



CURTIN COURIER



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We gather to support
We strive to succeed*

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Diary Dates

10 August – Year 6
Combined Band
rehearsal

17 August – Year 5
Culminating Event

17 August –
Kindergarten
Showcase Event

17 August – Year 5
Assembly 2pm

21 August – Year 5
Combined Band
Rehearsal

24 August – Book
Week Parade – Hats &
Masks

8 September – P&C
Trivia Night

13 September –
Walkathon

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Welcome to week 3. The next few weeks are going to be very busy.

This week we have two visitors at school completing our school review. They will be speaking to teachers, students and parents to develop an overall view of the school and provide us with a report and feedback so we can write our strategic plan for the next 5 years.

Next week our K-2 teachers will be involved in professional learning and in-school demonstration lessons with Christine Topfer. Christine is a renowned author of several books on pedagogy relating to literacy and spelling and has been a Principal and a Directorate Literacy coach in Tasmania. All our K-2 teachers will observe Christine teach a literacy lesson on Tuesday and then meet to discuss their observations and how they could incorporate these ideas into their classrooms. P-2 teachers will also be completing professional learning throughout the week to enhance their understanding of how students learn and further develop their skills in best literacy practice. This is an excellent opportunity for our teachers.

Our years 3-6 teachers are undertaking Quality Teaching sessions every fortnight. This involves groups of teachers observing another teacher teaching a lesson and then spending time discussing the lesson against a set criteria. This is another excellent way for teachers to learn from each other and develop their pedagogy.

This term the students are all participating in Gymnastics lessons during their PE times. It is great to see how they improve in their skills and flexibility. Thanks to all those parents who come and assist.

In week 7 the P & C have organised Raw Art from Sydney to come and conduct 90-minute art sessions with each class from Preschool to year 6. The students will be bringing home a note early next week with more information and we are requesting \$5 towards the cost. This is an excellent opportunity for our students. Huge thanks to our P & C for organising this initiative.

It is fantastic to see so many students coming up to the front office to put in their Curtin credits. They are so proud when asked what they received it for. This is a great achievement for students as it shows they are demonstrating our PBL rules of Safe, Respectful, Learners. The containers are looking fuller each day. Hopefully this will mean more Bronze Certificates handed out at assembly.

Thanks to all our parents who take time out of their busy days to support our students and school. We have had parents assist with reading with students, maths groups, Gymbaroo, the junior courtyard prep, going on excursions, and gymnastics, just to name a few. Your assistance and support is greatly appreciated.

If you have some spare time we have lots of resources that need to be photocopied, cut out and laminated, as well as students that would greatly benefit from being listened to or read to daily. If you have time to do any of these things please let the front office know your details and availability?

Maryanne Hayes
Deputy Principal

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return By
	Year 5 – Australian National Botanic Gardens Excursion	17 August

PBL Certificates

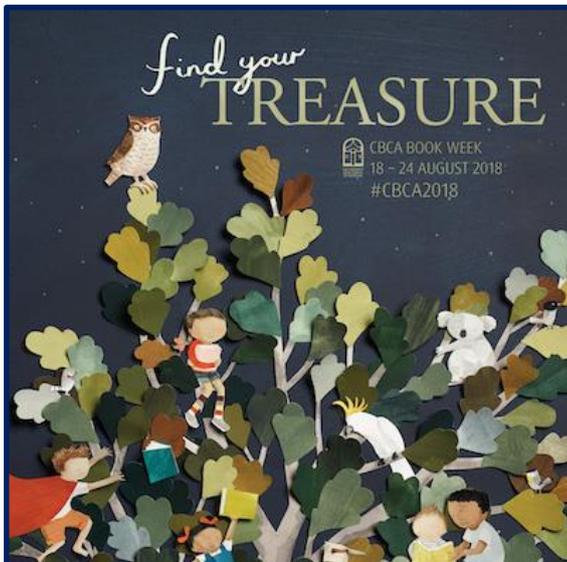
Congratulations to the following children who will receive PBL Certificate at our next assembly, Friday 17 August. Please check next week's newsletter for any additional children receiving certificates.

<p>Safe</p> <p>Annika C - Bronze Jill E – Bronze & Silver William McK – Bronze & Silver Zann W - Bronze</p>	<p>Learner</p> <p>Vinay G - Bronze Ida J - Bronze Byron Mc - Bronze Arnav G - Bronze Katy K - Bronze Annika C – Bronze & Silver Chloe C - Bronze Jill E – Bronze & Silver Roshel M - Bronze & Silver William Mc – Bronze, Silver & Gold Emily S – Bronze & Silver Kevin W – Bronze & Silver Zann W - Bronze Roisin H - Bronze Zac R – Bronze Anna C - Bronze</p>
<p>Respectful</p> <p>Catherine R - Bronze William McG - Bronze Ali N - Bronze Audrey T - Bronze Annika C – Bronze & Silver Chloe C – Bronze & Silver Chloe W – Bronze Mac K – Bronze</p>	



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.



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**.

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.

BrickExpo

Canberra 10th to 12th August 2018

What is it?

An entertaining and interesting exhibition of rare and unique LEGO® creations by interstate and local collectors and modellers. Hundreds of static, moving and robotic models in themes including: Star Wars™, Trains, Planes, Space Ships, Racing Cars, Monuments & Sculptures.

Want it?

Buy hard to find LEGO® sets from authorised resellers onsite

www.BrickExpo.com.au

Tickets are only available online

Brick Expo is a not-for-profit event organised in association with the Canberra Lego User Group. Event proceeds will assist our major charity PaTCH to help Paediatrics at the Canberra Hospital



When is it?
1:30pm to 6:00pm, Friday 10th August
9:00am to 6:00pm, Saturday 11th August
9:00am to 4:30pm, Sunday 12th August

Where is it?
The Hellenic Club of Canberra
Matilda Street Woden

Proudly supported by



HELLENIC CLUB

Bricks to the World
www.bttw.com.au



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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

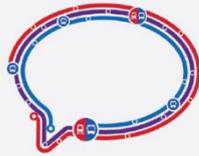
Welcome back everyone hope you all had a great break.

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



More buses, more often, 7 days a week

What does this mean for school travel?

Look up your school on canberrabuses.com.au.
Tell us how we can help you use the new network.



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Transport
Canberra

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

COST: \$46 INCLUDING AUSKICK PACK AND FOOTBALL!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: AMY.DWYER@AFL.COM.AU

VISIT THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER!

play.afl/auskick   

Term 3 update.

Helping kids to be Super Savers with School Banking.

How teaching your child money skills can fit into your everyday life.

There are many ways you can help your child learn the value of money in real-life situations. As a busy parent, it's a good idea if you can incorporate simple money lessons into your everyday routine, like at the supermarket.

Here's 3 lessons you can share with your child next time you shop:

- 1** Before you go to the supermarket, ask your child to help you write the shopping list and then organise the items into two columns: Needs and Wants. Then whilst you do the shop, let them tick off the items as they go to help reinforce the idea. They'll quickly start to understand the value of the items they really need.
- 2** When buying items at the supermarket, you can explain to your kids how items are priced and that you can get cheaper or more expensive versions of the same product. This is also an opportunity to discuss how you can shop around for the best price and sale items.
- 3** Let them choose an item they can buy using different coin combinations to practice their money skills in the real world.

Term 3 Super Savers Reward Items.

To encourage the habit of saving regularly, children can redeem a reward after they've made 10 School Banking deposits. Two new reward items are available in Term 3 (while stocks last):

- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils (pencils change colour with heat)



Keep saving for a chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.

Just a reminder that this year, School Banking is running a Super Savers Grand Prize Competition that will take one lucky School Banker and their family of two adults and up to three children to Hawaii.

The trip includes:

- Return economy flights to Honolulu, Hawaii plus airport transfers
- 7 nights accommodation at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel & Resort, staying in a Luxury Ocean Room, with beach views and breakfast included
- AU \$2,000 spending money

How to enter:

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018 to automatically receive an entry into the competition.

Learn more about saving at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Things you should know: The 'Super Savers Grand Prize Competition' (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 48 123 123 124) of Level 3C, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promotion starts at 9am AEST on 22/01/18 and closes at 11.59pm AEST on 28/09/18. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4–13 years only who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their CommBank 'Youthsaver' account during the Promotion period. Eligible entrants will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry/person. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children (aged 17 years and under), including 7 nights accommodation and AU\$2,000 spending money, valued at AU\$17,666. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 12pm AEST on 10/10/18 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and in The Australian on 17/10/18. Winner must claim the prize by 5pm AEST on 15/01/19 or the prize will be redrawn. The prize will be awarded to the winner's nominated parent or guardian. Conditions apply to accepting the prize. Full terms and conditions available from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Authorised under NSW Permits No: LTP5/07/18318, ACT Permits No: ACT TP 17/01989 and SA Permit No: T17/1878.



Book your table of 10 now or book your own ticket and we will place you on a table | **RSVP by Thursday 6 Sept**

Payment: by Cheque, cash or EFT

Acc Name: Curtin PG Association | Account number 156239147 | BSB: 633000

(Include description TRIVIA & your name)

Donations: If you would like to donate to the auction contact Louise Morgan (nick@nmphotos.com)

BOOKING FORM

Return this form to the front office or email it to Louise Morgan at nick@nmphotos.com

Name: _____

Contact number/email: _____

Table coordinator: _____

Number of tickets _____

Pizza Order*: _____

Payment type: CASH / CHEQUE / EFT (date of transfer): _____

***Pizza choicess:** Capricciosa - Pepperoni - Mediterranean lamb - Peri-peri chicken - Garlic prawn - Vegetarian supreme
\$22 each for large pizza. To check ingredients please refer to the Crust website (www.crust.com.au).

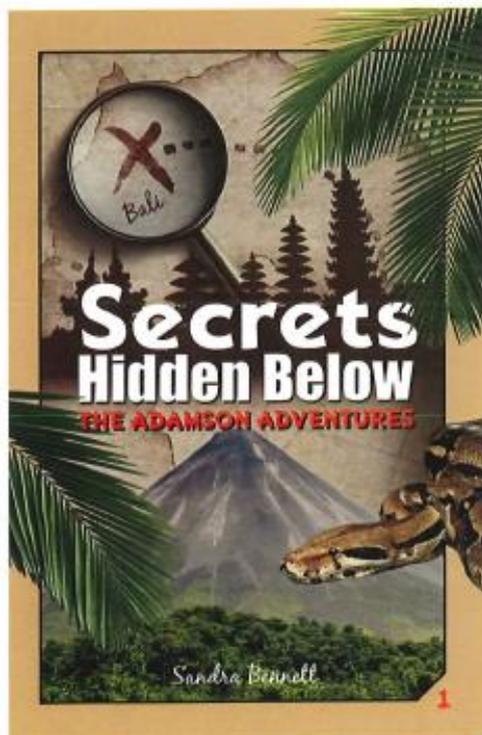


Secrets Hidden Below

As part of Children's Book Week, author Sandra Bennett will be visiting Curtin Primary School to talk about her fantastic new book, **Secrets Hidden Below**.

When: Monday 20 August 2018
Time: 9:30 – 10:30 am
Where: School library

The book will be available to purchase and have signed on the day.



The Adamson family are set for a surfing holiday in Bali they'll never forget.

Dad wants to surf all day and Mum wants to shop. Zac is eager to explore a sunken WW11 shipwreck. Luke is keen to cause mischief wherever he goes. Clare on the other hand, just wants to stay out of trouble.

But while building sandcastles on Kuta Beach, the kids unearth a surprising find that dramatically changes their holiday. Curiosity leads them on a dangerous path to an adventure where difficulties lurk around every corner.

Secrets Hidden Below takes the reader on an intriguing treasure hunt around an exotic tropical island that includes plenty of rotten-egg gas, a guardian snake and a volcano spirit you definitely, don't want to anger.



Secrets Hidden Below

Book Order Form

Sandra Bennett is coming to Curtin Primary School on Monday 20 August 2018 to talk about her new book **Secrets Hidden Below**. This is a unique opportunity for students to get a book signed and personalised by the author.

Options

1. Purchase the book on the day

Sandra has offered our school a 'School Visit special' and students can purchase the book at the special price of \$15.00 (RRP \$16.95). An order form is below. Please bring in the completed form on the visit day as well as **exact amount** as we will not have change.

2. Order from our website:

<https://www.elephanttreepublishing.com.au/current-titles/>

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I would like to purchase a copy of Secrets Hidden Below.

Students Name: _____

Grade: _____

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Secrets Hidden Below		\$15.00	

Would you like your book signed? Y / N

If Yes, please autograph the book to:

Thank you for your order. Happy reading!

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2018 South Weston Athletics Carnival Volunteer Role

Dear parents and carers,

Arawang Primary School is responsible for coordinating the 2018 South Weston Athletics Carnival on Thursday 6 September at the Woden Athletics Park. There are many roles that need to be filled by volunteer helpers to make the carnival a success. At this stage, students from University of Canberra are assisting with some of these roles. However, many will need to be filled by parents or interested adults. Other roles will be undertaken by student from Telopea Park High School to assist the running of events.

Below is a list of roles that need to be filled. If you are able to assist the district carnival by undertaking one of the tasks it would be very much appreciated. Training to conduct the activity can be organised with Paul Robertson prior to the event and instructions will be given on the morning. It would be advisable that we do not have you leading an event that involves your child.

Please fill in the attached form as soon as possible and return it to the front office.

Kind regards,
Paul Robertson
PE Coordinator Arawang Primary

2018 South Weston Athletics Carnival Volunteer Roles

I am interested in being a volunteer at the 2018 South Weston Athletics Carnival and have indicated my preferred roles below. Please circle preferred role/s.

Starter Marshall – 2 needed

Discus Chief – 2 sites

Long Jump Chief – 2 sites

Finish Line Recorder (800 metres only)

Finish Line Marshall

Shot Put Chief – 2 sites

Meet Manager Assistant

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Volunteer expressions of interest can be returned to the front office or to -
paul.robertson@ed.act.edu.au