



**CURRAMBINE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# Chronicle

Newsletter of Currambine Primary School

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## A Busy Term for Year 1 in TA27

What a busy term we have been having in TA27! Being the Star of the Week is so exciting, we can't wait until it's our own turn, but while we do wait, we love learning all about that week's star! In History, we have been learning about the past and comparing it with the present. We all brought in a toy from the past and a toy from the present. It was fun to see toys that our parents, and even grandparents, played with! We have been learning all about mini beasts in Science. Our highlight was a trip to the Frog Bog to explore and discover bugs on a mini beast hunt! We have been learning all about the different virtues that make a good person in Health. Some of these virtues are confidence, kindness and respect. We have been working hard on our narrative writing and our reading. In Guided Reading, we have been working on our goals to decode words quickly and check we understand what we are reading. We have been having fun learning about graphing and patterning in Maths. Technology is a big part of our day, we love working on our iPads and doing our Literacy and Numeracy Warm Ups on the eBoard. We love learning every day in TA27, but this week was extra special: we were so excited to finally go on our excursion to Yanchep National Park. We have been waiting to go since it was cancelled last term because of stormy weather! It was worth the wait!!



# News from the Principal

**Geoff Smith**

Dear Parents and Community,

Earlier this week, our school hosted a visit from two external review officers from the Department of Education Services. The reviewers have met with staff, students and parents over two days and have completed a comprehensive review of our performance data, programs and policies. The reviewers are presently preparing a report on our school which will be shared with the school community later this year.

## **Open Night**

Our School is hosting an Open Night on Wednesday 24th August commencing at 5.30pm and continuing through to 7.00pm. Parents are encouraged to visit their children's classes, review their work and enjoy an informal chat with the teacher.

During the evening, members of the School Board will be available in the library for a chat. The Board is interested in the views of parents about the long term direction for the school over the next three years. Parents will be most welcome to pop in for a chat. The following Board members are available:

- 5.40pm Walter Ramage
- 6.00pm John Lowe
- 6.20pm Mike Bush
- 6.40pm Nick Markostamos

## **NAPLAN Online Trial**

Students in Years Two, Three and Five have participated in online NAPLAN trialing this week as part of our preparation for NAPLAN online in 2017.

## **Professional Learning**

We have a number of staff participating in professional learning this Saturday to continue to enhance our capacity in explicit teaching methods. My thanks to Miss McLeod, Mrs Markostamos, Mrs Kelly and Ms Million for their participation in this program.

## **Currambine Primary School Board Awards 2016**

The Currambine Primary School Board conducts awards each year to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of our staff to our school. Attached to the newsletter is a document outlining the award nomination process. Staff can be nominated in one of three categories:

- Excellence in Teaching and Learning
- Excellence in Educational Leadership
- School Community Contribution Award

Nominations must be provided to the Principal by Friday 2nd September. Parents are welcome to contact the Principal should they want clarity or support with the nomination process.

## **Assembly**

The staff and students of TA15 will host an assembly tomorrow in the undercover assembly area. Following the assembly, Board Member Mike Bush will attend the parent morning tea so parents may share their views about the long term direction of the school. Our school will provide a light morning tea for this event.

## **Free Dress Day**

Currambine Primary School will host a free dress day on Friday 9th September. The free day will support sponsorship for World Vision.

## **WAGSMS Crown Performance**

Our Year Five students have been hard at work over the past few months preparing a performance for the Western Australian Government Schools Music Association Concert Series at Crown Theatre on Wednesday 31 August. I wish to acknowledge Mrs Dragun, Mr Van Lieven and the Year Five teachers for their commitment to this event. I have every confidence the children will deliver a wonderful performance.

## Book Week

Just a note and reminder that Week 6 (20th-26th August) is Book Week, something the kids love and is great for their whole school development and learning.

For this week, on Friday 26th August, we have designed the theme around 'Australia - Story Country'. It is a theme that lets one explore all the wonders of Australia's rich history of storytelling which is an important part of our culture.

During this time our school will celebrate a FREE dressup day dressing as either a Jillaroo or Jackaroo (farmer theme), so brushoff your jeans, check shirts, boots, and hats and engage in a number of book activities by all the classes and a major book week display in the library.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated items to give to the Shenton Park Dogs Homes and The Cat Haven.

We received a lot of warm blankets which I know the centre's home desperately need due to an influx of rescued dogs and cats.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Assembly A TA15	Friday 19th August
Book Week	Monday 22nd - Friday 26th August
PALS 0-4 Years Session	Monday 22nd August
Story Time Library 8.45am	Wednesday 24th August
Open Night 5.30pm - 7pm	Wednesday 24th August
Assembly B TA48	Friday 26th August
Book Week Dress Up Day (No donation)	Friday 26th August
P & C Meeting Library 7pm	Monday 29th August
PALS 0-4 Years Session	Monday 29th August
Excursion to Cockman House TA24, TA25 & Yrs 2 TA21	Tuesday 30th August
Baby Rhyme Time Library 8.45am	Wednesday 31st August

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Excursion to Cockman House TA23 and TA26	Thursday 1st September
Assembly A TA16	Friday 2nd September
Disco Junior 4 - 5pm Disco Middle 5.30 - 7pm Disco Senior 7.30 - 9pm	Friday 2nd September
PALS 0-4 Years Session	Monday 5th September
School Board Meeting 7pm	Wednesday 7th September
Assembly B TA38	Friday 9th September
PALS 0-4 Years Session	Monday 12th September
Baby Rhyme Time Library 8.45am	Wednesday 14th September
Year 4 Maritime Excursion	Thursday 15th September
Assembly A TA22	Friday 16th September
Lapathon	Friday 16th September

## An Art Update

### *Paint Storm Performance*

Students from Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a performance by Phil Doncon. Phil is a visual artist who combines dance, gymnastics, music and painting. His energetic and often humorous show is underpinned by the telling of a story, focussing on how to deal with adversity and strategies we can use to cope with and overcome life's challenges. His message supports the schools "Bounce Back" programme taught in Health and highlighted how, the Arts can be used to tell a story in an entertaining format. Several of our students were lucky enough to join Phil on stage and assist him with his painting.

### *Artist in Residence*

Keep an eye out for our Artist in Residence, Shannon Pennell, a Fine Arts student at Curtin University. Shannon will be painting a large mural on the sea container next to the basketball courts. Shannon will be assisted by some of our Year 4 students.



# Snapshot of TA43

We have had such a busy start to Term 3. Here is a snapshot of some of the interesting things we have been learning about in TA 43.

## Maths by Divya Veddangunta

In Maths, we have been learning about multiplication and division. We have done story problems with multiplying and dividing. There is a clue to know if the story problem is divide or multiply.

If it's divide, then it usually has the word share or shared in it, which is divide. If it's multiply, it usually has the word altogether at the end.

An example story sentence of multiplication is: there were 2 groups with 5 pigs in them, how many pigs altogether? The answer is 10 because  $5 \times 2 = 10$ .

A division story sentence can be: Mrs Brown had 27 lollipops to share with 8 children including Mrs Brown which is 9 people. How many lollipops would each person get? The answer is 3 because  $27 \div 9 = 3$ .

We have also done fact families for example,  $7 \times 9 = 63$   $9 \times 7 = 63$   $63 \div 9 = 7$   $63 \div 7 = 9$ .

Some number sentences with division and multiplication are  $8 \times 8 = 64$   $72 \div 8 = 9$   $10 \times 3 = 30$   $41 \times 2 = 82$   $10 \div 5 = 2$

## Science by Josh Desai

In Science, we are learning about living and non-living things.

Example: TV is non-living, I am living. Things that are living, breathe, drink, eat, move and breed. Non-living is a still, not drinking thing.

We did homework where I found living and non-living things.

It was hard but fun too! We also wrote what living and non-living things do.

It was hard enough. We also did MRS GREN... Mrs GREN stands for Movement, Respiration, Sensitivity, Growth, Reproduction, Excretion and Nutrition.

## Incursion by Abi Smallman

On Monday, 8th August, TA43 went on an incursion to see the artist Gabriel Evans.

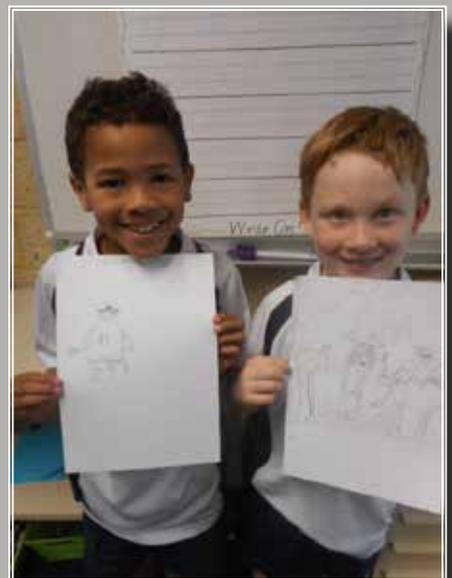
Gabriel showed us what he did to become an illustrator. Since he was a little boy, he loved to draw.

Gabriel Evans showed us how to be illustrators and let us draw a pirate. I drew a fat pirate and my friends did other ones.

He showed us some of books and one of them was Captain Sneer and Roses are Blue.

I included with my pirate a hat, a hook, a bag, a beard, shoes and a jacket. He taught us what it is like to be an illustrator.

It was fun, I can tell you.



# A Geography Lesson for TA13

This term, in TA13, we have been learning about Australia in Geography. The children have had a fantastic time reading *Possum Magic* and exploring Hush's trip around Australia, discovering all the different food, animals and places that Hush saw. We are learning how to find Australia on a map and are learning that Australia is made up of different parts called states. We even had some special animal friends come and visit us in Pre Primary when the Oz Wildlife team decided to pay us a visit. Can you guess what Australian animals we met?



# ***From the School Board Chair***

Congratulations everyone, we have passed the half way mark of the school year and the finishing line is in site! Students and staff are now back into the swing of things with Term 3 well and truly underway.

At our last meeting, before the semester break, the Board reviewed and discussed the results from various students, staff and parent surveys. The information provided enabled the board to have some very in-depth and robust discussion in regard to the progress we are making academically and socially with the students throughout the school. It also highlighted some key areas of importance in relation to infrastructure needs and operational constraints when servicing a large cohort of some 800 students.

I am pleased to say that the students have reported a decline in physical bullying since the last survey. While this is a positive sign, there is still ongoing work to reduce this even further and to address other aspects of bullying such as social and cyber.

Common themes emerged from our students when asked about what they enjoy about Currambine PS – namely their friends and the quality of their teachers. While I agree with some of their suggestions that a three-day weekend would make things more enjoyable, unfortunately we won't be able to make this happen anytime soon!

Responses to the parent survey highlighted two main concerns; parking and upkeep of the school buildings/grounds.

Unfortunately, there is not much that we can do in the way of providing more parking. We are a school with over 800 students, 53% of which come from outside of our catchment area. What this means is that we will struggle to present a business case that will be supported by either the City of Joondalup or the Department of Education to provide us with additional funds to build more parking bays. What we have to do as a school and Currambine community is come together to generate ideas for possible solutions to reduce some of the parking issues. To this end, I would ask that everyone follow the correct traffic flow pattern in the morning of one lane for Kiss and Drop; whilst in the afternoon two lanes while waiting for parking in the bays in the front of admin building (please remember to remain in your car).

If you do have any suggestions on how the traffic congestion could be eased during the drop off and pick up times, please feel free to email them through to the school at [currambine.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:currambine.ps@education.wa.edu.au) or come and share your thoughts with Board Members Mike Bush and Walter Ramage after the assembly on Friday 19th August.

There is a lot of pride amongst students, staff and parents for our school grounds. Feedback from the survey highlighted that staff and parents would like to see some areas of the grounds and buildings in better condition. Again, there are limited funds in which the school has to direct to the maintenance and repairs of buildings and the school grounds. Currently the budget only allows for a grounds keeper for two days of the week. At our last board meeting, we discussed at length the need to balance with ensuring that the school infrastructure is suitable, safe and supports the student learning experience with providing dedicated student learning and support strategies to ensure sound academic success for our students.

While we may not be able to allocate any more of our budget to the maintenance of the school grounds, there is nothing stopping us as a community in coming together to give up our time and sweat to improve things. Last year we held a successful busy-bee where a band of parents, grandparents and students gave up a few hours to clear the dense tree line along Moore Drive. A second attempt to finish the remaining section of the tree line earlier this year wasn't so successful with only a few parents able to assist on the day. I know that we are all time poor, but I know that if we can all come together for a few hours we could make the changes that we want to see happen – and at the end of the day it will be our kids that benefit from our hard work.

For the remainder of the year, the Board will be focussed on planning for the future. Last week we had the Independent School Review and at our next Board meeting we will be continuing the discussion around the development of our next three-year plan.

Currambine Primary School is one of the largest schools in the Northern Suburbs, it has a sound reputation for academic excellence and in more recent times for sporting excellence. Whilst the environment we operate in is always changing and challenging, I know that as a collective of students, parents and staff we can meet these challenges head on and have some exciting times ahead.

Regards

Daniel Devellerez

Board Chair

# Winter Lightning Carnival Wrap 2016

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 students who travelled to their various venues to play netball, AFL and soccer in the Winter Lightning Carnival, as part of the Joondalup Learning Community Interscholastic competition. I would like to thank all the parents that travelled to support our students, who positively contributed throughout the day. A big thank you must go to the coaches, with some very good results obtained, notably the girls netball taking the pennant in the A and C teams and the B team being runners up. Congratulations to the boys Currambine Blue soccer for winning the pennant again and a special mention to the girls Currambine Blue soccer team winning the pennant for the first time.

## **AFL Report:**

Currambine Primary School had two teams: Currambine Blue and Currambine White.

Both teams played well throughout the day and despite some losses, never gave up and showed great perseverance during every game. Currambine Blue played Currambine White in game three. This was a close match with strong kicking, handballing and team play being displayed by both sides. Currambine White started on the scoreboard and stayed in front for most of the first half. Currambine Blue clawed their way back and hit the lead just before half time. Currambine Blue proved to be too strong in the end and won the match by five goals.

The final placing for our teams was Currambine Blue taking out third place and Currambine White finishing fifth.

## **Boys Soccer Report:**

Currambine Primary School entered two teams.

The students trialed for three weeks to obtain a spot in the A or B team during senior sport time. Training then commenced for five weeks, leading up to the event in Week 9 of term 2.

Our students played with great skill and team collaboration, applying the style of play we were promoting in training. Results of the day were Currambine Blue winning the pennant with 49 goals for and 0 against, a very impressive result indeed. The Currambine White team came fourth out of five teams. Thanks must go to Mrs McKay and Martin Davis for managing this team. Thanks also to Tanya Caccamo for being our official recorder and overseer on the day. Well done boys on your committed efforts.

## **Girls Soccer Report:**

Currambine Primary School entered two girls soccer teams. 'A' division were equal victors on the day alongside the team from Joondalup Primary School. Currambine's 'A' division won the honour of holding the pennant through a vigorous 'guess the number' game. Both teams played extremely well and were exhausted after competing in four games each. We would like to congratulate both our A and B teams on a successful Winter Lightning Carnival. It was refreshing to see the girls perform with such vigour and zest, in addition to conducting themselves with grace and outstanding behaviour. Both teams demonstrated amazingly superior sportsmanship whether they won or lost. Well done girls!

## **Girls Netball Report:**

Currambine Primary School entered four netball teams. Forty girls represented the school across three divisions; A, B and C.

'A' division were triumphant in all games and went on to win the pennant. Their team synergy was fantastic and made them far too hard to beat.

'B' division played three fantastic games against all other schools. They were victorious each time but just couldn't quite get it over the line in the finals. They, unfortunately, didn't bring home the pennant, but their resilience and sportsmanship was absolutely fantastic and a real credit to Currambine Primary School.

We entered two C teams into the carnival; blue and white. This meant that Currambine PS had a fifty per cent chance of bringing home the pennant, and C white did! They played three games in total, winning all of them with absolute ease. C blue also played three games, winning two of them and only losing to our C white team.

I would like to congratulate all of our netballers on such a fantastic performance. They played wonderfully on the day and both won and lost with grace. Well done everybody.

Thank you to Belinda Fernandez and Melinda Beckingham for running the Multi-sport program back at school. These students had a great time.



# Interschool Cross Country 2016 Report

What wonderful weather for our Interschool Cross Country Carnival. Our squads looked all ready and excited in their interschool shirts. On arrival at McDonald Reserve, the competitors were talked through the course and we were all so pleased to see so many parents supporting the event. The day started with our first time competitors, the year 3 students, culminating with our year 6 competitors. I would like to thank all students for their perseverance throughout the course, with all squad members finishing in the top 30 in a field of 56 competitors, due to an increase to seven schools competing this year. Our competitors have shown increased depth and quality of performance, due to their commitment to long term training. We are very proud of your overall efforts and a special congratulations goes to our individual ribbon recipients and to the Year 5 and Year 6 Boys teams for winning the overall pennant.

Well done squad Currumbine!

The results were:

Heathridge PS: 7th place on 1127 points

Craigie Heights PS: 6th place on 762 points

Edgewater PS: 5th place on 557 points

Beldon PS: 4th place on 519 points

Joondalup PS: 3rd place on 377 points

Currumbine PS: 2nd place on 354 points and

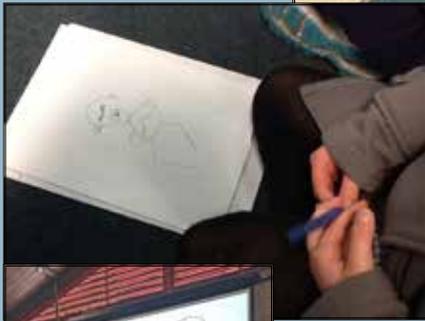
Springfield PS: 1st place on 319 points

Jane Falco

(Physical Education Specialist)



# Gabriel Evans Incursion



Currambine Primary was privileged to have Gabriel Evans, an artist, cartoonist and illustrator to present his enthusiastic, skilful and insightful workshops to our Pre Primary, Year 1 to Year 4 students and teachers. Gabriel told us that he drew everything he could as a very young boy and encouraged all the children to keep a drawing book of their own from a young age. He told us all that he didn't know how to draw very well at first, but he just kept on practising and slowly improved a little bit at a time. His advice was to keep all your sketches and pop them into your own Visual Diary because you just never know when you may need them!! At 10, he made pocket money by entering drawing competitions and by 14, Gabriel had become a Cartoonist for a Youth Newspaper. By the age of 17, he illustrated his very first book! He has currently published seventeen books. His new book, which should be published shortly, is titled 'Captain Sneer the Buccaneer' and we are all looking forward to reading this soon. Gabriel told me he thoroughly enjoyed his visit to our school and meeting all the wonderful teachers and very enthusiastic students!! Well done to the amazing Canteen ladies who kept Gabriel very well nourished during his visit! For any parents who may wish to order any of Gabriel's books for their own children the website is: [www.creationinateacup.com](http://www.creationinateacup.com)

Thanks everyone for your support!

# WA EDUCATION AWARDS 2016

## People's Choice Award

The WA Education Awards honour and reward the dedication and passion of staff in public schools who are committed to providing the best possible education to children and young people across Western Australia.

Vote now for your favourite teacher, principal or support staff member and give them a chance to win \$1000.

As part of the 2016 WA Education Awards, we're asking students and parents to tell us who makes a difference in their public school.

The staff member who receives the most votes will be awarded the People's Choice Award at the WA Education Awards 2016 presentation event on Monday 28th November.

All school staff who receive a vote will be acknowledged in The West Australian on World Teachers' Day on Friday 28th October.

**Vote now at [thewest.com.au/competitions](http://thewest.com.au/competitions).**  
**Voting closes 5.00pm**  
**Friday 23rd September 2016**

## LADDs Update

### Up Coming Events:

#### **Event 1 - Free WAFL entry**

Website link: <https://fatheringcps.wordpress.com/wafl-2016/>

Free Entry – WAFL Flyer

When: Saturday 27th August

Where: HBF Arena Joondalup

- All fathers, father figures, mums and children (e.g the whole family) will be admitted free if they print and present the attached WAFL Flyer at the gate.
- Gates open from 9.00am with Colts and reserve games with the main game from 2.15pm between West Perth and Swan Districts.
- Organised activities will be conducted by West Perth Football Club.



#### **Event 2 - The Big Campout**

When: Saturday October 8, 2016

Where: Domain Stadium, Subiaco Road.

Time: Arrive between 2:00pm and 3:00pm.

Tickets: \$75 for One (1) Father Figure and One (1) Child (each additional child \$35)

Website Link: <https://fatheringcps.wordpress.com/the-big-campout/>

## Reminders

1. Recently you may have received a reminder notice for any outstanding billing items. Please follow this up at your earliest convenience.
2. If any of your children are not returning to Currumbine Primary School for 2017, please notify the school office as soon as possible. This excludes Year Six students.