

Dear parents and community members,

Over the last two weeks we have hosted our series of Information Nights for each year group. Thank you to all families who joined us and to our staff for making themselves available. The Information Night for Year Six will be hosted tonight from 5.30pm to 6.30pm in the Library.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN Online will be conducted in Term Two for students in Year Three and Five. Families will be aware that the testing program was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19. It is expected that the program will go ahead with students completing assessments in Reading, Spelling, Writing, Punctuation and Grammar and Mathematics. All assessments are conducted in an online digital environment with the exclusion of the Year Three writing assessment.

Free Dress Day

Our school will host a free dress day tomorrow (Friday 19th February) for a gold donation. The money collected will go to support families who have experienced challenges due to the recent fires in the Perth hills. Thank you to the parents who contacted me to request that we do something for this cause.

Assembly

We will host our first assembly this Friday, with staff and students from TA24 to host this assembly. All families are most welcome to join us for this event.

After School Sport

After School Sport will begin this Thursday for students in Years Five and Six. The program will also run on Friday afternoons and will continue through to Week Eight of the term being Friday 26th March.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lessons for students in Years Five and Six will commence next week. The children will travel to Mullaloo Beach for their lessons. We believe it is important for students to develop swimming skills in a beach environment. Parents are urged to return permission slips and money to the front office at the earliest opportunity.

School Development Day

A School Development Day will be hosted on Friday 26th February. The children do not attend school on this day. The staff will be participating in professional learning around de-escalation strategies, using technology to support learning and the WA Positive Behaviour Support program.

Public Holiday

Monday 1st March is the Labour Day public holiday.

STAY CONNECTED



School Photos

School Photos will be hosted on Tuesday 9th March through to Thursday 11th March. Further information will be sent home to parents concerning the ordering of photos and the arrangements around family photos closer to the date.

Athletics Carnivals

The School Athletics Carnival will be hosted on Friday 19th March with the jumps and throws being hosted on Tuesday 16th March. Parents are most welcome to join us for this event, subject to any directions by the state government regarding COVID-19. The Interschool Carnival will be hosted at Beaumaris Primary School oval on Thursday 1st April which is the last day of the school term.

New Parents Morning Tea

New parents to Currambine Primary School are invited to attend a morning tea on Thursday 25th February. An email invitation has been sent to all families that have joined the school this year, however if you believe you have been missed and would like to attend, please email casey.bryden@education.wa.edu.au for more information. Please RSVP by close of business on Monday 22nd February.

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

Thurs 18th Feb	Year Six Information Night. 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Undercover Assembly Area.
Fri 19th Feb	Assembly A, TA24.
	Free Dress Day. Gold coin donation, funds raised go to the Lord Mayor's Bushfire Relief Fund.
Mon 22nd Feb	Year Five / Six Swimming Lessons begin. Mullaloo Beach. Lessons conclude 5th March.
Thurs 25th Feb	New Parents Morning Tea. 9am in the Library. All new parents welcome.
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 Mar	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.

Consent for Department of Education Online Services

The Department of Education works with schools to ensure that student information is kept safe and secure, when operating online. There have been recent updates in Department policy and it is now a requirement for the school to seek consent for specific applications and websites. A survey was sent via Connect on Tuesday, everyone is asked to please complete this (one survey for each student) by Tuesday 23rd February.

New Shade Structure

Last weekend, a new shade structure was installed between Block Four, TA45 and TA46. This has been done to create a large area that is protected from the elements and I'm sure our Year Threes and Fours will enjoy eating their recess and lunch in this new area.

The State Government contributed financially to the structure, but I wish to extend a big thank you to our P & C who contributed an astounding \$20,000 towards this new addition. Without the P & C's support, this may not have been possible. Thank you also to everyone that supported the P & C's fundraising efforts last year.



Invitation to attend the P & C AGM (Monday 15th March)

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. It's 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. The committee fundraises through various activities, including school discos, the colour run, Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls, and provides a forum for parents to discuss important matters relating to the school and its community.

I hope to see you at the AGM at 7pm, Monday 15th March.



Increased Traffic Patrols

The City of Joondalup has been receiving an increased number of traffic complaints, and as a result, Currambine Primary School has been put on a high priority list for patrols. Often, vehicles waiting to pick-up children cause traffic to come to a standstill at the roundabout at Ambassador Drive and Paddington Avenue, causing unnecessary, and sometimes dangerous, congestion.

The new Kiss 'n Drop on Moore Drive was implemented to assist with this situation and was outlined in the previous newsletter. I've included it again in this one, please have a read and do the right thing to assist our local residents. 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.

Communications Survey

We are seeking feedback from parents and carers regarding our communications and would greatly appreciate your input via the short survey below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7GRSMWZ>

There is a plethora of information sent home from the school, via newsletters, Connect and the school App. The aim is to ensure you get all the information that you need, without it being a burden, and your feedback will help us improve.

Chaplain's Chat

My name is Jane Sexton and I have the privilege of being the new School Chaplain here at Currambine Primary School. I have worked in schools for the past 28 years with the last 4 years as a School Chaplain.



I have four children (aged 21, 19, 13 and 10) and we moved to Perth at the beginning of 2017 when I began working as a School Chaplain. This year I have joined Currambine Primary School and will be working here 3 days a week as well as continuing my work 2 days a week at Churchlands Primary School.

In the role of Chaplain, I am able to provide support to the school community in the area of pastoral care focusing on developing positive relationships and embracing the school's values. This includes assisting students to develop their emotional intelligence through understanding, communicating and managing their feelings, building resilience, identifying appropriate ways to resolve conflict, providing them with strategies for when they feel they are being picked on and to further develop their social and emotional skills. I am also available to assist parents who are concerned about their child's wellbeing.

Thanks to funding from the P&C for an additional day of chaplaincy support, I will be involved in running the Magic Coat program each Thursday. The Magic Coat program aims to help promote calm, confident and caring kids.

I am at Currambine Primary School every Monday, Thursday and Friday and look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months.

Bullying Prevention Policy

Bullying is always an undesirable behaviour. Bullying can be defined as an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.

Such behaviour is addressed within our curriculum programs in Years Two, Three and Four through the Friendly Families Plus program and a cyber-bullying unit in Year Six. It is important that children understand that bullying involves the intention to cause harm, the misuse of social power and is repetitive. Children can experience other undesirable behaviour at school including rudeness, difficulties solving conflict or falling out with friends, though this is not bullying.

For parents, it is critical to encourage your child to be an appropriate bystander, in fact, we often use the term upstander with the children. The most powerful way to reduce the incidence of bullying in a school, or a workplace for that matter, is for the people around the incident to speak up about the inappropriate behaviour and to support the person who experienced bullying, not the person engaging in bullying behaviour. I encourage parents to speak with their children about this and encourage them to show kindness, respect and integrity, three of our school values that support upstander behaviour.

If your child reports experiencing bullying themselves, you should encourage them to seek the support of their peers, the teacher and senior members of the school staff immediately.

Regards,
Geoff Smith,
Principal.

Traffic and Parking Reminder

In addition to our usual Kiss n' Drop at the front of the school off Ambassador Drive, there is now a second on Moore Drive.

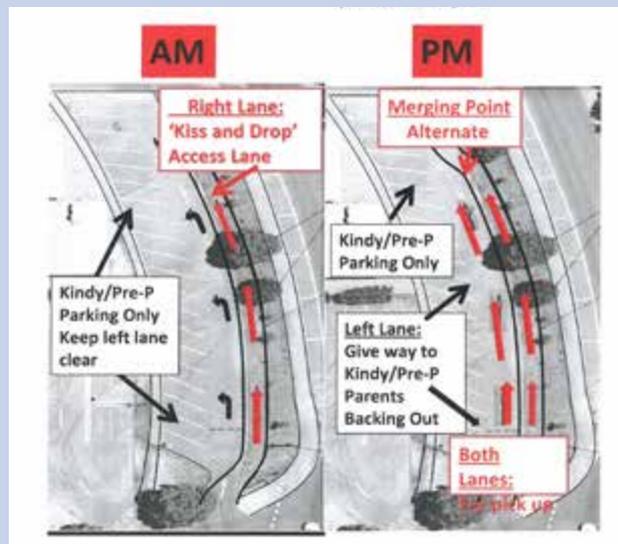
Ambassador Drive Kiss n' Drop

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



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Contact Peta on 0403062332 or email admin@couragoushearts.com.au



REGISTRATIONS OPEN



Calling all boys and girls turning 7, 8, 9 and 10 who would like to join our netball club to play in a netball team for Winter 2021.

Registrations are open
Please go to our website currambinenc.com.au
for more info or email cncregstrars@gmail.com

Training is on a Thursday afternoon at HBF Arena, training starts on 18th March 2021.

Matches are on a Saturday morning/afternoon at HBF Arena, depending on your age.
Competition starts on 1 May 2021 for 15 weeks.