Curtin Primary School Weekly News Week 3 Term 3 2021

Welcome to this week's newsletter,

At last the sun is shining! As we reached the end of the school's NAIDOC Week *Heal Country* focus, Louise Smith and I worked with a group of year 2 students planting traditional Ngunnawal plants beneath the school flag poles which fly the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

A yarning circle planting is also planned later this term for the senior playground. Across the school students have created rich and deeply engaging displays which focus on the *Heal Country* message that is echoed in the whole school's *Acknowledgement of Country* which was developed by our students in 2018 and 2019.

Our Floriade garden is starting to show promise despite a slight setback last week with a flock of curious cockatoos munching on some of the plants. We are patiently waiting for the 400 tulip bulbs to show some growth as the daffodils and pansies continue to grow well.

The Curtin Environmental Micro-forest is doing well and today my passion project group worked alongside Holy Trinity students to remove the cooch grass and weeds, prior to continuing with planting trees, shrubs, grasses and groundcovers indigenous to this area in the coming weeks.

Next week is sun safe hats time at school so please ensure that your child remembers to bring a hat to school every day.

Raffle tickets are begin

Stay safe and well,

Deborah

P&C News

Next P&C meeting Thursday 5 August

Join us for P&C next Thursday 5 August in the Staff Room.

Please come along, meet other parents, hear from the principal, join in on discussions and planning and have your say on what's important to you.

Light refreshments from 6.30pm, meeting start from 7pm.

Hope to see you there!

P&C Meeting schedule

P&C Meetings will now be held on Thursdays in weeks 4 and 7.

Please get in touch if you can't make it and we can add you to the mailing list - bec.jacobs@iclooritud.com[1]

OLYMPIC FUNDRAISER

Please show your support for the P&C's Olympic Fundraising Raffle by sending your tickets back asap!

Every dollar helps P&C to help the school get great resources for the kids and you could also Win some cool prizes!

[1] mailto:bec.jacobs@icloud.com

OLYMPIC MUFTI-DAY 6TH AUGUST

Come dressed as an olympic athlete or in your favorite country's colours as a celebration of the Tokyo Olympics.

Go for Gold and bring a gold coin donation, so that we can add to sport and playground equipment at the school!

Voluntary Contributions

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

Preschool 2021 Voluntary Contributions[2]

Years K to 6 Voluntary Contributions[3]

Upcoming Events

ICAS Years 3-6 Writing & Digital Technologies Mon 9 - Fri 13 Aug

PBL Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who have received PBL Certificates:

Bronze Learner

Layla B

Bronze Respectful Certificate

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[2] https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KFiv_6rdJkra2hOIisj2HwishV1erjV2eg-3G_TczWY/edit
[3] https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XO16oL1JaLCOYjepb72zmYA-J1MU8IT2/view?usp=sharing

Layla B

Scott M-H

Lola M

Maisy Mc

Olivia S

Silver Learner Certificate

Charlie Mc

Lucius B

Tariah B

Ava C

Neave H

Luke K

Charlie G

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.au[4]. 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.au[5] with your child's name and what time you would like to collect them. We will have them ready at the front office.

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.

ICAS Assessments

For those parents who have already registered and enrolled their child.

Parents will be advised of any change to the dates if schools close.

[4] mailto:curtinps.absences@ed.act.edu.au
[5] https://curtinps@ed.act.edu.au

Digital Technologies

Wed 11 August 9:15am

English

Wed 18 August 9:15am

Science

Wed 25 August 9:15am

Spelling Bee

Thurs 26 August 11:30am

Mathematics

Wed 1 September 9:15am

G.A.T.E.WAYS Online

G.A.T.E.WAYS Online: Term 3 Round 1 Lockdown Edition[6]

Year 2 students

Monday 15 November – Friday 19 November (Term 4, Week 7)

Curtin Primary School is excited to be offering Year 2 students the opportunity to acquire essential life skills in water safety and survival through Royal Life Saving ACT.

It is our aim to have 100% participation.

The ACT Education and Training Directorate provides substantial funding for Year 2 students in ACT Public Schools to participate in the Royal Life Saving ACT *Aqua Safe* program – a series of 10 practical and 5 theory lessons focussed on general water safety and personal aquatic survival skills. This targeted approach will ensure every participating student has the opportunity to access structured aquatic activities during primary school. These lessons will be held over a 1 hour (2 sessions per day) 1 week program.

Cost of the program is $50. No payment is required yet.

[6] https://mailchi.mp/019ad45e0b11/gateways-online-lockdown-options-begin-this-week?e=5f9350a242

PLEASE NOTE: These are not 'swimming lessons' they are survival skills

Notes will be coming home early Term 4.

PBL COINS - OUR COINS HAVE GONE MISSING!

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Did you know Canberran 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

ACT Government

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 **bit.ly/TransitionToolkitWorkshop**

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