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Have you had a great year?

With 2019 drawing to a close, it's a great time to reflect on our proudest and happiest moments of the year.

If you have enjoyed your year at Currambine Primary School, we would love for you to please share your experiences on our [Facebook page](#). Your positive experiences can help to grow Currambine Primary School's already fantastic reputation amongst the community.

Visit the [Currambine Primary School's Facebook Page](#) and click on the Reviews tab (top of the page on mobile, left hand side on desktop) to leave a recommendation, it only takes a minute. Thank you!

"My proudest moments of 2019 were: our great spelling results and performance in the spelling bee, the opening of the ANZAC Memorial, our performance in the Interscholar Cross Country, and Mrs Moses and Mrs Dragan being appointed to the role of principal."

— GEOFF SMITH, PRINCIPAL

News from the Principal

Dear Parents and Community,

Yesterday our Year Six students enjoyed their Graduation Assembly at school, followed by the Graduation Dinner Dance at HBF Arena Joondalup. It was a wonderful day for the students and I thank Mrs Harmer-Watkins and the Year Six teachers for their organisation and management of these events. I would also like to acknowledge music specialist, Bernie Bourke for preparing the children for their graduation performance, Mr Croome for his management of the audio-visual presentation and most especially Educational Assistants Sue McKiddie and Claire Willis, for preparing and decorating the Dinner Dance venue.

Congratulations to all of our graduates, we wish you all the best.

Carols by Twilight

Our Carols by Twilight will be hosted tomorrow evening with the performance commencing at 6.00pm. The children have worked long and hard under the direction of Mr Van Lieven to offer an engaging performance and the students would value an attentive and appreciative audience.

Our P&C Association will be hosting a sausage sizzle in the evening.

Final Assembly

The Final Assembly will be hosted on Tuesday 17th December from 8.40am in the Undercover Assembly Area. Book Awards for students in Pre-Primary to Year Five will be announced. The staff Board Awards will also be announced along with the Student Counsellors and Faction Captains for 2020. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Parent Thank You Morning Tea

The Parent Thank You Morning Tea will be hosted on Tuesday 17th December from 10.30am. I extend a warm invitation to all parents who have contributed to the school over the year in any form to join us as my staff and I show our appreciation for your support.

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Semester Two Reports

Semester Two Reports will be issued on Tuesday 17th December via Connect. Please ensure your "P" number and password is up to date so you can log on to Connect and access the reports.

Thank You

The office staff and myself would like to extend our thanks to Raelene Wride. Raelene has been a very active parent helper in the school for approximately ten years. During this time she has helped in various classrooms, counting/distributing notes in the office on Thursdays, preparing ribbons for sports carnivals and lapathon as well as a regular P & C and canteen volunteer.

As this is Cameron's last year of primary school, this will be Raelene's last year of volunteering in the office. We would like to extend our thanks to Raelene for the countless hours that she has dedicated to making Currambine Primary School a better place to be.



My sincere thanks to parent, Wayne Tedder and the volunteers from Round Table who cleared the front gardens last weekend. Wayne and his team of Round Table volunteers will be re-planting the gardens in the near future. His support, contacts in the landscaping industry and, with Round Table, has ensured this project will be completed in a timely and cost effective manner.



Library Books

Student library books were due back on the 29th November. Please ensure that all library books are returned as soon as possible.

Excursions / Incursions

End of Year Excursions and Incursions will be hosted on Wednesday 18th December. Communications regarding the various events have been sent home some time ago. I am sure all the students will enjoy this celebration of a successful year at Currambine Primary School.

Final Day

The final day of school for the students is Thursday 19th December.

School Development Day

A School Development Day will be held on Friday 20th December. The day will include Aboriginal Cultural Appreciation Training, student handover process and the final packing up of classes.

Staff Farewells

We have a number of staff finishing up with us at the end of the year including;

- Education Assistants – Nathan Croome who has done a wonderful job mostly with our senior students, Margaret Catania who has supported students through the Junior School, Belinda Miller who has run our withdrawal programs for students in Year Four to Year Six and Amit Behl who has been working one day a week in the junior years.
- Miss Hamilton, who is taking up a fixed term position in the Pilbara in 2020. She will remain attached to Currambine Primary School.
- Mr Jason Preston has been appointed permanently to Grandis Primary School. I thank him for his service to Currambine Primary School, his humour and connection with the students will be missed at Currambine.
- Miss Bridget Wilson has been appointed permanently to Grandis Primary School. Miss Wilson has been teaching Year Two for a number of years and is a wonderful teacher. I thank Miss Wilson for her contribution and wish her well.
- Miss Annette Macri has been appointed permanently to Grandis Primary School. Miss Macri has been with us for eight years and her expertise as a teacher and leader will be greatly missed.



I wish all staff leaving us at the conclusion of the year, the very best in their new roles.

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Calendar of Events

Thank you to Students and Staff

My sincere thanks to our students for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the year and to all parents and caregivers for their support of our students, our school and the staff. Your contributions are essential to the success of Currumbine Primary and the time and energy parents commit to supporting classes programs, excursions, school events and P & C fundraisers is greatly appreciated.

To my staff, I thank them for their dedication, their tireless efforts to make a difference for the young people in our care and for always willingly 'going the extra mile' for students.

I wish all members of our school community the best for the festive season and a restful break from school.

Geoff Smith

Principal

Kindy Group B EOY Incursion	Friday 13th December
Carols by Twilight (6pm)	Friday 13th December
Kindy Group A Final Assembly	Monday 16th December
Final Assembly (Pre-Primary to Year 5)	Tuesday 17th December
Parent Helper Thank You Morning Tea	Tuesday 17th December
End of Year Excursions	Wednesday 18th December
Kindy Group B Final Assembly	Wednesday 18th December
Last Day of Term	Thursday 19th December
Staff PD Day (No Students)	Friday 20th December
Students return for the 2020 school year	Monday 3rd February

Thank you to Trident Signs



Thank you to Eoin Brown from Trident Signs who kindly created and donated the sign for the Year Six graduation. The students loved having their photo taken with the sign. If you have any signage needs, please contact Trident Signs.

Phone 9302 6192

Email info@tridentsigns.com.au



"The thing I'm most proud of in 2019 has been seeing how far our class has come in just one year! Coming to Pre-Primary with some letter and sound knowledge to blowing me away with their ability to independently read and spell words using digraphs and blends has made me realise just how much I love my job!"

ANGELA DEMOSTHENOUS,
TA15

Spreading Kindness Like it's Confetti

"It has brought
us closer as
friends."
Lucy

In TA37 we have been participating in the 20
Day Kindness Challenge.

So far we have;
created cards for someone,
written a poem about someone we admire,
complimented others,
worked with someone we don't normally work with,
earned a compliment for using great manners,
eaten over one hundred serves of fruit or
vegetables during Crunch and Sip,
greeted others with a hello and a smile,
shared what we are grateful for,
completed an activity that makes us feel happy,
picked up rubbish from around the school, and
let others in front of us in lines.

"The challenges
come out daily, so
it is giving us
something to look
forward to."
Samuel

"It has made us
feel grateful for
what we have."
Tiana

"This challenge has
forced us out of our
comfort zone - to
be kind to everyone
not just our friends."
Jessica

In Week 7, we started collecting donations of
toiletries to fill handbags. These handbags will be
donated to the Share the Dignity Charity and will
help disadvantaged teenage and adult females
keep clean and face the world with pride and
confidence.

"It has made us
feel proud of
ourselves."
Olivia

So far, we have filled 6 handbags!

**We challenge everyone to be kind to one
another and themselves and help make the
world a better place to be.**

"My proudest moment of
2019 was watching our
class complete their Term 4
'Kindness Challenge' with
warmth and sincerity.

TA39 has some of the
kindest kids I know!"

RACHEL MARKOSTAMOS
TA39

The Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Collection

Christmas is a time for celebrating, but for many
families in need it is challenging, lonely and isolating.

You can give hope to a family in need by donating
food or gifts to the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer
Collection. Goods can be dropped in the box at the
school office before Monday 16th December.

Some guidelines for food and gift giving were sent via
Connect last week (3rd December), please review
these before making a donation.

Thank you for helping to spread kindness this
Christmas.

*"Merriwa Salvos are so incredibly grateful to
Currambine Primary School for your generous giving
to our Christmas Cheer Appeal.*

*Your giving allows us to help families who are doing
it really tough this year as a result of losing their job,
relationship breakdown, illness, accidents and often
a combination of many things. Through your help,
we are able to bring some joy and hope in a time that
can be so very difficult.*

*We hope you have a wonderful Christmas filled with
many blessings! Thank you."*

Nikki Curtis (Major)
Merriwa Salvos



What's New in the Cockatoo Cafe?

Pre-Primary Children Pop In

Our Pre-Primary students visited the canteen last week, so that they would be familiar with what to do when they come back to school next year, as our big Year One children. The canteen staff can't wait to see you again in 2020!



Supporting the Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre

\$100 was raised through the sale of Jelly Cups earlier this term. Combined with the funds raised through the Free Dress Day (14th November), Currumbine Primary School has donated \$1,133 to the Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre.

Anzac Jars

The Cockatoo Cafe's famous Anzac mix is now available for purchase. Jar's are only \$5 with all profits going back to our school.

Get in quickly though, as stock is limited!



Dads in the Canteen

Some lucky children have had their dads, grandads, uncles and other father figures working in the canteen this week. They have loved it!

If you think your child would love to see your face during their school day, follow the LADDs Fathering CPS Facebook page or visit the LADDs website at <https://fatheringcps.com/> to find out about Dads in the Canteen events in 2020.

Thank you to everyone that has participated in the LADDs Dads in the Canteen program this year.



Did you know?

So far this year the canteen has made 2,329 sausage sizzles and toasted 2,287 sandwiches!

Embracing Change in TA33

This term, in Science, TA33 have been learning all about reversible and irreversible changes. It has been such a great unit because we have been doing so many investigations in class. We have been creating chemical reactions, which resulted in some pretty cool eruptions, and along the way we have learnt some very interesting information. We can't wait to do Chemistry next year in high school!



My Recount of Premier Mark McGowan's visit to Currambine Primary School

By Krysta Markostamos



The 20th of November was a very special day for Currambine Primary, as the Premier of WA, Mark McGowan, came to visit! He had decided to come to discuss the installation of new demountables, in order to make Currambine a better place for everyone.

A few students gathered in the office, awaiting the premier's arrival. While we waited, we spoke to Mr Mark Folkard, the MLA (member for Joondalup). We talked about how we would make huge improvements to the school and how exciting it would be to have brand new classrooms! Five minutes later, Mark McGowan arrived.

When he arrived, he asked us some questions such as, "How much would new demountables mean to you?" and "How do new demountables impact on the school?". After we had answered those questions, we went on a tour.

The first things we showed him on the tour were the demountables that we are going to replace next year. We showed him these so that he could get an idea of what we were going to fix. Later, we showed him some other classrooms, just so he could see our school. The last thing we showed Mark McGowan was the new Anzac memorial.

At the memorial area we took one quick photo and said goodbye. Then, we all went back to our classrooms and continued to learn.

I really enjoyed the premier's visit as it allowed me to see what it's like to be a leader. I really hope he comes back soon!

Did you know?

Currambine Primary School is receiving more than \$1.5 million over 2019-20 and 2020-21 to upgrade facilities and address high priority maintenance items.

Kindy in 2019

We've had the time of our lives in Kindy this year!

Every day we have worked hard doing our Literacy and Numeracy sessions. We have learnt to blend and segment words, write sentences, read numbers, count really high, add and subtract. We've also completed many science experiments, such as causing a boiled egg to be sucked into a bottle and inflating a balloon on a bottle by placing it in hot water. We've built boats and tested if they float in water, we've built chairs for our teddy bears to sit on and we've written with invisible crayon and painted over with magic paint to see our words!

Each term we have participated in super fun days! We had a special Easter Egg Hunt, Mothers' Day morning tea, our Teddy Bears stayed at school with us for two days (and got up to lots of adventures when they slept the night, Fairy Tale Ball where we were visited by Ariel and Princess Anna, Fathers' Day morning tea, Book Week parade, Spineless Wonders incursion, Kindy Carnival, Pre-Primary transition, Al Kazam the magician visited us and next week we get to perform at our Kindy Concert!

Wow! What a fun filled fantastic start to our schooling career we have had. We've learnt everything we needed to learn and are more than ready to be big Pre-Primary kids next year. Our teachers are all so proud of us and are only letting us move up because we have promised to visit them all the time next year!





With 2019 fast coming to a close, it's seems like a good time to take stock of the year that has been for the LADDs.



Our year kicked off with the Beach Safety day, held at Mullaloo beach back in March. Thank you to the Mullaloo Surf Life Saving Club for hosting an event that was attended by 32 children and promoted the fun of the beach as well as how to read surf conditions and have a safe time at the beach.

LADDs answered a request from the school to assist with making the stems for the Anzac poppies. Thank you to Bunnings Joondalup who hosted us and supplied the dowel for the stems. The poppies were on display at the school's Anzac memorial and looked fantastic.

As Mother's Day approached, the LADDs asked students to tell them what made their mothers so special. There were some fantastic responses and the six deserved winners were presented at the school assembly with gift vouchers from Dome.

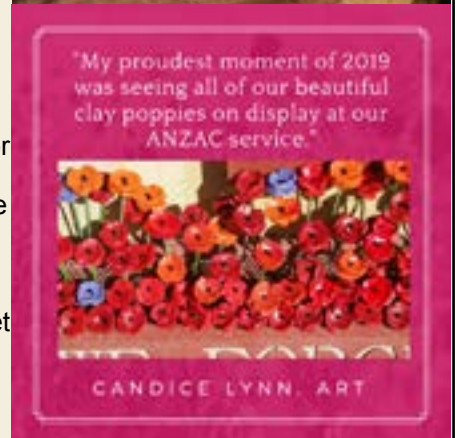
LADDs don't usually get political, but in May we held an election day sausage sizzle to feed the hungry voters at the polling booth. Along with the sausage sizzle we were able to secure both red and blue glazed donuts to sell on the day. While the red donuts sold out first, the day belonged to the blue team.

A pair, three of a kind, a straight or perhaps a flush? They were all on show in June when we hosted our Poker night that was well attended by dads who came out and braved the cold. The weather wasn't kind to us for the bike ride at Lake Joondalup which we held on Father's day, however that aside we still had a handful of families participate and enjoy a sausage sizzle afterwards. Speaking of sausage sizzle, in October we held our Bunnings sausage sizzle and managed to sell 1,100 sausages. This is our major fundraising day and helps us to run events throughout the year. Bunnings has been a great support to LADDs in 2019 and have already set aside a date for us to hold another sausage sizzle in 2020.

In what was our biggest event of the year, the highly anticipated first ever LADDs fathering group campout at Currambine Primary School was held in November. A total of 53 dads and 85 children camped out on the school grounds overnight in tents and swags, and enjoyed a BBQ dinner followed by marshmallow toasting around the fire pit and movies on the outdoor screen under the stars.


Volunteers from Bickley Observatory were on hand with their telescopes pointed skywards and had a steady stream of dads and children looking at Venus, Mercury, Saturn and various constellations in the night sky. It was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all and if you missed out, LADDs will look to hold it again in 2020.

To stay in touch with what's coming up, visit the LADDs website at <https://fatheringcps.com/> or join the [LADDs Fathering CPS Facebook group](#). If you have queries or ideas regarding LADDs, please email ladds.currambine@gmail.com.




Community Support





Government of Western Australia
Child and Adolescent Health Service
WA Country Health Service



Triple P - Positive Parenting Program®

A FREE program that teaches practical and effective ways to enhance family relationships and manage common child behaviour issues.

Who is this program for?
Parents, carers and/or grandparents of a child aged between 3 and 8 years.

What is involved?

- **Seminar Series** – 90-minute talks on:
 - children's behaviour
 - – the tough part of parenting
 - raising confident children
 - raising emotionally resilient children.
- **Discussion Group** – small, 2-hour groups:
 - misbehaving
 - fighting and aggression
 - bedtime routine
 - hassle-free shopping with children.
- **Group Triple P** – 8-week parenting course.

Program details:


Group Triple P (7 week Program), Craigie Lesuire Centre
Tuesday's - 9.30am - 11.30am
18th February - 31st March 2020

Seminar Series, Craigie Lesuire Centre
Monday's 9.30am - 11.30am
16th, 23rd and 30th March 2020

Discussion Group - Dealing With Disobedience, Craigie Lesuire Centre
Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am
25th March 2020

Please note:
Unless there is a crèche advertised, only babies under the age of 6 months can attend this group. However, we welcome babies who need breastfeeding during the session. DO NOT bring hot food and drinks for safety reasons.

Visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups for more information.



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