CD & 1KC

7 August – Year 4 Green Shed Excursion

10 August – Year 6 Combined Band rehearsal

17 August – Year 5 Culminating Event

21 August – Year 5 Combined Band Rehearsal

24 August – Book Week Parade – Hats & Masks

8 September – P&C Trivia Night

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Dear Curtin Families,

- We have enjoyed welcoming students back to term 3 and all classes have quickly developed their busy school rhythm as Unit 2 inquiries have continued. Passion Projects began last week with great energy, excursions are supporting learning and preparation for culminating events is already underway. The bright sunny days we have enjoyed as we return to school are a reminder that August is the time for hats back on at play.

Next week, we will have two visiting school leaders in our school for the five-yearly School Review visit and analysis. School Review is part of the ongoing school development process and involves staff and the executive team reflecting on our work since 2013 and planning focus areas for the next five years. The *School Satisfaction Survey* which is completed by families, staff and students is seriously considered as a tool for gaining the insight of our community to inform these focus areas. I urge you all to participate in this year’s survey to give further feedback. The review panel members will be visiting classrooms, meeting with teachers, students and the School Board and observing aspects of school life. If you are in the school, you might see the review in action.

- Book Week celebrations will occur in Week 5 (17-24 August).** This year, Curtin students are invited to dress up from the shoulders up. This involves creating a mask, hat or using hairspray and makeup to represent a favourite book, author or character. This is part of a tradition at Curtin to alternate between full dress ups and ‘shoulders up’ every second year. The intent is ensuring everyone has a chance to feel comfortable, minimise expense and time investment for families and to encourage creative thought and planning. Look out for details of Book Week celebrations in next week’s newsletter.

Yours in learning,
Merryn



HATS ON FROM 1 AUGUST

August signals Hats On again for all Canberra primary schools.
Please ensure your child has a sun smart hat.
Hats are available from the Uniform Shop.

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return By
16 May 2018	Student Information Check Sheet	ASAP
	Year 4 - Green Shed Excursion	3 August
	Year 5 – Australian National Botanic Gardens Excursion	17 August

PBL NEWS

Congratulations to all our bronze and silver certificate recipients for semester one. Last Thursday they enjoyed a pizza lunch in the senior courtyard. A huge thank you to Jessica Liu and Zhiyu Hao (David 1CD) from CRUST PIZZA Weston whose business donated 15 delicious pizzas for our lunch.

We are currently in the process of planning our next certificate event for the end of Term 3. Children who receive a bronze, silver or gold certificate this term will be invited to attend this exciting event.



Year 5 Culminating Event

Year 5 is holding their culminating event Friday 17 August from 8.30-9.30am.
Parents and carers are welcome to come and share.

2018 Student School Satisfaction Survey – Years 5 & 6

Information for parents and carers

I am writing to request the participation of your child/ren in an important survey to be conducted online during class time in August. The survey results will contribute to our school improvement processes and will also be used in public interest research projects and longitudinal studies aimed at improving the quality of services in the ACT.

The survey includes general satisfaction items together with the school climate module, which covers relationships with other students and teachers, connection to the school, student well-being and engagement in learning. This module is part of a longitudinal study being conducted in partnership with researchers at the Australian National University. Student identification numbers will be used at the start of the survey to confirm the identity of students and to enable survey responses to be linked over time and with administrative and performance data. Linking data in this way will help researchers to assess the relationship between improvements in school climate and educational outcomes and enable a more informative understanding of patterns over time. No personal information will be provided to any school or college.

The Australian National University and the Education Directorate will handle all personal information in accordance with the Territory Privacy Principles set out in the *Information Privacy Act 2014*. Details about how personal information is stored and used are available in our *Privacy Policy* (available at <http://education.act.gov.au>).

The participation of all students in years 5 to 12 will be extremely useful and valuable in finding out what we do well and where we can improve. The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete.

If having read the information above you **do not want** your child/ren to participate in this voluntary survey please contact the front office by the **9 August 2018** so that we can exclude them from the survey.

Yours sincerely

Merryn O’Dea
Principal



Book Week Parade

Friday 24 August

Find your Treasure

Get creative and wear a **hat** or **mask**
inspired by your favourite **book**,
author or **character**.

SPORT NEWS

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INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Interschools Snowsports Championships is a series of snowsports competitions where students compete for their school as part of a team or an individual in any of nine discipline events in skiing and snowboarding.

Thank you to Cath Kelaher for organising our school team for this event. We had 3 competitors this year who, from all accounts, had a fantastic time. Our team competed at Perisher last Wednesday to Friday.

Well done to Josh K, Anna C and Jemima C. If you follow our school Facebook page, you can see some more amazing photos.



ACT AFL

ACT AFL will be speaking briefly with the children at our assembly in week 4 to promote an afterschool AUSKICK program (see attached flyer). They will also be attending a few lunchtimes to run some free lunchtime kick programs this term for both senior and junior students.



P & C News

Next P & C meeting - week 3

The next P&C meeting will be held at 7pm in the staffroom on Thursday, 9 August.
All members of the Curtin parent community are welcome to take part in P&C meetings.

Twilight Fair Planning Meeting

The Twilight Fair is still a few months away, but it is time to get the planning started.

Do you have some great ideas for the Fair, a stall you would love to see, an interest in logistics, passion for recycling or know some great sponsors? We would love to see you!

Come along to the first planning meeting, 7pm Wednesday 15th of August at the Statesman Hotel Curtin.

CANTEEN NEWS

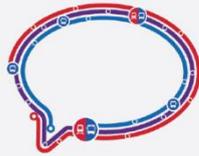
Welcome back everyone hope you all had a great break.

The canteen will be closed Thursday 16th and Friday 17th of Week 4.
Also, the uniform shop will be closed on that Tuesday 14th August.

Sorry for any inconvenience. Cheers Lizzy and Kellie.



A NEW BUS NETWORK FOR CANBERRA



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Tell us how we can help you use the new network.



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School Travel on Public Transport in 2019

Transport Canberra is inviting your feedback on the new public transport network that Transport Canberra is planning for our city in 2019. Please note every bus route and number will be different in this new network in 2019.

In general, schools are better served under the proposed new network – but the way students travel may change.

The introduction of 10 Rapid routes replaces the need for some dedicated school buses, while improvements across the network mean that there will be 30% more trips travelling past schools each day.

The whole bus network has been redesigned, so that:

- Each school is served by bus routes Rapids and/or Local.
- Gungahlin to City light rail will also transport school students each day
- Special trips (or S-trips), are buses that will divert into a school only service around bell times, or buses that start or extend into school grounds before and after school.

There are 73 dedicated school trips currently proposed, for 47 schools, in areas where:

- A regular bus or s-trip can't easily serve the school, because of its location in the city; or
- The student demand is high enough to warrant a dedicated school bus (or in some cases, multiples buses on one or more routes).

In the proposed network:

- 52% of schools will have a dedicated school trip or S-trip or a combination.
- 48% of schools will have all day bus service on the regular network (Rapids, locals or both).
- There will be 30% more trips each day travelling past schools, including S-trips, regular route services, and dedicated school services.

Transport Canberra is committed to employing additional customer service staff and school safety staff in interchanges and major connection points to help people navigate the new network. We have received ideas about special uniforms for customer staff which are more clearly identifiable for students, special waiting areas at interchanges for students as well as other ideas.

We also want to hear other ideas from the public – and particularly from schools, students and parents – about how we can help more people use the bus network. Transport Canberra will consider all of these ideas, as well as your detailed feedback about proposed routes and connections, as part of the consultation process.

School by school fact sheets show the proposed bus or light rail routes for each school, and can be found via yoursay.act.gov.au or <https://canberrabuses.com.au/schools/>.

Final maps and timetables will be available before the end of Term 4 to help schools, parents and students prepare for the 2019 school year.



Understanding and Responding to Feelings and Behaviours

UR FaB Program in Schools

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Hello from the UR FaB team,

Your child's school has volunteered to take part in the UR FaB early intervention program for children in Year 2 and Year 3. The program focuses on children's emotional and social development, and while we are here at Curtin Primary School, the team will be contributing to the school newsletter and providing information and ideas in regard to supporting children with their social and emotional development.

Today we are focusing on the importance of 'Together Time'. Children from birth to adolescence need time and attention from their parents. There are a number of benefits to 'Together Time':

- It helps a child to feel important and loved, and helps children to feel closer to their parent.
- The parent and child develop a stronger bond as it encourages communication between the child and the parent, and it provides the child with the opportunity to voice their thoughts and feelings.
- The child has an opportunity to model their parent's behaviour, while the parent can observe and learn about their child's strengths and weaknesses, temperament, activity level, and developmental stage, in order to better know them and guide them.
- Children want to be close to their parents and to be the focus of their emotions and this can be a powerful influence on a child's behaviour.

Research suggests that it is the quality of the time spent together not the quantity that is important, and that 10 – 15 minutes per day is enough.

Quality time involves:

- Play that is directed by the child, and a parent having their full attention to their child's world. Use time together, such as mealtimes, to talk and share a laugh.
- Focus on your child's strengths not his/ her weaknesses
- Laugh and have fun...make it enjoyable
- Avoid competing with your child
- Don't focus on the "correct" way or specified rules for a game. Don't use it as a teaching moment.
- Model cooperation by doing what your child asks you to do
- Praise and encourage your child's self-discovery and creativity; don't criticize
- Engage in pretend and make-believe play with your child
- Curb your desire to give too much help—give just enough support to avoid frustration but not so much you take over your child's exploration
- 'Attention rule' – attend to positive behaviour and ignore negative behaviour (results in increased positive social behaviour in the child). Don't give eye or verbal attention to annoying behaviours
- Use positive communication avoiding criticism
- Use descriptive commenting and praise

Quality time together gives the child the feeling, "my parent cares about me; my parent is willing to do something with me that I enjoy; and my parent did it with a positive attitude".

The parent child relationship is an important factor in your child's social, cognitive and emotional development. In prioritising time together and strengthening the parent child bond you are helping your child to feel safe and secure.

More on descriptive commenting and praise next time!

The UR FaB Team
Charmaine Nicoll (Manager, Social Worker)
Kate Gray (Psychologist)



CURTIN AFTER SCHOOL AUSKICK PROGRAM!

WHEN: MONDAYS 3:30 - 4:30PM

WHERE: CURTIN OVAL STARTING 28TH AUGUST

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\$22 each for large pizza. To check ingredients please refer to the Crust website (www.crust.com.au).