



CURTIN COURIER

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We seek to inspire

We gather to support

We strive to succeed

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Diary Dates

22 Feb
Board Meeting 7.30am

22 Feb
P&C Meeting 7pm

2 March
YR 3 -6 Swimming
Carnival

2 March
Junior Assembly –Year
1 at 2.15pm

2 March
P&C Welcome BBQ

5-8 March
First Aid Training

12 March
Public Holiday

20 March
Red Wombats &
Yellow Possums
Preschool Photos

21 March School
Photos

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so lucky at Curtin to have so many different experiences – Constable Kenny, Robotics, excursions, etc. We couldn’t have these without the support of our parent community.

Over the past seven days every student has attended the Robotics incursion for a 90 minute session. They have made robots that follow directions, fighting robots, and robots for the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics, just to name a few. Through this incursion they have developed skills in the digital technologies curriculum, whilst also developing team building skills, cooperation, resilience, perseverance and listening to and taking on board their partner’s suggestions. As this formed part of our curriculum every student participated in this incursion. Therefore it would be greatly appreciated if all students were able to bring in payment in the next few days to assist us in covering the associated costs.



This year, after observing how successful the Chromebook initiative was in increasing engagement in the Year 5/6 students, we have extended the program to include Year 4 from the beginning of the year, and Year 3 from Term 3. Students will be using the Chromebooks as a tool for learning mainly through the Google Suite for Education platform. Having access to their own Chromebooks allows greater flexibility within the classroom as they are readily available, and the teachers don’t have to search for a trolley of Chromebooks that may or may not already be booked out. We now have lockers for every student from Year 3 to Year 6 to keep their Chromebooks secure when not in use. If you are having difficulty sourcing a Chromebook or have further questions I am more than happy to chat with you.

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Information Night on Tuesday. Feedback so far was very positive. Teachers are looking forward to meeting all parents with their child at goal setting interviews over the next two weeks. Don’t forget to make a time with your child’s teacher.



Two other important initiatives we like to participate in are the Coles Sport for Schools program and the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. These rely on parent and community assistance to get as many tokens as possible so the school can ‘purchase’ resources we normally couldn’t afford. Last year through the Woolworths Earn and Learn program we were able to start building our own robotics resources. We bought Code and Go mice, a Little Bits Code Kit and a Mice and Dice game which will all assist our students with learning how to code before using computer programs such as Scratch. These resources arrived last week and are almost ready to go into the classrooms. A huge thank you to all the parents and community members who bring in the coupons and tokens.

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return By
8/2/2018	Swimming Carnival – Year 3-6	23/02/2018
8/2/2018	Yr 6 Polo Shirts	23/02/2018
13/2/2018	Voluntary Contributions	13/04/2018
20/2/2018	Year 5 & 6 – Cooba Camp Expression of Interest	26/02/2018

ASSEMBLY WEEK 4

Our first assembly for 2018 will be held next Friday, 2 March. On this day, the senior school and some year 2 students will be at the Swimming Carnival. This means we have an opportunity to begin the schedule with a junior assembly. In this assembly, we will explicitly teach students the expectations and routines for assembly. Year 1 will then host the performance part of the assembly and we will conclude with an introduction to the awards that will be presented throughout the year. At this early stage, we do not anticipate any awards being presented at this assembly. Parents of Year 1 students are invited to attend to see their children perform. The assembly will be held at 2.15pm in the main hall.

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen will be closed on Friday March 2 due to Swimming Carnival

Curtin P&C Annual General Meeting

7pm, Thursday 22nd February

The Curtin P&C AGM will be held on Thursday in week 3, at 7pm in the school staffroom. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Find out what the P&C achieved in 2017 and what its plans are for 2018! Coming along to the P&C is a great way to get to know the school and its leaders and to gain insight into school priorities.

PARENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 2018

The P&C is seeking parent class reps for 2018! The role of the parent class rep includes disseminating information from the school, the P&C and the teacher to your child's class each week. You might also be involved in organising your class' contribution to P&C events, like the twilight fair, and you may even organise social class gatherings for your class if you choose!

If you are interested in taking on the role of parent class rep, please return the form below to the front office, or email the details to Kate Hegarty at kate.hegarty@act.gov.au Please make sure you use the subject heading "**Parent Class Rep**" in your email.

Name _____

Child's name _____

Child's Class _____

Phone: _____

Email address _____

Welcome to Curtin BBQ

Friday 2 March 5:30 to 7pm

Want to get to know other parents at amazing Curtin Primary?

Come along to the Welcome BBQ on Friday March 2
The P&C will provide the sausage sandwiches so BYO everything else!



Curtin Primary School P&C

2018 CLASS CONTACT LIST

The Parent Class Representative Program provides improved communication and support to all families in the school community. A Parent Class Representative is selected for every class in the school.

One of the tasks of your representative is to coordinate a class contact list for circulation among the year unit. The contact list is useful when attempting to contact other families from the same year.

Please fill out and return the below form to the front office or class teacher. The major form of communication used is email so if you wish to remain fully informed please provide your email details. If you do not wish to have your contact details distributed, please inform your class representative who can hold your details in confidence and bcc emails to you.

If your contact details change throughout the year, please remember to advise your class representative of the changes (especially your email details).

Please return your contact information ASAP to enable the class list to be finalised.

YOUR CHILD'S NAME:.....

YOUR CHILD'S CLASS.....

PARENTS' NAMES:

ADDRESS:.....

EMAIL ADDRESS:.....

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME:.....

MOBILE:.....

Please tick if you are happy for your details to be on the class list circulated to parents.

Please tick if you would like to receive weekly class updates, but do NOT want your contact details shared.



This is a great initiative by Coles that allows us to order fantastic sporting equipment. The collection bins will be arriving shortly, so in the meantime, please send your vouchers to the front office. When the program finishes we will tally all our vouchers and start ordering.

Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL BANKING - Looking for a New Parent Volunteer!

The **School Banking** program is run through the Commonwealth Bank assisted by a parent volunteer. Kirsty Kobus currently undertakes this role but will no longer be able to continue after 31 March. Please let Kirsty know if you would like to take up the parent volunteer role (kirstyandrobot@gmail.com).

School Banking provides a fun, interactive and engaging way for students to learn about money and develop good saving habits. School Banking is a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives from the Commonwealth Bank \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Banking on FRIDAY

School Banking is on FRIDAYS.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please contact Kirsty or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to register.



We need more players! Come and play netball at a convenient Deakin location. Competition runs 17th March to 15th September.

- Kindy + Yr1 Saturday morning skills for 10 weeks from May 5th.
- Year 2+ competition - train on Wednesday afternoon plus Saturday game
- Senior/mums competition – train Wednesday evening, game Saturday afternoon

Register ASAP as teams are now being put together (ignore 13th Feb registration close date on website).

<http://bullants.act.netball.com.au/Winter-competition.aspx?rw=c> or email Ruth at bullantsnetball@gmail.com

SOCCER

Was your son (or daughter) born in 2010 or 2011 and wanting to play soccer this year? I am putting together a couple of soccer teams for U8s. We have two spots left (its all boys so far). The teams will play at 9.40am on Saturday mornings at Mawson Playing Fields. Contact cathy.fussell@gmail.com or 0431 662 067 if you're interested.



Autumn SC-ORE 2018 - One week left to enter
ENTRIES REMAIN OPEN until midnight Friday 23 February 2018
VENUES

- 1 March Miles Franklin Primary,
 - 8 March Latham Primary,
 - 15 March Fraser Primary
- 22 March Macquarie Primary

All Students in years 3 to 6 welcome. Teams of 2 girls and 2 boys.

Must be on-site at the event locations by 7:45am for an 8am start.

All finished in time to get to school.

Children must be taken to the 4 separate venues by parents or responsible guardians.

Get an outdoor, screen free body and brain workout **before** hitting the classroom.

What better way to start the day!







Visit the [Orienteering ACT](#) for more information. Entries close midnight Friday 23 February 2018.

Stressed about back to school costs? Make next year different.



Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

-  laptops & tablets
-  camps & excursions
-  uniforms & shoes
-  lessons & activities
-  sports fees & gear
-  books & supplies

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Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of ST Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.