



Curtin Primary School Weekly News

Week 2 Term 3 2021

Dear Curtin families,

Every day as we see news from other states and think about how schools and families are being impacted by the emerging COVID situation, I hear our teachers and students exclaiming how lucky we are to be in the ACT and able to be at school every day and to welcome community members into the school. With so much complexity around us, sharing our days with students in their classrooms is a source of joy for all of us. Should the situation change, with support from the Education Directorate, we are ready to seamlessly transition into remote learning. Our plan has been informed by staff, student and family feedback from 2020 alongside educational research about what worked. Based on some of your questions, I would like to assure all families that we will be providing a program that is not reliant on students accessing screens all day, is flexible for working families and holds wellbeing as the most important condition for learning. Detailed information will

be provided to families if needed. For now, we ask all families to complete our preparation survey¹ here² and then to enjoy daily life in Canberra, using the check in app and attending to health advice.

Today, we delight in celebrating 100 days of school with kindergarten. Party food, special activities, dress ups, balloons and face paint fill the room and each child has reflected on how they have grown and the new skills they have learned. Thank you to everyone who took the time to help prepare for this day, and a special thanks to Denise S for your face painting talent!

NAIDOC week celebrations at Curtin were undertaken in a way that inspired all students to think about what *Heal Country* means for them and respond. The depth of thought and innovative ideas shared are inspiring and reading or hearing from children quickly fills me with hope for the future. Work samples will be shared with the community through our Facebook page and with some of the weekly updates. We also encourage you to talk with your child about their learning and thoughts from NAIDOC week.

The weekly updates sent with this newsletter are an important tool for you as families. The updates aim to make you feel included in the learning program and to start a conversation about learning. We encourage you to open these with your child and talk to them about their learning from the week and what is coming up. This will allow you to access your child's learning, for them to teach you some of the skills they are learning, and should inform you if you have questions for teachers. We do not want any family to feel they have to wait for a formal interview, but to be in touch by email with their child's teacher or a member of the executive team as soon as you have questions or concerns about learning or wellbeing. All teachers value these inquiries and working together with families to support children.

Yours in learning

Merryn

Voluntary Contributions

Please follow the below links for more information on Voluntary Contributions:

Preschool 2021 Voluntary Contributions³

Years K to 6 Voluntary Contributions⁴

¹<https://forms.gle/j8b1Paf83s4CS85s9>

²<https://forms.gle/j8b1Paf83s4CS85s9>

³https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KFiv_6rdJkra2hOlisj2HwishV1erjV2eg-3G_TczWY/edit

⁴<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XO16oL1JaLCOYjepb72zmYA-J1MU8IT2/view?usp=sharing>

Upcoming Events

- **27 July** - Year 4 Excursion to the National Gallery of Australia and Reconciliation Place
- **27 July** - Year 6 Combined Band Practice

PBL Certificates



Congratulations to the following students who have received PBL Certificates:

Bronze Respectful Certificate

Amalia R

Magnus V

Archie V

Silver Learner Certificate

Maya J

Aaron F

Ruhain A

Gold Learner Certificate

Sabine R

Reporting absences and collecting students early

If your child is going to be absent from school

Please send an email to curtinps.absences@ed.act.edu.au⁵. Unexplained absences will receive a reminder message. If you receive this, please respond as soon as possible.

If you need to collect your child during school hours

Please advise the front office as soon as possible by calling 6142 2570 or email curtinps@ed.act.edu.au⁶ with your child's name and what time you would like to collect them. We will have them ready at the front office.

⁵<mailto:curtinps.absences@ed.act.edu.au>

⁶<https://curtinps@ed.act.edu.au>

Passion Project Fridays: Recess is from 10.50am to 11.20am and lunch is from 1.10pm to 2.00pm. On Fridays, lunch is from 1.00pm to 1.40pm due to Passion Projects. If we have not received notification that you would like to collect your child during break times it will be difficult to find them.

G.A.T.E.WAYS Online

G.A.T.E.WAYS Online: Term 3 Round 1 Lockdown Edition⁷

ACT ROSTRUM QUARTER FINAL

Congratulations to Cailin P, who represented Curtin at the ACT Rostrum Quarter Finals on Tuesday. Cailin's speech on 'A Better Way' was beautifully delivered and the judges obviously thought so too. Cailin has now been selected as the reserve speaker for the ACT Semi Finals. What a huge achievement, Cailin. Your peers and teachers are very proud of you!



eSafety's Parent and Carer Webinar Series and Popular Apps

The new Office of the eSafety Commissioner parent and carer webinar series, 'eSafety's guide to online sexual harassment and image-based abuse'. The webinars will help parents and carers understand non-consensual sharing of intimate images. The webinars are designed for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years. Participants will learn about:

- the difference between online sexual harassment and image-based abuse
- how to report online sexual harassment and image-based abuse to social media companies
- how to report image-based abuse to the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and when to report to police
- where to get support if you feel upset or worried about something that has happened online.

There are several dates available across July, August and September. Register for eSafety parent guide to online sexual harassment and image-based abuse⁸

⁷<https://mailchi.mp/019ad45e0b11/gateways-online-lockdown-options-begin-this-week?e=5f9350a242>

Learn how to help young people safely use popular apps like TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube.

Join eSafety's expert education and training team for a FREE live webinar for parents and carers of young people aged 8-13.

Register for eSafety's parent guide to popular apps and visit [esafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)⁹ to learn more.

PBL COINS - OUR COINS HAVE GONE MISSING!

If you have any at home can you please return them as soon as possible.



⁸<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8331659724914836752>

⁹<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is closed on Monday 26 July

COMMUNITY NEWS





SOCER FOR JUNIORS



We Get Kids Active!



Just \$90 for 6 classes in Term 3 2021

- Boys & Girls aged 3 - 9 Years
- Skills based intro to Soccer
- Indoor sessions
- Modified equipment
- Ideal for beginners
- Age appropriate programs
- Parent help for 3+4 year olds
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Location: Phillip

St John Vianney's Primary School Namatjira Dr, Waramanga



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PLAY NOW PAY LATER – PAY BY INSTALMENT OPTION AVAILABLE

Did you know Canberra households waste thousands of dollars every year by throwing away food that could have been eaten?



Sign up to the three-week [Food Waste Challenge](#) for a step-by-step recipe to reduce food waste in your household.

Plus, the first 1500 ACT residents that complete the challenge, including the final survey, will be eligible for a \$30 IKEA voucher.

act.gov.au/foodwaste



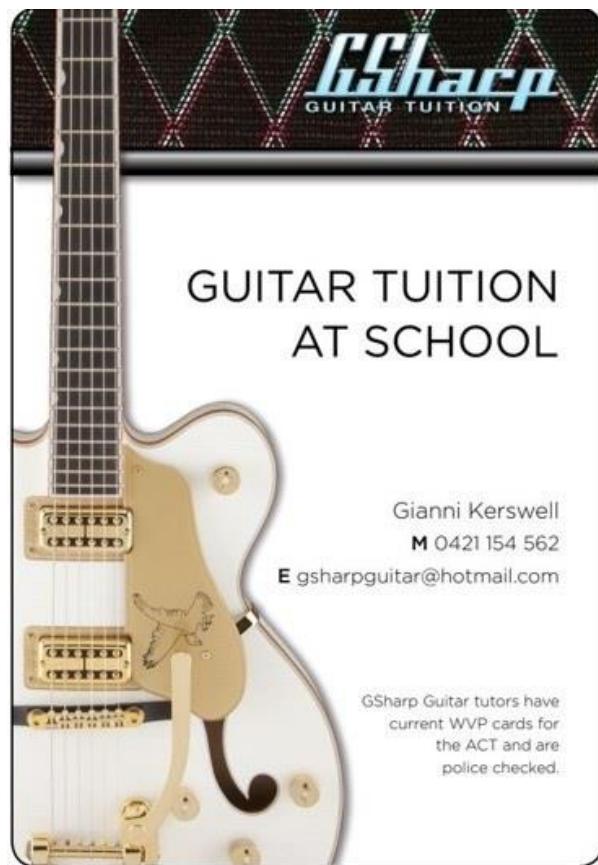
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WORKSHOP: TRANSITION TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

**Supporting school transition
for students with disability
and developmental delay**

The ACT Education Directorate is hosting two workshops to support parents and carers of students with disability and developmental delay transition to a new school year.

While the workshop will focus on the transitions from preschool to kindergarten and year 6 to year 7, for students with developmental delay and disability, the sessions will provide ideas for parents to assist children at any transition time.

Attendees will leave the workshop with a toolkit of practical ways that they can support their child through school transition.

The workshops will be held at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning in Stirling:

- Friday 13 August 10.30am-12.00pm
- Monday 16 August 6.00-7.30pm

Register for a workshop via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/transition-toolkit-workshop-tickets-30301000000>.

For more information contact jean.walker@act.gov.au