

eNEWS

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS TO INFORM OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Dear Parents and Community members,

A warm welcome back to all families to the 2020 school year. I hope you have all enjoyed a restful break and look forward to an exciting and challenging year ahead. A special welcome to new families to the Currambine Primary School community, I have every confidence you and your children will have a rewarding experience at our school.

Our staff have been back for some time preparing for the new school year and participating in professional learning but are also warmly welcomed back to the new school year. A special welcome to new staff, Mrs Tammy Douce in Year Two, Mrs Kerryn Hodgkin in Year Four, Mrs Katy Chapman in Year Two and Mrs Rachel Sandell in Year One. A full list of staff is included on the final page of this newsletter.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings are hosted in the first few weeks of Term One to provide parents with the opportunity to meet their child's new classroom teacher and learn about the programs and routines.

The meeting times and dates are;

Pre-Primary	Wednesday 12 February 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Year One	Tuesday 11 February 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Year Two & Three	Monday 10 February 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Year Four	Monday 17 February 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Year Five & Six	Tuesday 18 February 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Farewell Mrs Hughes

Mrs Hughes, our Library Officer, is retiring. Mrs Hughes has been a part of Currambine Primary School for twenty two years. During this time she has established our library, run our library, been essential to the success of our PALS Program for children aged up to four years and run our Baby Rhyme Time and Story Time programs. Mrs Hughes has been a contributor to many of the school successes over the years and I am sure the community will join me in thanking her for contributions and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Connect and the School App

Parents should also be aware that the school regularly communicates with families through Connect, our web based communication tool and the School App. If you have not joined our Connect Community, please pop in to the front office to fill out a Connect Registration Form. The School App can be downloaded from the iTunes store, simply search for Currambine Primary School.

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MAJOR EVENTS IN TERM ONE

We have a significant number of events occurring this term including;

20 Feb	ESAT Review – an independent review of the school conducted by the Department of Education
28 Feb	School Development Day – children do not attend
3-13 Mar	Yr 5-6 Swimming
10 Mar	Positive Partnerships Evening Meeting. Parents that have a child with a diagnosis of autism are invited to attend.
13 Mar	P&C Disco
17-19 Mar	School Photos
17 Mar	Jumps and Throws
20 Mar	Athletics Carnival
25-26 Mar	Positive Partnership Meeting with teachers and parents during the school day
27 Mar	Free Dress Day
27 Mar	Food Truck Evening
1 Apr	Interschool Jumps and Throws
3 Apr	Interschool Athletics Carnival
4 Apr	Year Four Joondalup Lantern Parade
8 Apr	ANZAC Service
8 Apr	P&C Easter Raffle Draw
9 Apr	P&C Colour Run
9 Apr	Final Day of Term One

Term Planner

A copy of the Term One Planner is attached to the eNews. A hard copy was sent home with students today.

Attendance

Attendance at school every day maximises the learning and development for each and every child in the care of the school. It is important that the school and parents work collaboratively to promote the importance of school attendance to the students. Classroom teachers will be celebrating success with attendance every day, with high attendance classes being acknowledged regularly. We encourage parents to promote to the students that the only reason to be absent from school is for illness.

Late Arrivals / Early Collection from School

Can I remind all families that if you need to collect your child during the school day, a parent / carer must attend the front office to complete the appropriate processes before collecting him/her from the classroom. This ensures that we track which students are in the school at any given moment and matters, such as court orders regarding access, are managed appropriately. When children arrive after the 8.30am siren, they are required to report to the front office and receive a late note. Please note that teachers mark their roll straight after the siren has rung.

Mobile Text Message Service for Absences (SMS)

Should your child not be attending school due to illness or an appointment, please send a short SMS text message (including student name) explaining the absence to 0408 934 134. The front office will then update the student's record.

Our text message system automatically generates and sends text messages to parents/guardians of those students who are marked absent by their teacher. Texts are sent out twice a day, 10am and 2pm. You may reply to this text with a short explanation of your child's absence. Please note that the text message service may only be used for absences.

Arrival at School

Can I make all parents aware that children are not expected to arrive on the school site prior to 8.00am. When children arrive after 8.00am and prior to 8.15am they should wait on the Astroturf area near the office. Children are not to wait outside classrooms during this time. This will include parents of Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students. Parents of young students should stay with their children and escort them to class.

While on the school site, all students are to be in the designated area even if their parents are with them. This allows the school to meet our duty of care arrangements.

At 8.15am a siren will ring and students can then move to class. Classes are open fifteen minutes prior to the commencement of lessons to allow the students to settle in. Parents of young children (Kindergarten and Pre-Primary) may also wish to play a game or puzzle with their child prior to school commencing.

We ask all parents to support us with these arrangements to ensure we can manage appropriate supervision of students prior to the commencement of the school day.

Parking

A map related to the use of the Kiss 'n' Drop is attached to the eNews to remind parents of the procedures for morning drop off and afternoon pickups. I would ask parents to familiarise themselves with this document.

On Entry Assessment

Our Pre-Primary students complete a Literacy and Numeracy Assessment each year. The assessment is conducted by the teacher with each student. These assessments will commence in the third week of school.

Digital Device Policy

Many parents will be aware that the Minister of Education announced a new Mobile Device Policy for public schools late last year. The Board has reviewed and adjusted the school policy to reflect the Minister's position. A copy of the policy is attached.

Briefly, to have a mobile phone at school the following steps need to be taken;

- Parents must write to the Principal informing the school that their child will have a mobile device at school.
- The mobile device should be labeled with the child's name.
- Mobile devices should be turned off on entering the school.
- Mobile devices (phones, tablets and smart watches) must be handed to the classroom teacher at the commencement of the school day.
- The child collects the mobile device at the conclusion of the school day.
- Non-compliance with the mobile device policy will result in confiscation of the mobile device, which must be collected from the school by the parent and the loss of one good standing point.

Facebook Code of Conduct

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the school's Facebook Code of Conduct. The school hosts a Facebook page to share with our community the many events, activities and experiences our students enjoy as well as a tool to communicate information about school processes and programs. The Facebook page also provides a wonderful way for families to share their children's school experience with their extended families, particularly if grandparents live overseas.

Our school supports the Facebook Policy whereby no child under the age of thirteen years old should have access to this social media site or for that matter, any other forms of social media. We are keen for our Facebook page to be a positive experience for all members of our school community and a place to celebrate the successes of our school and our students. We would therefore acknowledge that if you have a concern or issue that is affecting your child adversely, please make contact with the school via phone, email or face-to-face meeting. This ensures the best outcomes for our students and your children, given that such challenges require discussion which often need to be more detailed than one conducted in an online environment. The support of the community with this policy is much appreciated.

Children's University Australia

Our school will continue to offer the Children's University Program for students in Years Four, Five and Six. The program is run in partnership with Edith Cowan University. Children are able to track learning experiences that they participate in beyond the usual hours of instruction both at school and at home. Learning experiences can include instrumental lessons, sports training, attending a museum, completing online tasks or writing a restaurant, movie or book review. When a certain number of hours is achieved, students will be invited to attend a graduation event at Edith Cowan University. Queries may be directed to Mrs Harmer-Watkins via email paula.harmer-watkins@education.wa.edu.au.

Instrumental Program

Our Instrumental Music Program for students in Years Five and Six will commence shortly. We will continue to offer clarinet and flute brass.

Holiday Works

Over the holiday period, a number of works have been undertaken to enhance our school environment including;

- Shade sales have been installed over the ECE and Year Two playgrounds,
- Pin up boards have been installed in TA 12 and the Staffroom,
- Our front gardens have been re-planted with the support of volunteers from Round Table and the leadership of parent Wayne Tedder; and
- Improvements have been made to the school administration area.

NetSetGo Program

NetSetGo is an after-school program run by Netball WA for students in Pre-Primary to Year Five interested in playing netball. The program is open to both boys and girls and will run on Mondays from 2:50pm to 3:50pm on the school's netball courts, beginning Monday 17th February. The cost is \$115 per child. Please contact Netball WA with any queries, or to register visit <https://bit.ly/2RWQ3FC>

Currambine Netball Club

Currambine Netball Club is a part of the Joondalup Netball Association, with training (Thursdays) and matches (Saturdays) at the HBF Arena. It is ideal for those that have already participated in NetSetGo and are interested in playing matches or those just starting out and wanting to get straight into playing matches against other clubs. Registrations close on Friday 7th February. Further information is attached.

Year Six Students - Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs

Applications for the highly regarded Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs are now open. Children in Year Six in 2020 are eligible to apply for Year Seven entry in 2021.

Secondary Gifted and Talented programs offer an enriched learning environment to children with exceptional academic ability and creative talent. These unique academic, arts and languages programs are available at select public secondary schools. They include a fully selective academic school and an arts college.

They will be taught alongside like-minded peers, studying an extended curriculum delivered by teachers with expert skills and knowledge. If selected, they will be guaranteed a place at the school no matter where you live.

For more information, you can contact the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit on 9264 4307 or at gtsu@education.wa.edu.au. Please note: Applications close Sunday 9th February 2020. Late applications are not accepted. Key dates for the program are attached.

For further information about the programs, where they are offered, upcoming parent information sessions or to apply, please visit: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented>.

Getting involved with the Currambine Primary School Community

Our school is supported by the P&C Association, who host a range of exciting fundraising and social events each year. The first P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 17th February at 7pm in the library. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Not only is it a great way to support your school, it's also an opportunity to find out about new things happening at Currambine Primary School and also to meet new friends in the local community. Please ensure that you follow the P&C Facebook Page ([@CurrambinePC](#)) to stay in the loop.

The LADDs (Loving and Devoted Dads) are a registered Fathering Project 'champion dads' school group in the Northern suburbs working together promoting fathering within our school and the community. Run by volunteer fathers, they organise activities to encourage greater involvement by the fathering cohort within the school community. In doing so, they strengthen links and relationships with like-minded men to the benefit and for better outcomes for our children.

Join the LADD's [Fathering CPS Facebook](#) group to find out more about the exciting events they have coming up in 2020, including the Beach Safety Day, Mother's Day Competition, Dad's in Canteen, Dad's and Daughter's Hair Day and the School Campout.

Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) is held Monday mornings (starting Week Three in Term One, and not held on the first and last week of the remaining terms), from 8.45am to 10.30am at Currambine Primary School in the Undercover Area. The P.A.L.S. program is designed for parents of children aged 0-4 years and aims to support you in your role as a parent and provide resources to maximise your child's learning potential. This is a community program and all children (aged 0-4) are welcome to attend with their parents. Please visit www.currambine.wa.edu.au for more information.

Teachers, EA's and Special Needs Assistants

Yr	TA	Teacher	EA Assistant / Special Needs Assistants
K	17KA	Mrs Juliette Grace	} Mrs Jen Bennett
K	18KA	Mrs Alice Crawford	} Ms Ann Martin
K	18KB	Mrs Alinda Gregory	} Mrs Lisa Reed
K	19KA	Mrs Laura Seivwright	} Miss Marian McKeand
K	19KB	Mrs Emma Hinchliffe	} Mrs Jo Hack
PP	13	Miss Cassie Thoo	} Mrs Hazel Leonard
PP	14	Mrs Vanessa White & Ms Tracy McCorry	} Mrs Jayne Hubbard
PP	15	Miss Mollie Weber & Mrs Morgan Doria	} Mrs Jenny Bowler & Mrs Ali Reid
P	16	Ms Rochelle Froud	} Mrs Angela Demosthenous & Mrs Jen Bennett
1	12	Miss Hannah Wilson	Located Around Block 1
1	21	Mrs Jean Hale	Mrs Deb Littlewood
1	25	Mrs Natasha Smith	Mrs Viv Waterman
1	26	Mrs Fiona Choo Mrs Rachel Sandell	Mrs Tamara Richards
2	22	Ms Kylie Smith	Located Around Block 2
2	23	Mrs Tammy Douce	Mrs Michelle Brown
2	24	Mrs Tanya van der Walt	Mrs Tanya Caccamo
2	44	Mrs Katy Chapman	Mrs Julie Keep
3	41	Mr Paul Davey	
3	42	Mrs Jenaea Barrett Mrs Kate Perry	
3	43	Ms Mel Beckingham	
4	39	Ms Renae Zarb	Located Around Block 3/4
4	45	Mrs Rachel Markostamos	Ms Sam Johns
3/4	46	Ms Clare Weeks	Mrs Sue McKiddie
4/5	47	Ms Terri Million	
4	48	Mrs Bel Rogers Mrs Kerryn Hodgkin	
5	36	Mrs Tash Kelly	} Mrs Claire Willis
5	37	Mrs Bel Fernandez	
5	38	Mrs Deidre Spencer	
6	32	Ms Julie Leedham	
5/6	33	Mrs Jemma Win	
6	34	Mr Pete Saxon	

Specialists

Sport	Ms Jane Falco / Mrs Sue Brooks	
Music	Mr Richard van Lieven / Mrs Bernadine Bourke	
French	Mr Hamid Hafid / Mrs Jo Steiner	
Art	Mrs Candice Lynn / Mrs Natalie Heartcliffe	
	Mrs Jenny Bobridge - Psych (M, W)	Ms Shirley Pyrc - Chaplain (M/T)

Admin Staff

Principal	Mr Geoff Smith	
AP's	Mrs Chantelle Binedell / Mrs Paula Harmer-Watkins / Ms Michelle Head	
MCS	Mrs Lorraine Popham	Marketing: Mrs Casey Bryden
Office	Mrs Brenda Koertzen / Mrs Mandy Austin / Mrs Anthea Veaney	
Library	Mrs Robynne Hughes / Mrs Kate Yates	