

CURRAMBINE PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Currambine Chronicle

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

Principal's Preface

Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to all members of our school community, to what I am sure will be a very exciting and productive year at Currambine Primary School. Students have settled in well, despite the delay due to the restrictions last week. Thank you to everyone for your efforts in adhering to the post-lockdown rules. At this stage, the rules (outlined on page two) are only in place until the end of this week. We will update you if this changes.

A very special welcome to new families joining our community this year, in particular to our Kindergarten families who have a child commencing their educational journey. A warm welcome is also extended to new members of the school staff and those returning from extended leave;

Mrs Stef McCormick, TA 33, Year Six

Mr Stephen Jones, TA 31, Year Six

Mrs Emma Solly, TA 34, Year Six

Miss Kelsey Finch, TA 39, Year Five

Mr Nathan Croome, TA 42, Year Three

Mrs Jess Murray, TA 27, Year One

Mrs Amber Dubrich, TA 23, Year Two

Mr Kieran Harding, TA 26, Year One

Mrs Nicola Baldwin, TA 13, Pre-Primary

Mrs Morgan Doria, TA 14, Pre-Primary

Mrs Tonia Edwards, Special Needs EA

Mrs Bryanne Thompson, Special Needs EA

Mrs Kate Harding, Special Needs EA

Mrs Christine Orge, School Officer

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This newsletter is full of information that will be helpful for new families and may be useful reminders for our older families. Whether you are new or have been here for a while, please don't hesitate to contact the office staff or myself if you find yourself lost while navigating the start of the school. I wish everyone a successful start to the 2021 school year.

Regards,
Geoff Smith
Principal.



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Parent Information Evenings

Parent Information Evenings are hosted each year to give parents the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher and learn about the routines and programs in the new year level. The meeting dates and times are;

Pre-Primary: Wednesday 17th February, 5pm to 6pm. Undercover Assembly Area

Year One: Thursday 11th February, 5pm to 6pm. Undercover Assembly Area.

Year Two: Tuesday 9th February, 5pm to 6pm. Undercover Assembly Area.

Year Three: Tuesday 16th February, 5pm to 6pm. Undercover Assembly Area.

Year Four: Monday 15th February, 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Library.

Year Five: Tuesday 16th February, 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Library.

Year Six: Thursday 18th February, 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Library.

Reminder of post-lockdown rules

- All adults MUST wear a mask. This includes all parents, carers and school staff.
- Primary school students are NOT required to wear a mask.
- Parents are permitted on the school site but must adhere to social distancing protocols.
- There is a limit of 10 adults per classroom at any one time, so please be conscientious of each other.
- All parents and children will be required to sanitise their hands as they enter the class, and the children are receiving regular reminders about hygiene throughout the day. An additional cleaner will be on the site cleaning high-touch surfaces and playgrounds.

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT (Also see Term Planner, attached)

Tues 9th Feb	Year Two Information Night. 5pm - 6pm. Undercover Assembly Area.
Thursday 11th Feb	Year One Information Night. 5pm - 6pm. Undercover Assembly Area.
Mon 15th Feb	Play and Learning Session (PALS) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45am - 10.30am. Undercover Area. Year Four Information Night. 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Library. P & C Meeting. 7pm.
Tues 16th Feb	Year Three Information Night. 5pm - 6pm. Undercover Assembly Area. Year Five Information Night. 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Undercover Assembly Area.
Wed 17th Feb	Pre-Primary Information Night. 5pm - 6pm. Undercover Assembly Area.
Thurs 18th Feb	Year Six Information Night. 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Undercover Assembly Area.
Fri 19th Feb	Assembly A, TA24.
Mon 22nd Feb	Year Five / Six Swimming Lessons begin. Mullaloo Beach. Lessons conclude 5th March.
Fri 26th Feb	School Development Day. Children do not attend school on this day.
Mon 1st Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday. Children do not attend school on this day.
Fri 5th Feb	Assembly B, TA45.
Mon 8th Mar	Play and Learning Session (PALS) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45am - 10.30am. Undercover Area.
Tues 9th - 11th Mar	School Photos.
Fri 12th Mar	Free Dress Day. Bring a gold coin donation, funds collected will support the Telethon Children's Ward at Joondalup Hospital. Assembly B, TA47.
Mon 15th Mar	Play and Learning Session (PALS) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45am - 10.30am. Undercover Area. P & C Meeting. 7pm.
Tues 16th Mar	Faction Jumps and Throws.
Wed 17th Mar	Positive Partnerships Evening Meeting will be hosted to work with families who have a child with a diagnosis of Autism.
Fri 19th Mar	Faction Athletics Carnival.
Mon 22nd Mar	Play and Learning Session (PALS) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45am - 10.30am. Undercover Area. Harmony Day Celebrations.
Wed 24th - 25th Mar	Positive Partnerships Meetings between parents and teachers.
Fri 26th Mar	School Disco. Kindy, Pre-Primary, Year One: 4pm - 5pm. Year Two, Three and Four: 5.30pm - 7pm. Year Five and Six: 7.30pm to 9pm. Assembly A, TA28.
Mon 29th Mar	Interschool Jumps and Throws.
Thurs 1st April	Interschool Athletics Carnival.
	Last day of Term One.
Mon 19th April	First day of Term Two.

How you can get involved

All parents and carers, including those that have been at the school for many years and those that are new to the school, are invited to get involved with our Parents and Citizens' (P & C) Committee and Loving and Devoted Dads (LADDs) this year. It is a fantastic way to meet new friends and, with your help, we can make this a wonderful year for our children.

Our P & C consists of enthusiastic parents, teachers and other interested community members who contribute their ideas and skills to the school. They work to support our students on their journey through school. The committee fundraises through various activities, including school discos, colour runs, Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls, and provides a forum for parents to discuss important matters relating to the school and its community. You are most welcome to attend the first meeting for the year on Monday 15th February at 7pm and the AGM on Monday 15th March at 7pm. Please keep your eyes peeled for the numerous volunteer roles that will pop up throughout the year and follow @Currambine PS P&C on Facebook to stay up to date.

Currambine Primary School is home to the LADDs (Loving and Devoted Dads) Fathering Project, which aims to improve child development outcomes by inspiring and equipping fathers and father figures to engage positively with their kids. Run by volunteer fathers, the LADDs organise activities to encourage greater involvement by the fathering cohort within the school community and, in doing so strengthen links and relationships with like-minded men to the benefit and for better outcomes for our children. Past activities have included school camp-outs, Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, dads in the canteen, bike rides, beach safety days and IT safety nights. Join the @LADD's Fathering CPS group on Facebook to find out more.

On Entry Assessment Pre-Primary

All students in Pre-Primary will be completing the on-entry literacy and numeracy assessment. The assessments will commence from Monday 15th February.

Connect

The school regularly communicates with families through Connect, our web-based communication tool. If you have not joined our Connect Community, please pop into the front office to fill out a Connect Registration Form.

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 you the many events, activities and experiences our students enjoy, as well as a tool to communicate information about school processes and programs. It's also a wonderful way for families to share their children's school experience with their extended families, particularly if grandparents live interstate or overseas. Our school supports the Facebook Policy that 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. If you have a concern or issue that is affecting your child adversely, please make contact with the school via phone contact, email or face to face meeting. This allowed for more detailed discussion than that which can be conducted online and ensures the best outcomes for our students and your children. The support of the community with this policy is much appreciated.

Digital Device Policy

Primary school students in Western Australian Public schools are not permitted a mobile device at school. We do acknowledge and understand that parents will wish to communicate with their children at the end of the school day regarding transport arrangements or monitoring children who are walking home. The following steps are in place to manage all forms of mobile digital devices in the school including phones, smartwatches and tablets;

1. The school does not encourage students to have digital devices at school. Such devices are expensive, often have unfiltered access to the internet, and allow for the unsupervised capture of digital images.
2. In order for a student to bring a mobile device to school, parents / carers need to write to the Principal, requesting permission for the child to have a mobile device at school.
3. The letter must be cited and signed by the Principal.
4. The letter will be handed to the classroom teacher to be filed as evidence of permission.
5. Mobile devices should be clearly labelled with the student's name.
6. Devices will be handed to the classroom teacher at the commencement of the day and stored securely at school. The device will be returned at the conclusion of the school day.
7. The device must be turned off when entering the school site and remain off all day. The device may be turned back on at 2.40pm, after the final school siren but only to contact parents / carers.
8. No student may use a personal digital device to take or record images of any person on the school grounds.
9. Students who do not comply with the requirements of this policy will have their device confiscated. The child will lose one good standing point. A member of the School Executive will contact the parent / carer, who will be asked to collect the phone.

A copy of the Mobile Device Policy can be located on the School Website and in the children's school diary. We very much appreciate your support with this matter.

Reading Nights

Learning to read is one of the most important skills children can learn and home is where so much of your child's learning takes place. It's where they feel most confident, happy and supported. Studies prove that children who come from homes where reading is prioritised are already way ahead of their peers.

At the back of the Student Diary is a chart to help students track their reading nights each term. In Term One, students are asked to read 45 nights. Parents are asked to initial the diary each night that the student reads. Throughout the term, students will be invited to visit the Associate Principals to get stamps and stickers to acknowledge milestones, and students that reach the goal each term will receive a reward. Enjoy this valuable time together!

Arrival at School

A reminder 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, and not outside classrooms. This includes parents of Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students, who are asked to stay with their children and escort them to class.

At 8.15am a siren will ring, signalling that classes are open, and students can move to their class. Lessons begin at 8.30am, however arriving at 8.15am allows the students time to settle in. Parents of young children (Kindergarten and Pre-Primary) may also wish to play a game or puzzle with their child during this time.

While on the school site, all students are to be in the designated area even if their parents are with them. 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.

School Times

8:15am	Classes open
8:30am	Lessons begin
10.40am-11am (10:30am - 11am on Wednesdays)	Recess
1:00pm-1.38pm	Lunch (Eating from 1pm-1:15pm)
2:40pm	School finishes

Late Arrivals / Early Collection from School

If you need to collect your child during the school day, a parent / carer should 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 important 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)

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

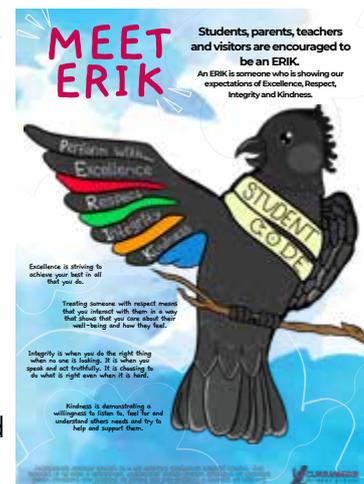
Our text message system automatically generates and sends text messages to parents/guardians of those students who are marked absent by their teacher. Texts are sent out twice a day, 10am and 2pm. You may reply to this text with a short explanation of your child's absence. Please note that the text message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

WA Positive Behaviour - Meet ERIK

Currabine Primary School is a WA Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) school, which means we define, teach and encourage expected behaviour, and build respectful relationships.

We'll be continuing to implement the PBS in 2021. This poster will help give you an introduction to the expectations and concepts that the children will be taught, we encourage you to discuss these expectations with your children at home.

All staff will acknowledge students demonstrating Excellence, Respect, Integrity and Kindness as students who are being an 'ERIK'. 'ERIK' tokens will be given to students both inside and outside the classroom. When students collect a predetermined number of tokens, they will be acknowledged.



Traffic and Parking Reminder

Parking is always a challenge at Currambine Primary School particularly in the afternoons. We now have our usual Kiss n' Drop at the front of the school off Ambassador Drive and a second on Moore Drive. Please also consider using the carpark on Christchurch Terrace, which is just a short walk from the school. This would reduce the traffic directly around the school and increase safety for our children. Children are able to cross Moore Drive safely at the school crossing and parents can also park there and walk down to school to collect your children.

Ambassador Drive Kiss n' Drop

In the mornings there is only one Kiss n' Drop lane active. To use the Kiss n' Drop, please stay in the right hand lane, leaving the left lane free for Kindy and Pre-Primary parents to access the parking bays.

In the afternoons, the Kiss n' Drop operates in two lanes, with traffic then merging to a single lane. If you are in the left lane, please give way to Kindy and Pre-Primary parents backing out of the parking spaces.

Often, vehicles waiting to enter the Kiss n' Drop can cause traffic to come to a standstill at the roundabout at Ambassador Drive and Paddington Avenue, causing unnecessary, and sometimes dangerous, congestion. This is inconvenient for residents and there have been reports of dangerous driving to overtake stationary vehicles.

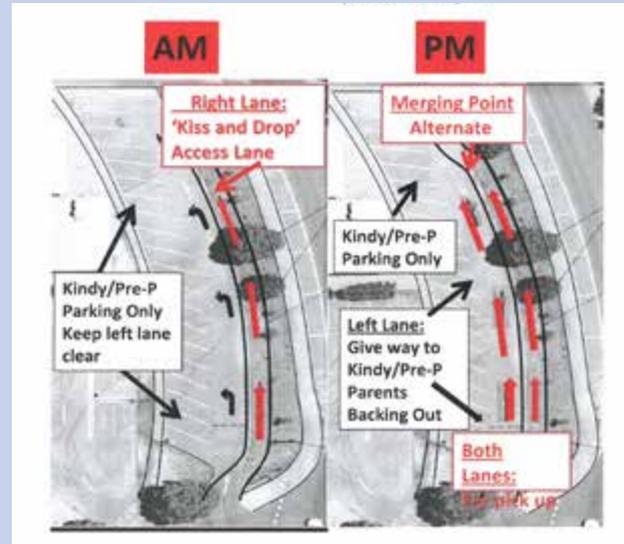
1. If you cannot turn into the car park because it is full, please continue through the roundabout and circle back a few minutes later. Please do not stop and block traffic from entering the roundabout.
2. If there is traffic stopped at the roundabout, please do not overtake.

Moore Drive Kiss n' Drop

The bus bay on Moore Drive adjacent to the school is now a Kiss n' Drop facility in the mornings and afternoons. Whilst this has greatly assisted traffic flow around the school, it is essential that we abide by the rules below to avoid causing unnecessary congestion and to maintain the support of the City of Joondalup with this arrangement.

1. Parents must stay in their car.
2. Parents should park at the eastern-most point of the bay, so other cars can move into the Kiss n' Drop behind them.
3. While waiting, if you can move your vehicle further up the bay, please do so. This will allow vehicles behind to move up and others can move into the bay.
4. If you have been at the Kiss n' Drop for a few minutes and your child has not arrived, please exit the bay, complete a u-turn at the Christchurch Avenue exit, drive down Moore Drive to the Connolly Drive roundabout and return to the Kiss n' Drop (see map). This allows parents waiting to enter the bay and pick up their children if they are already waiting. Take extra care around the pedestrian crossing.

These arrangements (particularly #4) allow children to be picked up in a timely manner and for the flow of traffic to continue unimpeded, which is essential to maintain the City of Joondalup's support.



Your assistance in creating a safe environment for our students, and preventing dangerous situations for other motorists, is very much appreciated. Should you have any queries, please email Geoffrey.Smith@education.wa.edu.au

TERM ONE 0-4 YEAR OLD PROGRAMS

Our 0-4 year old programs are back for Term One

Our community programs are a wonderful way for you to support your child's early learning and acclimatise them to a school environment. Children don't need to have a sibling attending the school, all children (aged 0-4) and their parents are welcome to attend.

Rhyme Time - A fun session of nursery rhymes and singing aimed at supporting the phonic awareness skills.

Story Time - An enjoyable and relaxing way to spend time with your child, while developing your child's pre-literacy and social skills through stories.

Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S) - Includes outside play, indoor activities, singing and music to enhance fine/gross motor skills, develop social skills and provide engaging learning experiences to enhance his/her readiness for kindergarten.

If you have a child aged between 0-4 years old, we would love to see you at one of our sessions this term.

Upcoming sessions

Week Three

Monday 15th February: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.

Wednesday 17th February: Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Week Four

Monday 22nd February: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.

Wednesday 24th February: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Week Five

Monday 1st March: Public Holiday, no P.A.L.S.

Wednesday 3rd March: Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Week Six

Monday 8th March: P.A.L.S 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.

Wednesday 10th March: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Week Seven

Monday 15th March: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.

Wednesday 17th March: Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Week Eight

Monday 22nd March: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.

Wednesday 24th March: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

You do not need to pre-register, come along to a session. Please contact the school office on 6207 6100 between 8am and 4pm weekdays for further details.

We hope to see you there!

How to place an order at the Canteen

The canteen uses School24 Online Ordering Facilities. You can place orders up until 8.30am on the day.

Step 1: Create an account

- Go to <http://www.school24.com.au/register>
- Click on Create Account
- Fill in your details and submit
- Please note: School Registration ID is 25191963
- If you need help call 1300 067 337

Step 2: Before you order

- Login to your secure portal <http://www.school24.com.au/login>
- Add students
- Top up your account

Step 3: Placing an order

- Select a student
- Enter or select the lunch order date
- Click on Start Order and follow the prompt

Manual Ordering

All manual orders must now be brought to the canteen before 8.30am each day. A copy of the menu is available on the school website.

- Write the students name and room number clearly on a paper lunch bag.
- No envelopes or snap-lock bags or we cannot guarantee safe delivery of your child's lunch
- Write your order and cost of order on the bag.
- Pay by cash only. Correct change appreciated. No EFTPOS facility.

Lunch bags may be purchased from your local supermarket. Forks and spoons are included free of charge for canteen meals but extras cost 10c each.

Please be advised that a \$1 admin fee will now apply for all manual lunch order requests received after the daily cut-off. The admin fee will only apply for parents/carers ringing to request a lunch order be deducted manually from their online balance after the 8.30am cut off as this is a time consuming process.

Your canteen is proudly run by the Currambine Primary School P & C and its volunteers. If you have any dietary requirements please feel free to discuss them with our canteen staff. We welcome any suggestions from parents, students and staff for menu items. To contact the canteen call 6207 6100 and ask for Marianne or Bec.

Uniform Shop

You are able to place orders by dropping your completed order form (available from the office or school website) and drop it into the P & C box in the office. Orders will be processed twice per week and delivered to your child's class.

The school Uniform Shop usually opens during the school term. Shop hours are:
Tuesday 2pm – 3pm
Thursday 8.15am – 9.15am

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Visa or Mastercard.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY



After School Club

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