Leaders Head Out

On Tuesday the 1st of December the Student Councillors and Tech Team shared a train ride to Perth City as part of a thank you for their help this year. The Students Councillors enjoyed a double decker bus trip around the city before heading to Kings Park Naturescape and having lunch in the park. The Tech Team headed to the Apple Store where they got hands on demonstrations of the new iPad Pro and Apple TV. They explored several comic book and novelty stores before playing games at Timezone. Everyone has appreciated the extra duties these students performed around our school and we were glad to reward them with their efforts. Thank you to Mrs Veness and Mr Lambe for organising these excursions and to Mrs McKay and Mrs Taggart for joining us on such an memorable trip.

Carols by Twilight

Friday 11th December
Currambine Primary School
6.30 - 8pm

Students, Parents, Family & Friends are invited to a fun night of Xmas Carols and songs presented by our wonderful Year 3 Choir.

Bring your chairs and blankets
Sausage sizzle by pre order
Soft drinks available

This is an alcohol and smoke free event.

There might even be a visit from Santa!
Dear Parents and Community,

I would like to farewell Miss Sophie Thorn who concludes her time with our school at the end of the year. Miss Thorn has made a wonderful contribution to our French program and will be missed by our school community. I am sure the school community joins me in wishing her every success as she travels to Canada to deepen her skills with the Accelerated Integrated Method of French instruction.

Congratulations
Congratulations Niamh Pattenden who has been awarded a scholarship to John Curtin School of the Arts; a wonderful achievement to gain acceptance into a very competitive program.

Congratulations also to Anzel Jansen on being selected in the State Under 12 Indoor Netball Team. Anzel will be travelling to Adelaide to represent the state in the National championships this Friday. I am sure all in the school community wish her every success.

School Uniforms – Polo Shirt
The School Board held its final meeting of the year last week. The Board has considered feedback from a number of sources on the issue of changing the colour of the polo shirt including numerous parents, the P&C Association and the Uniform Shop staff. The Board has determined that the colour of the polo shirt will not change. The Board has also indicated they will not consider a request to change to the colour of the shirt for the next three years. The Board has made this determination for a number of reasons including; the Uniform staff has spent considerable time researching product and liaising with numerous providers about the polo shirt and believe we have a quality product. The Uniform Shop staff has not been receiving any negative feedback about the quality of the polo shirts. Board members had not received significant feedback from the community that the colour of the polo shirt was an issue. Concern has been expressed about dark coloured shirts in the warm weather. Concern has been expressed about a dark colour fading over time. The Board, some members of the P&C Association and the Uniform Shop staff were deeply concerned about the financial risks of a change of uniform. The school attracts a substantial enrolment form beyond its boundaries based on our strong reputation and brand. The school uniform forms part of our brand. The Board thanks the community for their understanding and support with this matter.

Carols by Twilight
Can I remind parents that our Year Three Students will be conducting the annual Carols by Twilight tomorrow evening on Friday 11 December on the Astroturf behind the administration block. All families are welcome to join us for this event. My sincere thanks to Mr van Lieven for his leadership of this event.

Reports
Semester reports will be forwarded home to all families this Friday 11 December.

Final Assembly
The final assemblies of the year will be hosted on Monday 14 December with the Year Two to Six assembly commencing at 9.00am. At this assembly, book awards and Year Six Graduation awards will be presented. The Pre-Primary to Year One Assembly will be hosted from 11.05am. Book awards will also be awarded at this assembly.

During these assemblies, we will also celebrate the achievements of our staff by awarding the Currambine Primary School Staff Board Awards for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, Excellence in Educational Leadership and Community Contribution.

Parents are most welcome to join us for this event.

Thank You Morning Tea
My staff and I will host a Thank You Morning Tea on Tuesday 15 December from 10.30am in the library. It is an opportunity for our school to thank parents for the many and varied contributions they make to our students education and our school. I extend an invitation to all parents to join us for this event.

Library Books
All library books were due to be returned by last Friday. If any books are outstanding please send them back to the library as soon as possible. This supports the library stocktaking process and ensures the collection is ready for the 2016 school year.

Booklist Pick Up
Parents will be able to collect booklist materials from the undercover Assembly Area on Thursday 28 January from 3.00pm to 5.30pm.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open from 2.00pm to 5.30pm on Thursday 28 January for parents to purchase uniforms prior to the commencement of the school year.
**Connect**
The aim of Connect is to provide a secure internet service that will allow your child/children’s teacher/s to provide information about the teaching and learning activities occurring in the classroom directly to the parents of students in this class. Participation in Connect is optional for parents, if you would like to take part you will require internet access and a computer. No additional software is required. The Department of Education will issue you with a unique user name and password which will provide you with access to Connect.

Initially, Connect will allow the teacher to provide general class information to you about the teaching and learning activities that his/her class are undertaking. In the future, the service may be further developed to allow more flexible communication between parents and teachers as well as providing personalised information about your child’s learning activities and progress.

In order for you to take part in Connect in 2016 please sign the Connect Registration for Parents form and return this to the school. Copies of the form are available from the school’s webpage. Once your child’s class is ready to begin using Connect, you will then be confidentially issued with your unique user name and password as well as access details for Connect. In 2016, you will be able to log on to Connect to see which class your child has been placed in.

**Final Day – First Day**
The final day of the school year for students is Thursday 17 December. The first day for students in 2016 is 1 February.

The school office will be open form 25 January.

**Thank You**
As always, as we come to the conclusion of the school year, we can look back and reflect on the very full, rich and engaging programs that have been offered. We continue to grow the students learning both academically and socially and have experienced many successes. We need to acknowledge the young people in our care. Our students are to be thanked for their enthusiasm, engagement positive behaviour and determination to succeed. I am sure I speak for all my staff when I say it is a pleasure to work with our students. I wish to acknowledge parents and wider family for the positive support they offer the students with their schooling and for the specific contributions many parents make to our classrooms, school events, the P&C Association or the School Board. The support of our parents is much valued by my staff and I.

I would also acknowledge our staff, both teaching and non-teaching, who make an incredible contribution to the success of our school and our students. Our community is indeed fortunate to have staff of the highest calibre, capable and committed, and always willing to go well beyond what is expected to make a difference to the students in their care.

I wish all members of the community a well-deserved opportunity to ‘resharpen the saw’ over the holiday period. Merry Christmas and the best for the new year.

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**Its Christmas in TA13**
Christmas has finally arrived in TA13! After much waiting and anticipation, the Christmas decorations have gone up, Santa’s workshop is up and running and the Christmas music has been in full swing! When you enter Green Room, you can see our fabulous writing on the back wall where we made our Christmas wish lists for Santa and even some creative writing stories about when Santa got stuck up the chimney!

We are busy revising all our previously learnt numeracy concepts from this year as we get ready for Year 1. We have practised our number patterns this week making our Christmas chains to decorate the classroom and are enjoying revising our addition and subtraction with our Christmas Mad Maths Minutes. We are also counting down the days we have left in Pre Primary, practising backwards counting, and counting in 2’s, 5’s and 10’s.

Miss Van keeps trying to trick us with our digraphs and trigraphs but we are too clever and are able to not only find the digraph but use it in our spelling words. Watch out Year 1 teachers, we are coming to wow you next year!
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### I didn’t know my library did that!

The things you can do with your City of Joondalup library membership – all for free – may surprise you. You can stream movies, download current and past issues of your favourite magazines, get help with your maths homework, use the internet and WiFi, get one-on-one help with technology, and catch up with your friends over a board game.

Become a member at a City of Joondalup library to enjoy those benefits, and many more. It won’t cost you a cent!

As an added bonus, fill in your details below and hand this entry form in at any City of Joondalup library to go into the draw to win one of two book snacks, worth $200.00 each.

Name: .................................................................
Phone Number: ......................................................
Email Address: ........................................................
Suburb: .................................................................

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### 300 NIGHTS READING

Congratulations to the following students for reaching 300 nights reading.

Cameron Wride, Leon Su, Joe Pattenden, Isaac Tang, Anya Larchet, Nicolene Deale, Ethan Sharp, Riley Brown, Luca Novello and Daniel Aria

### Book Fair

My sincerest apologies to the Bennett Family and their gorgeous children Mitchell and Tahlia, who did not have their book donation to our school library, acknowledged in the last newsletter.

My sincerest apologies for you names being inadvertently left off the list. We certainly appreciated your generosity.

Michelle Drage
It’s Fun in Kindy

The Kindy kids have been working super hard this year so they were all very excited to have our foam and water fun day! It was a beautiful day and they were all very excited to start! We had a foam pit, a snakey sprinkler, sponge throwing, bubbles and a bouncy castle! Their favourite part was playing in the foam pit and making themselves look like snowmen! After all the excitement, they all sat down for a yummy lunch of nuggets and chips! They all had a wonderful morning and were very tired by the afternoon!

Year 2s in TA24/25 Travel Expo!

This term in Geography we have been learning about how we are connected to places all around the world. First we needed to talk to our families and find out the places that we, our parents and our parents, were born. We also talked to our families about places they have been on holidays. Then we had to choose a country from around the world that we had a connection to. We then spent three weeks using iPads and books to research our countries. We needed to find out how to get there, what it is like there and what things we could do there. After we had finished researching, we decided to have our very own Travel Expo to try to convince other people to visit our chosen country. We worked really hard to create an exciting poster, brochure or book that would attract people to our display and give them lots of information. Then, on Friday afternoon, we invited our parents into our classroom to look at all the hard work we had done. It was so much fun! We learnt so much about different countries and it was so exciting seeing everyones work. Thanks so much to all the parents and caregivers who came to our Travel Expo! We loved sharing our work with you!
PALS Christmas Party

On Monday morning the children in PALS enjoyed their end of year Xmas party. Even Santa came to visit.

Uniform Shop Information

- The uniform shop will be open on Thursday 28th January 2016 from 2pm - 5.30pm.
- The correct price for pencil cases at the uniform shop is $8.00. The were incorrectly listed as $5.50 on the price list.

The more risks you allow your children to make, the better they learn to look after themselves.

- Roald Dahl
Year Four TA 47 in 2015

In TA47, we spent a lot of time reflecting on what we have done and what we want to do in the future, especially related to our work, so we thought we should reflect on what has been like being in Year 4.

What I learnt in 2015
• I learnt many things this year in English, Maths and even how forgetful my teacher can be. (Eleanor)
• If you leave biodegradable waste, it can grow into plants that you can use again. (James)
• My 7, 8 and 9 times tables, 24 hour time and that every student can learn, just not on the same day or in the same way. (Lily P)

The most exciting event in 2015
• The first day of school because I love school. (Olivia)
• The inter school cross country because you are racing people from other schools and you don’t know how fast they are. (Ben M)
• Sports Carnival because you get to do all different sorts of sports and you get to race all different people. (Finnley)
• Our assembly, which was about letting the “animal out in you” and standing up to bullies. (Lily G)
• The Maritime Museum Excursion because I’m very interested in vehicles. (Zhade’)
• In Maths when Mrs Zarb had us design our own dream house and it had to be done on grid paper so it had to be all straight with no curves. (Eve)
• Learning to play the recorder in Music. (Ben H)

My favourite subject this year
• My favourite subject was Maths because I’m really good at it and all my family are really great at it and help me learn it. (Bailey)
• Maths because it is very fun and it teaches you good things for your life. (Joseph)
• Music because it is fun and you get to learn more than you think. (Paige)
• Art because it is one of my favourite hobbies and it gives me inspirations. (Johanna)
• Sport because it is active. (Maggy)
• Sport because I like playing different sports and because I like trying different sports. (Trent)
• Music because you get to learn more about instruments and how to play them too. (Seth)
• Sport because I can learn different kinds of sport and we don’t have to sit on a chair that is not comfortable. (Maya- Rose)

The nicest thing someone did for me this year
• Jordan and Zhade’, whenever I felt sad, would make me laugh and be nice friends. (Michael)
• When someone stayed behind with me when I didn’t have a hat. (Tai)

The best thing about Year 4
• Now our phys. ed teacher is Mr Bott and I like how he teaches us. (Tim)
• The teacher is so kind. She’s very understanding, she cares for the other students too. (Tyler)

The most interesting lesson in 2015
• History because we learnt a lot about Aboriginal life. (Keira)

My goal for 2016
• To not be naughty, don’t talk in class and listen better. (Jeslyn)

What I’m most nervous about going into Yr 5 for.
• If I’m going to keep my good friends from 2015 or meet other people I’ve never seen before. (Jordan)
• Crown Performance and NAPLAN. (Michelle)

The best thing about going to Year 5
• I am very excited about swimming because we get lots of time off school and there will be big waves because it is in summer. (Gemma)
• We get to go on the far playground, but only at lunch. (Iwan)