Dear Parents and Carers,

We certainly know it is the start of winter! The cold weather has joined us for week 6! With an increase in chillier days, please ensure your child is adequately dressed for outside play – labelled jumpers, gloves and jackets are a must on those foggy and frosty mornings.

Curtin Primary School is a hive of activity this week – Kindergarten Health Screenings, ICAS testing and our Rostrum assembly this Friday are just some of the things children are participating at school. A number of our students have also been out and about in the community too – ACT Cross Country, Alfred Deakin High School transition sessions and the maths decathlon are all features of this week’s activities. We know that our touring students proudly display their 6 C’s of caring, cooperation, confidence, courtesy, common sense and critical moments wherever they go.

The vibrant Kidsmatter action team met on Friday of last week to look closely at our school survey results from the parent and staff survey we completed last term. We are committed to being a school which welcomes all members of the Curtin Primary School Community and are currently analysing our strengths in this area as well as areas for improvement. Please read the Kidsmatter section of this newsletter to see what else Kidsmatter has to offer. You can also visit their website http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/ for useful tips and resources to help your family.

All teaching staff at Curtin Primary School participate in Quality Teaching Rounds to observe each other teach. We then participate in robust and rigorous discussions about the teaching and learning that we observed, using the Quality Teaching model to guide our discussion. Research tells us that this method of reflection and sharing is best practice in professional development. My group had a number of visiting teachers from neighbouring schools participate as well. Their feedback was positive and they commented positively on the focus we place on student learning and intellectual quality. It was certainly rewarding and reaffirming that Curtin Primary is playing a lead role in focussing on teacher practice.

Teachers are busily assessing and reflecting on student learning as they busily write reports. Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 25th of June.

Thanks to those parents who ran and assisted at the student disco on Friday night. A good time was had by all.

Best wishes,
Lauren

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**DIARY - MAY/JUNE**

- **12th May** - 2nd June - OZ Tag
  4/5TD & 5/6’s

- **5th June** - Yr 5 Combined Band - At Curtin

- **6th June** - Senior Assembly
  5/6TM - ROSTRUM - 2pm

- **9th June** - Public Holiday

- **11th June** - Rostrum Quarter Finals

- **12th June** - Board Meeting - 6pm

- **13th June** - Whole School Assembly 4/5TD at 2pm

- **16th June** - ICAS Writing

- **16th June** - Kindy Grandparents Day

- **17th June** - ICAS Spelling

- **17th June** - Soccer Gala Day

- **18th - 20th June** - Yr 5/6 Sydney Camp

- **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)
  - Jo Galbory
  - Tanya Devenish

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

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**Australian School Climate Measurement Tool (ASCMT) survey**

This school is continually interested in gaining information that will assist in school planning and making decisions on an informed basis. To this end, the school in partnership with the Australian National University and the ACT of Education and Training Directorate is surveying staff, students and parents/carers.

The aim is to gather information about the school’s social climate, day-to-day experiences, the strengths of the school, and the future challenges. This survey will take place this term (Term 2, 2014). You will receive a letter with next week’s newsletter giving a link to the survey and Year 5 & 6 students will complete the survey at school.

A letter about this survey has been sent home to parents/carers of Year 5 & 6 students this week. If you did not receive this please contact the front office.

We hope to be able to discuss the findings of the survey with you at a future time and feel that gathering this information annually is important in ensuring the quality of the relational and wellbeing climate of the school for staff, students and parents/carers.

**WRITING SPECTACULAR**

**Tuesday 24th June 2014**

**6.00 – 7.00 pm**

You are invited to attend the SPECTACULAR finale to our 2014 Writers’ Festival.

Come along to school ready to hear and see a wonderful published item of writing from each student.

Let the authors read their work to you – enjoy the spread of talent across the years at school.

The children will be clustered in multi age groupings, based on the Houses: Ainslie, Oakey, Stromlo and Taylor.

PS The preschool students were also involved in the Writer’s Festival but will be sharing their work with parents and friends through the Portfolios.

**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
P & C News

Canteen News
Thursday 5th June - Marion Donnelly

Friday 6th June - Alison McLaren & Liz Finlay

Cheers
Liz - Canteen Manager  6205 5607

P & C News

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

School banking will now be on TUESDAY. Please put your bank book in the Canteen basket.

Thank you
Kelly Stephens
School Banking Co-ordinator

P&C Report

Last Friday night’s disco was a fabulous event, with over 300 kids attending! It was great to see everyone dressed up and busting out their best moves. The DJ kept everyone dancing with the latest tracks and I may have seen a couple of parents joining in! A huge thank you to Debbie McLaughlin and David Bamforth for their organising efforts, and to all the parents who helped to supervise the evening. Once again, Curtin kids exhibited their best qualities, and their excellent, inclusive behaviour made the evening a great success.

Now that the kids have had a go, it’s the grown-ups time to get their groove on! The Winter Ball is fast approaching – Saturday 21 June – so make sure you book your tickets as well as the babysitter. The organising committee is hard at work and it promises to be a fantastic evening. You can organise your own table of 10, or if you’d like to join a table, contact Louise (nick@nmphotos.com).

It was really great to see so many parents willing to help out at the disco last week. The P&C is run on volunteer power; you don’t need to come to every meeting or put your hand up to run an event, but there is always something that needs an extra pair of hands. If you can help out on any of the upcoming events, would like to volunteer in the canteen or can do a day a term sorting lost property, please do drop me an email or catch me in the junior playground. It’s a great way to meet other parents and get involved in our amazing school community.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Vacation Care

July School Holidays

2 Programs:

K – Yr.2 Junior Program
School Hall at Lyons Early Childhood School,
Tarraleah Cres. Lyons

K – Yr.6 Program
School Hall at Garran Primary School,
Gilmore Cres. Garran
Throughout the school holidays:
Monday 7th – Friday 18th July 2014
8:00am – 6:00pm

Join our experienced and enthusiastic educators for exciting excursions, games, and art & craft activities!

Cost: $71.60 per day, including all excursions!
CCB & CCR available.

Snow Trip
For children 8 – 12 years old
Thursday 17th July Day trip to Perisher
Cost: $60.00 + care costs

Bookings open 10th June 2014
For further information please contact:
Nila: 6234 6832
Krysta: 6234 6831
Email: sac@wcs.org.au
Or check out our website: www.wcs.org.au

For dads

Dads come in many shapes and sizes.

A father may not be biologically related to his child or live with his child all the time. He might be a grandfather, step-father, foster father, or adoptive father. Children can have more than one father, or have relationships with other males who parent and care for them.

There is no one right way to be a father. Each father brings unique ideas and experiences to being a parent or carer, and has a lot to contribute to the mental health and well being of his child and family.

Learn more about being a dad by reading the attachment or at the Kidsmatter website: https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/resources/about-families/dads