



CURRAMBINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CODING WITH THE YEAR 6s

Ethan B, Josh B, Donna, Jasmine, Jade, Nathan, Declan M, Scarlett, Lewis, Emily and Chloe spent an hour a week learning how to code. Code is the language we use to control electronic devices. Students learnt; how to loop code, use variables, include conditionals and algorithms. Coding extended students maths, science, technology, engineering and problems solving skills. As a final task, all students created their own video games. At lunchtime, they tested their games on the public when students from all other year groups were able to come to the library to play their games.

If you would like to create your own video games have a go at

<https://code.org> or <https://scratch.mit.edu>



The Big Campout (LADDs)

The weather tried but nothing could dampen this camp out. A number of activities were conducted which included a meditation exercise, kite making, a paper plane comp and a mini football clinic. After a big afternoon, we played some cards and settled back into a movie. Good times!

Here's the link to LADDs (Loving and Devoted Dads) article. <https://fatheringcps.wordpress.com/the-big-campout/>



News from the Principal

Geoff Smith

Dear Parents and Community

Can I extend my sincere thanks to the school community for their support of our recent Market Day. The Market Day was a terrific event clearly enjoyed by all who participated. I wish to acknowledge Miss Thoo and Mrs Caccamo for their leadership of this event and thank all the staff and parents who volunteered to ensure a successful day.

The LADDs also conducted their Billycart Derby on the day and this proved to be a very successful and exciting event for the children, their dads and spectators alike. I would like to acknowledge Walter Ramage and his team of volunteers for the hard work and enthusiasm.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for students in Pre Primary through to Year Four have commenced this week and will continue through to Friday 18 November. Swimming lessons ensure all our students have the opportunity to learn this vital life skill.

Book Fair

Our school will host a Book Fair in the Library from 22 November through to 25 November. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for members of the community to buy books for their children and to support the school. My sincere thanks to Mrs Drage for organising this event.

Semester Two Reports

Semester Two Reports will be issued on Tuesday 13 December this year.

2017 Student Council Elections

The process to select Student Councillors for the Semester One and Faction Captains in 2017 will be conducted on Monday 14 November. The school has adjusted the selection process this year and will ask students applying for the positions to give a two minute speech to the Year Five students. All Year Five students will then be asked to vote for the Councillors and Faction Captains. The councillors for Semester One 2017 will be announced at the final assembly on Monday 12 December.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ethan Banks on his recent selection to the Perth Glory Under 14 NPL soccer team, a fantastic achievement.

2016 Independent Review of Currambine Primary School

Most parents will be aware that the school underwent an external review late last term. The Independent Review of Currambine Primary School has been completed and the report may be found on the home page of the school website. Parents are most welcome to download a copy of the report to peruse.

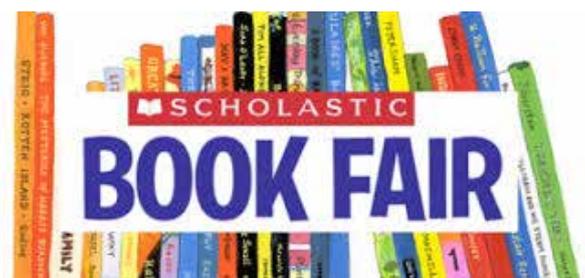
Library Books

A reminder that all library books need to be returned to the school library by the end of week 8, Friday 2nd December.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jade Rousseau for competing in the state level 3 individual diving competition where she came third.

Jade also competed in the Bradshaw Shield contest where her team won the shield. Jade and her team members will have their names engraved onto a small plaque that will be permanently on the trophy. This trophy also has the names of two former olympians and current Olympic bronze medalist Madison Keeney.



Currambine Primary School will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the school library in week 7 of this term - Tuesday 22nd of November to Friday 25th of November.

We will have a range of books available to cater for all age groups and a selection of novelty items and posters, which were very popular last year. This is a great time to do some Christmas shopping.

We will again invite families to purchase a book to donate to the school library and we will arrange for dedications to be placed in each book to recognise the family who have made the donation.

The library will be open before school from 8am each day and after school until 3pm. We will also be open at lunchtime for children to purchase or order items.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PALS 0-4 Years Session	Monday 14th November
Year 5 - 6 Dancing	Wednesday 16th November
Story Time 8.45am Library	Wednesday 16th November
P & C Fundraising Horse Race Night	Friday 18th November
PALS 0-4 Years Session	Monday 21st November
P & C Meeting 7pm	Monday 21st November
Scholastic Book Fair	Tuesday 22nd November - Friday 25th November
Baby Rhyme Time 8.45am Library	Wednesday 23rd November
Year 5 - 6 Dancing	Wednesday 23rd November
Assembly B (TA43/44)	Friday 25th November
Free Dress Day (Angkor Project)	Friday 25th November
PALS 0-4 Years Session	Monday 28th November
Story Time 8.45am Library	Wednesday 30th November
Year 5 - 6 Dancing	Wednesday 30th November
Info Night for Kindy 2017 5pm	Wednesday 30th November
School Board Meeting 7pm	Wednesday 30th November
Assembly A (TA14)	Friday 2nd December
PALS Xmas Party	Monday 5th December
Year 6 Graduation Assembly 8.45am	Monday 5th December
Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm	Monday 5th December

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Kindy Concert Group A	Tuesday 6th December
Baby Rhyme Time and Story Time Xmas Party 8.45am Library	Wednesday 7th December
Kindy Concert Group B	Thursday 8th December

CPS SALTY DOG SUPER SPELLERS!

On Tuesday October 18th, Ruby Pierce (Yr 3), Leo Maher (Yr 4), Carrie Duncan (Yr 5) and Emily Penhale (Yr 6) represented CPS at the Salty Dog Interschool Spelling Bee.

The competition was held at Ocean Reef Primary School and was contested by the top spellers from Beaumaris, Poseidon, Mullaloo Beach and Ocean Reef primary schools.

It was a fiercely competitive event with some really hard words being spelt, gigabyte, refrigeration and ancient just to name a few! Currambine took home two trophies, congratulations to Ruby and Emily who were the overall winners of their age groups.

Leo and Carrie were also outstanding and fought really hard right to the end. Keep an eye out for Salty Dog because we hope to beat this result next year!



School Board Chairperson Report

Last week, the Board met for the fourth time this year. There was a lot to discuss as the independent review findings had been sent to the school. The general feel from the document is that the school, its staff, students, and administration are very good at identifying the strengths and possible areas for improvement. It also highlighted that the targets set by the Board were generally achieved and the ones that we didn't achieve were only just missed and these were only a few in total. On behalf of the Board, thank you to the parents who made themselves available for the review team.

Another matter that was discussed was the LADDs program and the fact that the school and the Board would like to refresh the program by offering the program facilitation to our parents rather than it being managed and run by the Board or Board representatives. That being said, the Board would like to invite any fathers or father role models to approach myself, Geoff Smith or Walter Ramage if you are interested in assisting and helping the school strengthen in this area.

In the time since our last meeting, the Board has actively sought out answers with the City Of Joondalup with reference to the parking issues at our school. These talks will be a long process, but in the interim the City Of Joondalup is looking into removing most of the 'no standing signs' on Moore Drive. If this is done, the school will notify the community via email and social media with reference to where it is safe to park without the dreaded parking infringement. This might be a few months away, however, the Board is looking at other alternatives for long term arrangements too. These long term arrangements are a lengthy process though so your continued understanding and patience is greatly appreciated.

The Board has also actively been seeking solutions to the removal of the asbestos in the school. This is a topic that needs to be handled through a process that could take some time. What we have been able to ascertain needed to be communicated correctly so an email has been sent on my behalf to all members of the community in the interest of transparency. The Board wanted to let you know that we are actively seeking the removal and the due diligence is being done by the Board with relation to this matter. There are three different approaches the board can take on this and it was decided that all solutions are to be undertaken simultaneously to try and get the removal as quickly and safely as possible. That being said, your patience and understanding on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards
Mike Bush

Swimming and Technology Fun in TA11

We have been very busy little bees this term! We are getting into a good routine for swimming lessons and remembering to bring all of our clothing, towels, goggles and shoes every day. We are enjoying the bus ride to HBF Arena and having fun learning lots of new skills in the pool.

In Technology, we are designing and building a "Season Hat". We have to include 3 features on our hat that will suit our chosen season. We have come up with some great ideas and are problem solving ways to join and construct using various materials. We are also documenting our design process by making an ebook on the ipads.

Spelling Bee Results

During Term 3 we had our school Spelling Bee. Below are the results.

	First	Second	Third
PP	Savannah Vitoria Cortinal	Kalen Banks	Mia Fraser
Y1	Larni Alford	Zac Maher	Aaliyah Gain
Y2	Krysta Markostamos	Martinus Ghattas	Sophia Rhodes
Y3	Ruby Pierce,	Divya Veddangunta	Beau Sharpe
Y4	Leo Maher	Ruby Markostamos	Celise Hall
Y5	Carrie Duncan	Millyanna Martin	William Buchanan
Y6	Emily Penhale	Anna Charles	Jay Desai

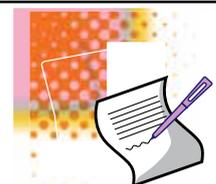
Road Closure

We have been informed that Ambassador Drive will be closed between Astoria Court and Paddington Avenue on Monday 14th November from 7am.

For school drop off traffic must enter by using Paddington Avenue to get to the school entrance and Kiss and Drop.

Booklist Reminder

A reminder that the close date for booklists to be returned to the school is Friday 25th November.



From TA 41 and TA42 Year Three Students

During our writing lessons, the Year Three students have been learning all about writing business and personal letters. We have pulled names out of a hat to give them a peer pen pal to correspond with. Here are a few examples.

To Logan Austin

Did you go trick or treating? I did it's fun dressing up. I'm just writing from my class - TA41. What class are you in? Do you have a brother or a sister or maybe even both? Do you play a musical instrument? I like riding my scooter. I go to Ocean Reef skate park.

Do you live in Currambine, Kinross or Joondalup? Do you like icecream? I do. I like playing outside. My favourite sport is tennis.

From Cody

PS I have two cats



Hello Lily Phillips

It's very nice to meet you. I'm now going to tell you about me. I like UNO and Monopoly. I very rarely write letters because it's tiring! I'm addicted to my Ipad. I don't know why. Is there anything you like? Art? Sport? Maths? Do you have an Ipad? Enough of questions. Did you know that in Queensland they don't know how to make coffee? Haha! They add water. That must taste disgusting, right? Eww! Did you go to market day? I did. There was a pony ride with 4 fluffy ponies. Cute!

See ya, Mary-Kate

PS The pony I rode was called Lucky!



Hi Liam Duong

On the weekend it was very fun. I stayed home on Saturday. I went in the spa. Do you have a spa? I watched a movie called Igor. I had popcorn. In the morning I played on my tablet. Do you have a tablet/Ipad? Then I went to the market place at school. Did you go there? It was very nice except the Cambodian experience. It was gross! On Monday I went trick or treating. Did you? I dressed as Joker. Who did you dress up as?

Love Riley

PS My weekend was great!



Hi Ethan S

I'm writing this letter at my desk in TA41. What do you like to do when you go camping? I like to play games that I make up. Do you like to make up games?

How many people do you have in your family? I've got 3 people, mum, dad, brother plus me equals 4 people.

What do you like to do at home?

Hope to hear from you soon.

From Elizabeth

PS Have you been to Woolworths?



LADDs Update

MARKET DAY WRAP

Billy Cart Derby

All entrants took it another level with designs, uniforms and in competition. The LADDs 'esprit de corp' was on full display, thanks to all who made the Billy Cart Derby a great event again. Congrats to the Winners – 'Boom' (Billy Cup), Smokin Shawries (Nuts and bolts), Flaming Wind (Fashion in the Field), Croozer (Hot Lap), Tankcart (Downhill) and Speedy Gonzales for sharing their Billy cart experience that best embodied the essence of the Fathering Project taking home a \$100 Bunnings gift voucher. Thanks also to Mark McGowan, Wayne Bradshaw and Dominic Walsh for forming our judging panel and major sponsor Bunnings Mindarie (gift bags) and event sponsor DOME Currambine (\$20 vouchers for winners and 2 for 1 hot drink vouchers for all entrants) and Emily Hamilton (P&C lunch gift certificates for all entrants). Check out the action at <https://fatheringcps.wordpress.com/billy-cart-derby-2016/>



Dunk Tank

On behalf of the LADDs, Mike Bush organised the dunking tank on the day which raised \$150 and donated it to the uniform shop's 'Pay it Forward' efforts. Hats off to the likes of Craig Northcott, Renae Zarb and Brandt Bush who did the bulk of the workload in raising these funds.

Footy Tipping

We awarded the Footy Tipping awards as well. Trophy winners were overall winner Jarrod Langdon, Soph Langdon and Shady as our junior winners. Also, medals awarded to Melissa Bush, the cool guy and Renee Screigh for perfect rounds 11 and 22. Shady also had a perfect round but already had a trophy so didn't get a medal – budget constraints.



LADDs SHOUT OUT

A big thanks to all who got involved at some point during the year and supporting what is an important program. It has been a huge year – info night, bike ride, easter egg hunt, billy cart workshop, poker night, lawn bowls, footy tipping, big camp out and billy cart derby. Also to the admin ladies at school who have diligently acted on our many requests for print outs, facebook posts, building keys, the list goes on – thanks. Also the P & C fundraising ladies – awesome support in many ways – thanks.

Aside from the number of events, we helped raise over \$400 for the P and C and \$150 to the uniform shop whilst providing for free Easter eggs, sausage sizzles, trophies and prizes. A big hats off to those way back in January who participated in a Bunnings fundraising BBQ that allowed for all this to be possible, thank you.

We would like to have direct contact with every dad at Currambine Primary School and the best way to do this is to go to our website at www.fatheringcps.wordpress.com and subscribe to our email list using DAD's main email (the one he uses not mum's!!!). We send out updates on what's going on so no one has an excuse not to know - no harm being on the list!

By fostering and encouraging a strong positive male role involvement in the community, Australian research shows this has a measurable impact in combating juvenile crime, health, drugs and anti-social behaviour while strengthen family bonds and relationships. The more fathers/father figures involved the greater the impact. Sign up and get involved!

The LADDs wish everyone the best for the upcoming festive season and to keep safe. Next year, we are inviting gents to join the program to take over running events. It could be only one event or more and you can select from the many already done or spice it up with your own. Even better to have multiple Dad's sharing the workload, regeneration is needed for longevity of the program.

If you are interested, please contact Walter at fatheringcps@gmail.com