Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a very busy and exciting time to be writing the front page of the newsletter to celebrate some of the work we have been doing and prepare for some upcoming events.

At Curtin we have a wonderful professional and caring staff which has the welfare and learning of all students at heart. This week four staff members were recognised for their Service to Public Education in the ACT. Congratulations to Jocelyn James, Lauren Richardson, Deborah Fitzgerald and Leonie Ferber for achieving either ten or twenty years service.

All students in years three to six have been presenting Rostrum speeches to their classmates this week. Rostrum is a public Speaking competition open to students across the ACT. Late in term 1, or early in term 2, students were given a range of topics on which to base their speech including ‘My Hero’ and ‘Why Happiness is Important’. Speeches were primarily prepared at home as homework with some support in school. All students were encouraged to prepare a speech and present in some way, either the whole class or a small group of chosen peers. Following presentations one student from each class will be chosen to participate in an assembly on Friday 6 June dedicated to hearing those chosen speeches and choosing a speaker to represent Curtin Primary in future rounds of this competition just a few days later in week 7.

Following the buzz of Writer’s Festival the focus has moved to science. The junior school undertook an excursion to Questacon to inspire their investigations, classes in the middle school are investigating all branches of science while the senior school is being enlightened by our study of the science and social aspects of Electricity.

Tuesday 3rd June will see students in year 6 spending a day at Alfred Deakin High School. The aim of the day is to orientate students to the school environment and new subjects they will experience in 2015. All year 6 students are invited to participate in this day even if they are enrolled in, or considering, other high school options.

Thinking about high school I remind you that preschool and high school enrolments CLOSE tomorrow. Enrolments must be made on line.

On Wednesday 4 June forty students will form five teams entered in the Da Vinci Decathlon at Canberra Grammar School. During the day the Decathlon provides students with a range of challenges in mathematics, science and engineering where success is based on team work and negotiation.

Finally a reminder of the Disco this Friday. P-2 students enjoy the music from 5-6.30pm. 3-6 students dance the evening away from 6:45-8:30pm.

Hazel Hoskisson
Executive Teacher, Senior Team

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**DIARY - MAY/JUNE**

- **12th May** - 2nd June - OZ Tag 4/5TD & 5/6’s
- **30th May** - Junior Assembly 2/3GN at 2pm
- **30th May** - P&C Disco P-2 5:00-6:30pm
- **30th May** - Online School Enrolment for Prospective Students in 2015 closes
- **2nd-3rd June** - Kindy Health Screenings
- **2nd June** - ACT Cross Country
- **2nd June** - Canteen Committee Meeting 7pm - Statesman Hotel
- **3rd June** - Yr 6 students to ADHS
- **4th June** - ICAS Science
- **4th June** - da Vinci decathlon - year 5/6’s
- **5th June** - Yr 5 Combined Band
- **6th June** - Senior Assembly 5/6TM - ROSTRUM
- **21st June** - Winter Ball

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**Board Representatives**

**Parents**
- Nick Morgan
- Myles Cronin
- Anne Twyman
- Teresa Comacchio-Community Rep

**Teachers**
- Lindsay Musto (exec)
- Kathy Barry
- Geanette Herlt

**P & C**
- President: Georgina Kelley 0400 468 519
- Secretary: Elizabeth Preston
- Sustainability Team: Martin Miller

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Curtin Primary School is an inclusive, innovative and supportive learning community that fosters lifelong opportunities, success and a love of learning for every individual in our school.
Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at assembly this week:

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The following notes were sent home recently: (Notes will only be sent home on Wednesdays with Newsletter unless in emergencies)

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End of May - HATS OFF DAY

Why Hats Off Day?

Being SunSmart is all about being smart when in the sun, this includes having an understanding around the balance between UV exposure, sun protection and vitamin D.

During the summer period, maintaining vitamin D levels should be relatively easy for children (and teachers) who are active and spend time outdoors most days of the week, even with sensible sun protection behaviour.

The body should also be able to store your summer vitamin D levels over the winter period, however by leaving your hat at home during this winter period and getting some winter sun exposure to your skin you can be sure to maintain adequate vitamin D levels.

In winter, by exposing some skin most days of the week during the lunchtime period (the middle of day is the best because UVB will be present), students and teachers should be able to maintain their vitamin D levels. Of course there will be groups in the populations that are at higher risk of having vitamin D deficiency.

Keep warm this winter and take advantage of the winter sun for vitamin D.
The Board welcomed new teacher representatives, Ms Tanya Devenish and Ms Johanne Galbory. The Board thanked outgoing members, Ms Kathy Barry and Ms Geanette Herlt for all their hard work.

Following elections late last year Ms Anne Twyman was re appointed to the Board and was re confirmed as Chairperson. Nick Morgan was appointed Vice Chair and Myles Cronin is a continuing parent rep.

The Board is working with the ACT Education and Training Directorate to seek a community representative.

The Board passed the March and April finance reports.

Strong consideration was given to the views expressed by the P&C that the new format for their meetings was received very positively however it was noted that parents wanted more consultation on the homework policy.

The Board resolved to promote the policy widely and hold a consultation/feedback session with interested parents. This will be organised shortly, and the outcomes will be fed into the Board’s discussion when finalising the policy. We look forward to parents attending this important session so we capture your views.

The Board is currently reviewing a range of school policies which are set through the Directorate for ACT schools, the Board’s role is to support the school to say how these will be implemented at Curtin. We will provide more detail after our meeting in term 3. If you’re interested you can see the range of policies on the website below and let us know if there are particular ones of concern/interest to you: http://www.det.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/policy_a-z

As always, parents can contact any of the parent reps with issues/topics they may wish to be raised at Board level. We welcome your comments and look forward to hearing from as many of you as possible.

Warm Regards

Anne Twyman
Board Chair

FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

Aim: To provide families with information about bystander rules and responsibilities

Talk with your children about bystanders

Bullying involves more than just the students who are bullied and those who bully others. Bullying often continues because people who are involved do not talk about it and seek help. This includes people who observe bullying – the bystanders. A bystander is someone who sees the bullying or knows that it is happening to someone else.

Bullying Situation Chart

Contributor

Witness

Supporter

Ringleader

Person being bullied

There may be bystanders who are afraid they may be bullied next and this may influence their decision about what they will do if they see bullying happening. There are different types of bystanders and in this model, they are described as:

Contributors - This group offer support to the person bullying, either by helping the person to bully the other person or by encouraging the person bullying. This group might gather to watch the incident (sometimes from concern for the person being bullied, sometimes to see what will happen, and sometimes for enjoyment).

Supporters - This group dislikes the bullying, is concerned for the person being bullied and actively tries to help the person being bullied.

What can bystanders do?

If students see another student being bullied they should:

• Ask a teacher or support person for help
• Let the person doing the bullying know that what they are doing is bullying
• refuse to join in with the bullying and walk away
• Support the student who is being bullied

There are a number of resources available to help support your child.

• Engage in conversation about bullying and talk about how your child feels.
• Teach your child the skills they need to avoid being bullied or to deal with bullying.
• Help your child name the emotions they are feeling. This will help them to understand their emotions better.
• Help your child to set limits and to think about ways they will deal with bullying.
• Encourage your child to be assertive and to stand up for themselves.
• Help your child to plan and practice ways they can deal with bullying.
• Help your child to think about how they will help a friend who is being bullied.
• Help your child to think about the outcomes of bullying. This can help them to understand why bullying occurs.
• Help your child to think about how they will feel when they are bullied.
• Help your child to think about how they will feel when they hear someone being bullied.
• Help your child to think about how they will feel when they see someone being bullied.
• Help your child to think about how they will feel when they are told that they are being bullied.
• Help your child to think about how they will feel when they are being bullied.
• Help your child to think about how they will feel when they are thinking about being bullied.
• Help your child to think about how they will feel when they are not being bullied.
• Help your child to think about how they will feel when they are being ignored.
• Help your child to think about how they will feel when they are being told to do something they do not want to do.
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SPORTING HALL OF FAME

What a talented bunch of children we have here at Curtin Primary School. Over the last few weeks we have had some outstanding achievements by some of our athletes.

The following children have been selected to represent the school at District Level:

Soccer: Riley Frost, William Scholten & Freya Dadswell
Hockey: Kiara Underwood
Touch Football: Catherine Smith
Basketball: Meg Forestier-Wardley, Chloe Hanbury, Ashley Smith & Catherine Smith.
Tennis: James Bannister, Henry Wray & Madeline Hyett.

We also had some magnificent results at the ACT Swimming Carnival and South/Weston Cross Country Carnival.

**ACT Swimming:**
- Leah Twyman (3rd overall 50 freestyle)
- Thomas Palmer (8th overall 50 freestyle)
- Kyle Groves (7th overall 50 backstroke)
- Veasna Bryson (2nd 50 free, 2nd 100 free, 2nd 50 breast, 1st 100 breast)

Veasna will be representing the ACT at the National Swimming Carnival in Melbourne next term.

**South/Weston Cross Country:**
This is always a tough race as the pace is much faster than a school carnival and running on soft grass is more difficult. Well done to all our team and special congratulations to:

- Jordi Barker (4th)
- Meg Walter (8th)

Both qualified for the ACT Carnival in week 6.

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**Semester 1 A-E Reports**

In week nine, students in Yr 1-6 will receive the Directorate A to E Australian Curriculum report, in addition to Curtin Primary’s usual school semester 1 report.

If you do not wish your child to receive this A to E report, please advise us in writing or E-mail janelle.thomson@ed.act.edu.au

Thank you

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We are very excited to offer the following students the opportunity of having their short story published!


A note will come home today for students to accept or reject this offer. The library will purchase a copy of the completed book which will come out in October so we can all read these wonderful efforts.

**Congratulations from**

Ms Del Guzzo and Ms Lenon
Canteen News
Thurs 29th May - Adrianne Mathews
Fri 30th May - Barbara
Cheers
Liz - Canteen Manager  6205 5607

STUDENT BANKING
Thank you for supporting the School Banking Program at Curtin Primary School.

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Thank you
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P&C News

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P&C Report

How can it be halfway through the term already? We had a very informative P&C meeting last Thursday – many thanks to Lauren for a great presentation on the Australian Curriculum and how it is being implemented at Curtin Primary. Parents participated in a very useful discussion, explored the Australian Curriculum app on some of the school’s new ipads, and shared ideas about how the school can engage the school community as the new curriculum is progressively implemented.

If you weren’t able to come along last week, there is a whole lot of information on the Australian Curriculum website (http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/). Thanks to all who came along.

More info about the Winter Ball is in this week’s newsletter – this year looks like fantastic fun, so book the babysitter and get your table together! Curtin’s very own Kula and the Gang will be playing again, providing fabulous dancing tunes, and dinner will be a Turkish feast. Make sure you book your tickets early! Please remember to pay into the P&C Bank Account not the school Bank Account.

Have a great week!
Georgie
P&C President
georgie.kelley@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

EASTS RUGBY UNION CLUB

The Eastern Suburbs Junior Rugby Union Football Club is looking for additional players to fill out its junior teams. In particular, the U12 team is short by six players, having lost several of last year’s players to private schools in the area. This player shortage severely hampers the boys’ ability to develop an understanding of the game by consistently playing in the same positions in a full team. The club has a strong emphasis on family values and development, encouraging respect and positive contribution by players, coaches and parents. Rugby is a great game for developing skills, self discipline, fitness, confidence and teamwork for boys. It provides a positive and controlled outlet for extra energy and aggression, which is increasingly important with many boys not having enough opportunities to vent these natural by-products of adolescence. Contrary to popular belief, rugby is suitable for boys of all shapes and sizes. There is a position for everyone, especially those who struggle to find a sport to suit them.

Although the season is already underway, we are still looking for additional players.
If you think your child would be interested contact Mark Korsten on 0411 317 218, or email mark.korsten@pacificoperation.net

Curtin Turns 50!

2014 marks 50 years since 1964 when residents first moved into our wonderful community of Curtin. To celebrate, there are a few activities planned in the coming months including the recording of oral and pictorial histories with a view to publishing a book, as well as a celebration at the shops planned for mid October.

Saturday 31st May at 2.30pm there will be a public meeting at St James Uniting Church Curtin to discuss the plans for the party/celebration and all are welcomed to attend and provide input and suggestions.

For further information, please contact Catriona Smith on 0478 388 916 or catrionalouisesmith@yahoo.com.au (mum of Edie Smith 1/2 DF)

MILES FRANKLIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

15–17 AUGUST 2014

Closing date for Entries Friday 20th June 2014

Sections for Solo and Group: Piano, Keyboard, Recorder, Woodwind, Strings, Guitar to 14 years
For Information: milesfranklinmusic.org