



CURTIN COURIER

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We gather to support
We strive to succeed*

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Diary Dates

March 10 Assembly
6RD 2:00pm

March 17 Assembly
5JW 2:00pm

March 13
Canberra Day

March 20 -24 Bronze
Rescue

March 21
School Photos

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are over half way through term one and the students and classes are all buzzing along.

Preschool students focus on literacy everyday through recognising the letters when writing their name, listening to stories and discussing their investigations.

The Kindergarten students have been learning their phonemes (sounds) *s, a, p, g, o, c, t, m* and have just started the second set of sounds *r, l, d, b, f, h, i, u*. They are busy writing words and recognising their camera (sight) words.

Year 1/2 are working hard with CAFÉ literacy; Reading to self, Working on writing, Reading to someone, Listening to reading and Word work. It is fantastic to see the students working independently and with such confidence.

Year 3/4 are focusing on exploring exposition and narrative writing. They also complete some CAFÉ activities and utilise the Chromebooks as a tool for their learning.

Year 5 and 6 have adapted well to working with their Chromebooks and are incorporating them into their daily lessons. They are exploring factual texts through their integrated inquiry about animal adaptations. The Year 5 students are also getting ready for NAPLAN.

Staff has also been participating in professional development to create a whole school approach to spelling. We have been looking at the 5 spelling strategies, assessment and how they all work together to align with the Australian Curriculum. This is an ongoing process and we aim to have a whole school approach to spelling by the end of this term.

I hope that all students and parents have found the Goal setting interviews a rewarding experience in providing the students with a focus for their learning.

There are a few events happening across the next few weeks:

- Years 3-6 are participating in AFL and Rugby clinics
- Preschool have completed their Obstacle-athon or Jumpathon to raise money for equipment
- School photos are coming up in the next few weeks
- The senior students will have the opportunity to participate in the Bronze Rescue course
- The cross country is on Friday week 10.

Looking forward to a productive rest of the term.

Maryanne Hayes

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return BY
15/2/2017	Voluntary Contributions	
3/3/2017	ICAS	28/03/2016

AWARDS

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

Kinder KCS	Hannah Torion	Kinder KJG	Ava O Jackson D Aidan W Antonio J	Kinder KK	Arya P Benjamin C
Kinder KNM	Andre B Charlotte M	1/2 CC	Jordy S Elly P	1 /2KO	Willsey O Elizabeth D
1/2KZ	Elana S Ryan W	1 /2 LH	Charlize S Tanisha S	1/2MW	Maya J Yalguun K
3/4JC	Patrick W Oscar L	3/4KL	Riley W Sacha O	3/4KS	Amy B Angus S
3/4 LR	Julian T Thomas M	3/4RT	Tyrone W Gwen H	3/4TM	Dominic M Lily S
5JW	Chase M Lauren B	5LS	Roisin H Thomas P	5TD	Addie I Massimo M
6HH	James H Jenna S	6RD	Lily E Owen F	6SL	Josh T Sophie G

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!

If you're interested in helping out please come and see us on Friday morning at the uniform shop or email Clare on sjcr@eftel.net.au.

Preschool news – preschool buddy groups

A few weeks ago the South Curtin Red Wombats group visited the Sea Urchins at North Preschool and yesterday the Sea Urchins returned the visit. Both groups are very excited about their preschool buddy group and have enjoyed these visits.

Last Wednesday evening we had a great get together for all families at the preschool family picnic.

The children are enjoying exploring and finding out about each preschool's different equipment and toys - the South Pre cubby was a *BIG* hit with the Sea Urchins.

In Week 9 the Red Wombats are visiting North Pre again for a picnic lunch with the Sea Urchins on Tuesday 28 March.



Liane & Inge

CURTIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cross Country Carnival

Friday 7th 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: _____



Let Kids be Kids Campaign

On 28 February 2017, Minister Berry jointly released the Let Kids be Kids campaign. The campaign is a national initiative focused on letting kids play and enjoy sport without extra pressure from the sidelines, the grandstands or at home. The campaign also sends messages direct from children to their parents, reminding them that kids want to play sport because they love playing with friends, trying their hardest and being active outside.

www.playbytherules.net.au



SWISH is offering STEM based workshops for K-7 in the Easter holidays.

We will be running 5 workshops each day on topics such as robotics, chemistry, physics, engineering, biology and much more. I

For bookings and further information please go to our website at www.swisheducation.edu.au

Kindest Regards,

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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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