



CURTIN COURIER

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We gather to support

We strive to succeed

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Diary Dates

17 Aug – Yr 5 Combined Band at Curtin

Please note change of day:

17 Aug Thursday
1/2AS Assembly 2pm

19 Aug P&C
Trivia Night

21 Aug – 24 Aug
Stem Festival

25 Aug Book week
Celebration

25Aug 5/6 Excursion
Mogo Town

31 Aug – Board
meeting 7.30am

1 Sept –WALKATHON

**1 Sept – P&C Father's
Day Breakfast**

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WALKATHON POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER (WEEK 7)

Dear parents/carers

This week at Curtin we acknowledge changes in our staffing, welcoming Wendy Lee on 3/4JC, and Clare Farr and Chloe Templeton, as Response to Intervention teachers across the school. As you are aware, I am on leave beginning next week and return to take up my new position as principal at Theodore Primary. With change comes opportunity. Curtin Primary is very privileged to have such a high calibre of staff with strong leadership potential and the opportunity is now available for aspiring leaders to support the school and build their capacity at the same time. As I am away on leave as from next week, our two executive teachers, Kate North and Deborah Fitzgerald, will be sharing the SLB role until the end of term; and Leslee Roberts and Louise Smith will join the school executive team to support the leadership and management of the school. These placements will be in effect until staff selection processes can be held. During this time, Leonie Moyle will teach 1/2KZ every Wednesday and Justin Moyle will teach 1/2MW every Thursday and Friday. Please congratulate all of our staff for their commitment to Curtin and willingness to take on new roles!

I would like to take the opportunity to revisit my letter to the community sent earlier:

I take away very fond memories of Curtin and I feel truly grateful for the opportunities to get to know the students, staff and parents and carers of the Curtin community.

To the students, I thank each one of you for making my day, from the warm greetings every day and smiles down the corridors, the laughter, the chats, and the commitment to learning and the positive mindset to which you approach school life.

To the staff, I am honoured to have worked alongside such committed and enthusiastic colleagues who work tirelessly for the learning for our students. From their commitment to learning, stretching their thinking – and mine- to improve teaching and learning, for working so collaboratively with positivity and purpose, for the comradery, sense of fun and enjoyment, how privileged I feel to be part of such a wonderful team that facilitate the learning successes for the children.

To the community, I applaud your commitment to and investment in the academic, social and emotional wellbeing of our students, and the relentless support that you provide our school. Working in partnership with many of you has been an absolute privilege.

Farewell until we meet again, wishing you all the absolute best now and always.

Kerri Clark

Congratulations Ms Clark!

On behalf of the Curtin community, I would like to congratulate Kerri Clark on her appointment as principal at Theodore. The legacy Kerri will leave at Curtin reflects her commitment to inclusive education to optimise student engagement and achievement. As deputy and principal, Kerri has significantly contributed to; the change to our Learning Support Unit model, the design of our conceptual curriculum plan for 2018, the analysis of the impact of our gifted education provisions, and of the redesign of our physical spaces. We wish Kerri a relaxing and exciting holiday as the opportunity to recharge before commencing in her new role.

Merryn

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return By
25/7/2017	Old Mogo Town Excursion	17/8/2017
2/8/2018	Questacon Stem Incursion Year 3,4,5,6	18/8/2017

AWARDS

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

Kinder CS	Luke K	3/4WL	Elinor H Thomas D
Kinder TM	Tariah B Jordaine D	3/4KS	Liam H Will S
Kinder JG	William B Zaina J	3/4LR	Nick D Ida J
Kinder KK	Jordan S S	3/4TM	Will M Lachlan S
1/2AS	Amnah A Loclan M	3/4KL	Jesse B Mia H
1/2KZ	Libby T	5TD	Charlotte H Frank C
1/2KO	Bruce R Ryann K	5LS	Emily V Evie M
1/2MW	Harry M Max W	5JW	Roshel M Jacob S
1/2LH	Ayden K Emily M	6RD	Logan G Cynthia S
1/2SL	Lawrence C May N	6HH	Chelsea S Raquel M
3/4RT	Taj P Gwen H		

ART AWARDS

KCS	Jasmine M	1/KZ	Sam M
KTM	Charlotte M	1/2KO	Arya G
KJG	Valentina H-H	1/2MW	Billy B
KKK	Agastya T	1/2LH	Tanisha S
1/2AS	Izzy K	1/2SL	Maddison T

P&C Father's Day Breaky - Friday 1 September

Bring Dad to school at 8am on Friday 1 September and have an egg and bacon roll with him, head into the library and read your favourite book with him, grab some sporting gear and kick, shoot or have a hit around with him and (if we can organise it) have a game of dodge ball against him (kids vs Dads!). The egg and bacon rolls will be in the Junior courtyard and will cost \$4.

2017 Curtin Primary School

Parent Satisfaction Survey is now OPEN!!!

Last week you will have received via email a letter providing you the link to complete the 2017 School Satisfaction Survey for Curtin Primary. As explained in previous newsletters, this important survey informs the school of your level of satisfaction about key aspects of our school. This survey contributes to our school improvement processes and helps us to understand where we are doing a great job and areas for further development. Your voice matters. We welcome the positive feedback and constructive critique to ensure that we continue to build positive outcomes for our students at Curtin Primary.

Your responses are anonymous. A number of provisions have been made to ensure that the access codes cannot be used to link survey responses to individual families. The access codes are randomly generated by the survey system and are not linked to survey responses. If you do not have access to the internet at home, please contact the school office and we will ensure that you are able to access a paper version or a computer within the school to complete the survey in an anonymous manner. We do hope that you take the small amount of time that it takes to complete the survey. A small moment of your time is a big investment in our school.

Frequently Asked Questions

When should I complete the survey?

The 2017 Satisfaction Survey for all parents and carers at Curtin Primary will be open from 9 to 28 August 2017.

Who should complete the survey?

All parents and carers with one or more students at a Canberra public school should complete the survey questionnaire. A questionnaire should be completed for each child attending Curtin in the family.

Is the survey confidential?

Yes. Your responses will be anonymous, however, if you choose to answer the voluntary demographic questions, survey administrators may be able to identify you in some circumstances. If that is the case, your responses may be regarded as personal information and will be handled in accordance with the Territory Privacy Principles set out in the *Information Privacy Act 2014*.

I lost or never received the satisfaction survey email/letter. Can I get a new email/letter?

Yes. One replacement letter can be provided to parents for each of their children.

Can I use the access code more than once?

No. Each access code can only be used once. If you have more than one child at the school and you did not receive a letter or email (which includes the access code) for each child in your family, one additional letter can be provided for each child.

I only did half the survey, how do I go back to the survey to complete it?

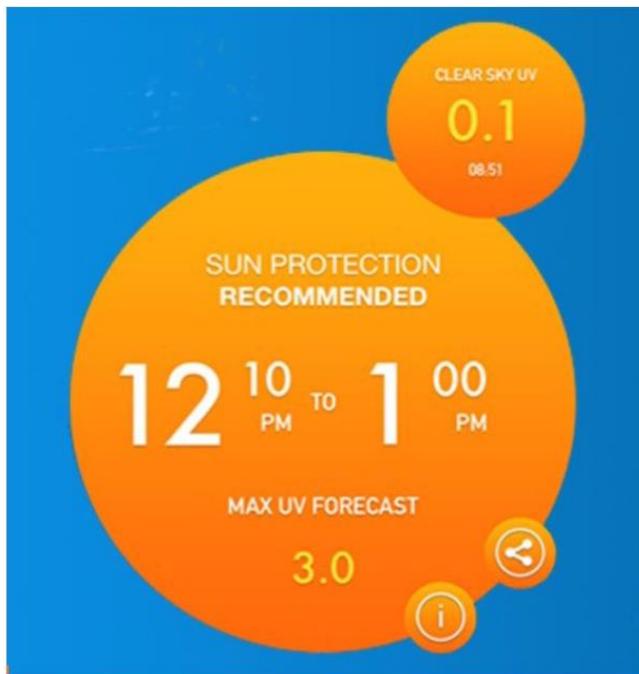
School Survey does allow you to create a password if you start the survey but don't have time to complete the survey at that time. If you have forgotten your password or you did not create a password you will need to start the survey again using a new access code. One replacement letter (with a new access code) can be provided for each child.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions.

Access Codes

It has come to our attention that some parents/carers who have more than one child enrolled at our school have not received an individual access code for each child.

Please contact the front office if you have not received a code for each child in your family.



Canberra UV levels are on the rise!

August is Hats On again for Canberra primary schools and early childhood services because UV levels are on the rise. But don't take our word for it! Download the free [SunSmart](#) App today.

STEM FESTIVAL 2017

Week 6 term 3



Mon 21 –Thur 24 August

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time. A timetable will be emailed to all concerned shortly.

A reminder to parents in year 3-6 to please return the Questacon Incursion notes.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop will be **closed** Friday August 18

SRC Update

We are still collecting any type of tin with a lid. Can all containers please be given to Mrs Zarb and Ms North.



THE WALKATHON IS COMING AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

All money raised will be used to upgrade the junior and senior playground in the term 3 holidays!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$20,000!



SRC Colour Walkathon Friday 1 September, 2017



Date: Friday 1 September, 2017

Venue: Surrounds of Curtin Primary School (3km cross country track)

Classes: Whole school program – Preschool – Year 6

Time: 9.30am

Colour Run:

This term the SRC have organised a colour walkathon for participants. The powder is maize based with colour dye. If your child does not wish to participate, they will take an alternate route to avoid the colour section.

If you do not wish your child to be covered with colour, please contact your child's class teacher.

If the weather is unsuitable, the walkathon will be postponed to a later date (TBA)

What to bring:

- ❖ water bottle
- ❖ hat
- ❖ mufti clothing (including an old white T-shirt) and suitable walking shoes
- ❖ recess and lunch(if not having a sausage sizzle)

Don't forget:

- ✓ Sponsorship forms must be returned to the class teacher
- ✓ If your child is asthmatic or requires an EpiPen they MUST carry their own medication in a small backpack or in their pocket

Thank you to parents who have volunteered to assist during the day. All parents/carers participating or assisting during the walkathon need to sign in at the Front Office before meeting Mrs Devenish on the senior oval.

Thank you

Walkathon Committee

