

CURRAMBINE PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Currambine Chronicle

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday our Year Six students enjoyed their graduation ceremony marking the closure of their time at primary school and their transition into secondary education. I would like to thank all the families that joined us for this event and to my staff in Year Six, Mr Van Lieven, our Education Assistants in the senior primary and Mrs Harmer-Watkins for their contribution to the graduation. I am sure it will be an experience remembered by the children for years to come.

Tomorrow night we will host our Carols by Twilight with the Year Three students leading the performances. All families are most welcome to join us for this event which commences at 6pm.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Music Teachers Mr Van Lieven and Mrs Barrett, our Year Three Teachers, Education Assistants and Mrs Veness for their organisation and leadership of this community event.

Year Six Dinner Dance

The Year Six students will enjoy their end of Year Dinner Dance on Monday 13th December at the HBF Arena from 5.30pm. Parents are welcome back at 8.15pm with the event concluding at 8.45pm. I would again like to acknowledge the Year Six teachers and Education Assistants plus Mrs Harmer-Watkins for their organisation and leadership of this event.

End of Year Assembly

The End of Year Assembly will be hosted on Tuesday 14th December commencing in the Undercover Assembly Area at 8.45am. At this assembly we will be awarding the Excellence and Endeavour Book Awards and with the support of our P&C Association, we will be introducing the ERIK High Flyer awards to acknowledge a student in each class that exemplifies our school values. I am very appreciative of the P&C Association supporting the funding for all book awards in 2021.

Reports

Reports will be issued via Connect and email on Tuesday 14th December. Instructions on how to locate a student report on Connect is attached.

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Parent Thank You Morning Tea

On Tuesday 14th December our school will host a Thank You morning tea for all parents who have contributed to the success of our students and the school over the past 12 months. The event will be held in the Library from 10.30am. I invite all parents who have provided support in class, at excursions, at P&C events or in any other way, to join us for this event.

End of Year Incursions and Excursions

Students in Pre-Primary to Year Six will participate in end of year incursions and excursions on Thursday 16th December. Separate communications regarding the various events have been sent home to parents.

Final Day of School

The final day of school for students is Thursday 16th December.

School Opening in 2022

The school office will open next year from Monday 24th January. The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 25th January from 1.30pm to 4.30pm for parents who wish to purchase uniforms or pick up orders.

School Development Days will be conducted on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th January. The children commence school on Monday 31st January.

Reviews of Currambine Primary School

Many of the new students joining us next year are doing so because of Currambine Primary School's fantastic reputation in the wider community. If you have a spare moment, it would be most appreciated if you could help to spread the word by leaving a review on our Facebook page here: www.facebook.com/CurrambinePrimarySchool/reviews. My sincere thank you to the parents that have left positive reviews on our Facebook page over the years.

Farewells

As each year draws to a close, we say farewell to staff who have been working on fixed term contracts or are moving on to new professional opportunities and I wish to acknowledge;

Mrs Caccamo who has been an Education Assistant with Currambine Primary School for many years and has recently completed her qualifications as a Teacher. She has been working with us for the past six months in a teaching role with Year Two students and has done a wonderful job. I thank her for her long service to our school and wish her every success with her future teaching career.

Miss Weber has been a part of our school for several years, completed her final practicum with us and has moved on to teach Pre-Primary and Kindergarten classes. Miss Weber has developed into a highly capable educator and I thank her for her contributions to our school community and wish her all the best in the future.

Miss Finch will leave us after completing the first year of her career at Currambine. She has undertaken fantastic work and I wish her well with her future career as an educator.

Mr Croome also commenced working for us as a graduate teacher following a period of employment as an Education Assistant and has demonstrated he is a quality educator. I am aware he has secured a position for 2022 and wish him every success as he continues his teaching career.

Mrs Nixon has worked diligently with the students of TA45 and TA44 to ensure the continuity of programs in these classes and has contributed positively to the...

Farewell Ms Ann Martin

I would like to acknowledge Ms Martin who will retire from Currambine Primary School at the conclusion of the school year, after 13 years with our community and 33 years working within public schools in Western Australia. Ms Martin is much valued as an early childhood Education Assistant for her warmth, the wonderful relationships she builds with the students in her care and their families, plus all in the school community. She will be missed for her expertise as an Education Assistant, her numerous contributions to our community and for the wonderful sense of humour she brought to our community.

I am sure all in the community join me in wishing Ann a long and happy retirement.

Thank You

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank our students for their wonderful efforts throughout the year. The students understand the value of learning and their commitment and enthusiasm are an essential ingredient to the culture of our school. My sincere thanks to all parents for valuing your children's education and emphasising the importance of achieving your best.

I would add I have noted many parents supporting our school values in conversations with their children which has been fantastic.

Our school community has also appreciated the many parents who have contributed by providing support in class, with excursions or with P&C or LADDs Fathering project events.

Our P&C Association has done a fantastic job in 2021 raising \$42,000 to support; decodable readers, shade structures (being erected during the summer break), book awards and the chaplaincy program. A wonderful achievement.

Farewells continued...

growth and wellbeing of the young people in her care. I thank her for her commitment and passion to the role.

Mrs Coutts has worked with the students of TA37 and TA38 providing an opportunity for the teachers in these classrooms to conduct a coaching program with their colleagues to support professional growth and development. I thank her for her commitment to the role and am sure we will see Mrs Coutts around the school in 2022.

Miss Ayres has worked as a relief teacher across multiple classes and as a contracted teacher in TA34 for much of this year. I thank her for her enthusiasm and commitment to implementing the pedagogical approaches used in our school and wish her the best for the future.

Mrs Leverett has been working for our school supporting young people to engage actively with the curriculum and their peers in the role of Special Needs Education Assistant and has built a wonderful rapport with students and staff alike. I thank her for her work this year at Currambine Primary.

Mrs Holyday has worked in Block Two this year supporting children with their literacy development by running the Direct Instruction program. Her contribution has been much valued and appreciated.

Mrs Hardie has been working as a Special Needs Education Assistant with students in the middle years. Her warm and caring approach to the students has been very much valued by her colleagues and the students she works with.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all our staff at Currambine. We are indeed fortunate as a school community to have so many staff give so much beyond what is expected, to ensure the success of all of our students and our school. I am confident their hard work and commitment is valued by the students and their families.

I wish every member of the community all the best for the upcoming festive season and summer holiday break.

Kind regards

Geoff Smith
Principal

Farewells continued...

Miss Thomas has also worked as a Special Needs Education Assistant with children in the middle years and has proved herself to be a very capable and effective educator. I thank her for the difference she has made to the children in her care.

Mrs Fraser joined us during the year to support a young person in our care and has done a wonderful job of building rapport with them and leading them through the transition back to a school environment.

Mrs Greene joined us in Semester Two of this year as a Special Needs Education Assistant to support a young person in the care of the school. I thank her for the commitment and care she has brought to the role.

Mrs Orge joined us at the beginning of the year as a School Officer in the front office. I would like to thank her for her support and hard work during her time with us.

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

Fri 10th Dec	Kindy Group B End of Year Incursion
Fri 10th Dec	Year Five/Six Dance Lessons
Fri 10th Dec	Carols by Twilight
Mon 13th Dec	Kindy A Graduation Assembly
Mon 13th Dec	Year Six Graduation Dinner
13th - 15th Dec	LADDs Dads in Canteen
Tues 14th Dec	Final Assembly & Book Awards (Pre-Primary to Year Five)
Tues 14th Dec	Parent Helper Thank You Tea. 10.30am. School Library.
Wed 15th Dec	Breakfast Club. 7.30am to 8am. Staff Room.
Wed 15th Dec	Kindy B Graduation Assembly
Thurs 16th Dec	Last day of term. End of year incursions and excursions.

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 31ST JANUARY 2022

Message from School Board Chair

The final Board meeting of 2021 was held last week. It was a good time to reflect on a busy year and celebrate some of the successes. These include updating the uniform policy and working closely with the P&C to smoothly roll out the changes (thanks Krystal and Peta for driving this), growing the diversity of the parent and community component of the Board and obtaining funding from the state election for the new half-court basketball court and the soon to be installed shade structures.



We would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas break and look forward to a productive 2022.

Kind regards

Mark Roberts
Board Chair

COVID-19 Directions 2022

As you may be aware, all school staff are required to be double dose vaccinated before Term One, 2022 starts. The State Government has issued Education Worker (Restrictions on Access) Directions (No. 3), which are published on wa.gov.au. These Directions include vaccination requirements for visitors entering school sites.

Students **are not required** to be vaccinated.

Parents/carers **are not required** to be vaccinated when:

- dropping off or picking up their child from school;
- volunteering at school on an ad hoc basis;
- attending an event such as an assembly or parent teacher interview; or
- entering the school after hours.

'Ad hoc basis' means attendance at no more than one education facility no more than once per week.

Parents/carers **are required** to provide vaccination evidence (single dose vaccinated from 1st January 2022 and double dose vaccinated from 31st January 2022) or exemption when:

- volunteering at the school more than once a week (this includes volunteering at the school canteen, uniform store or an in-class literacy or numeracy program);
- working in an unpaid capacity at the school more than once a week; or
- participating in an endorsed program at the school where parent attendance is required (such as KindiLink).

The following are acceptable forms of evidence of COVID-19 vaccination or exemption:

- written confirmation of the COVID-19 vaccination issued by the Department of Health;
- the COVID-19 digital certificate, which shows only your COVID-19 vaccinations. Services Australia has information on how to get your COVID-19 digital certificate;
- your immunisation history statement, which shows all vaccinations you've had. Services Australia has information on how to get your immunisation history statement;
- an International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate issued by the Commonwealth Government. This shows the COVID-19 vaccination recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register;
- medical exemption issued by the Australian Immunisation Register; or
- temporary exemption granted by the WA Chief Health Officer.

We are committed to ensuring our school is a COVID-19 safe space. We have been provided with a clear direction of what we all need to do to keep students, colleagues and our community safe. If you have any queries, please contact the school office on 08 6207 6100.

Thank you for your support.

TA17 KA/B Update

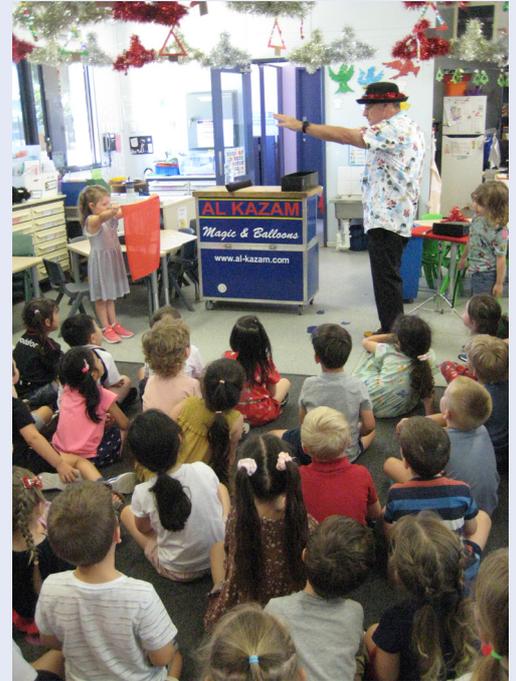
Our last fortnight of Kindy is full of Christmas and fun! We have used our fine motor skills to practise our weaving skills to make a bauble. We have threaded beads onto a pipe cleaner to make a candy cane, used pop sticks to make a Christmas tree and traced around Christmas shapes to make decorations. We have also practised our threading skills to make a Christmas stocking and coloured pictures using colours that match letters.

We had a wonderful time enjoying a Magic Show performed by Al Kazam. We laughed SO much as he was so funny! He did tricks involving magic wands, a magic book, a handkerchief and even had his friend Billy the rabbit come along.

We made our very own pizzas and enjoyed eating them for lunch. They were delicious! We also got to do some Christmas cooking. We made a reindeer biscuit, white Christmas slice and our very own reindeer food ready to be sprinkled on the lawn on Christmas Eve. We are really looking forward to our Kindy Concert next week too!

It's been an amazing year in Kindy and we can't wait to be big Pre-Primary kids next year!

Mrs Grace
TA17 KA/B



Children's University Graduation 2021

Congratulations to our students that attended the Children's University Graduation Ceremony at Edith Cowan University last week, along with students from six other primary schools.

We had 18 students take part in the Children's University Challenge; a program designed to help inspire a passion for learning from an early age, and that celebrates the learning students have done outside the classroom.

Congratulations to:

- Vedant B, Ruby B, Vida K, Simreen K, Amarleen K, Aneesha M, Caitlyn N, Chase S, Hayley W and Karma W for achieving a **National Bronze Award** (for 30hrs of learning).
- Bella F, Riley M, Odysseas T, and Floyd W for achieving a **National Silver Award** (for 65hrs or learning).
- Sienna C on achieving a **National Gold Award** (for 100hrs of learning).
- Laney M on achieving a **National Bronze Certificate** (for 130hrs of learning).
- Olivia N on achieving a **National Silver Certificate** (for 165hrs of learning).
- Mia F on achieving a **National Silver Diploma** (for 265hrs hours of learning).

Well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to the Children's University Australasia for having us!



Class of 2021 Graduation Assembly

What a wonderful (and emotional!) Graduation Assembly for our Year Six students yesterday morning, to mark the closure of their time at primary school and their transition into secondary education.

We would like to thank all the families that joined us for the special event, and our staff in Year Six, Mr Van Lieven, our Education Assistants in the senior primary and Mrs Harmer-Watkins for their contribution to the graduation.

A big thank you also to the special guests who attended to help hand out awards to our students, making the occasion even more special for them.

We are sure it will be an experience remembered by the children for years to come, and wish all of our Year Six students best of luck with their secondary education.



Thank you to our P&C

On Friday 26th November, our P&C hosted their final big event of the year; a fun-filled Christmas Movie Night. Students enjoyed watching a Christmas themed film and had a surprise visit from a very special person; Father Christmas himself!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Currambine P&C for all of their hard work in organising so many great fundraising events this year.

A special mention goes to **Nadine Havel** who has worked tirelessly to fulfil the role of Fundraising Coordinator this year, and **Kerry Harvey-French** who has done a great job supporting Nadine in the role. Thanks also to **Estelle Pettigrew** who has assisted in coordinating the volunteer rosters.

Many thanks also to P&C President, **Claire Ihlein** and all parents and carers who have volunteered to help out at events throughout this year. Without your help, these events would not happen and we would not have the additional funds to support the school and our students.



\$42,000 fundraised!

Currambine P&C have donated a huge \$42,000 to the school this year - a fantastic effort that we are truly grateful for.

This has been spent as follows:

- \$8,000 for decodable readers
- \$20,000 towards shade structures
- \$6,000 towards funding the Chaplain in 2022
- \$3,000 for ERIK and book awards
- \$5,000 to be shared between sport equipment and funding for the Chaplain

Many thanks again, we look forward to finding out what exciting fundraising events our P&C have in store for our students in 2022!

2021 Final Assembly - Tuesday 14th December

The final assembly of the year for Pre-Primary to Year Five students will be held on Tuesday 14th December. Please find below the program, for your information. We hope that you can join us.

2021 FINAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country

National Anthem and Wanjoo

Principal's Address - Mr Smith

Pre-Primary and Year One Awards - Mrs Binedell

Year Two and Three Awards - Mrs Veness

Year Four and Five Awards - Mrs Harmer-Watkins

Specialist Awards

Board Awards - Mr Smith and Mr Roberts

Announcement of 2022 Student Leadership Team
- Mr Smith and Mrs Harmer-Watkins

School Song

Close of Assembly

Certificate of Appreciation

Last week Year Six student Charleigh, presented Paul, the Fruit & Vegetable Manager at Woolworths Currambine with a Certificate of Appreciation, to thank Woolworths for supporting our Breakfast Club these past two terms.

Woolworths Currambine are kindly continuing to support our Breakfast Club (which runs on Wednesday mornings from 7.30am to 8am) in 2022.

Many thanks to Ms Zarb for organising the initiative which has become popular amongst our students.



Important Information for 2022

New school uniform

The Uniform Shop will be open on **Tuesday 25th January 2022, 1.30-4.30pm**. We are looking for volunteers to assist with 2 hour slots from 1-3pm or 3-5pm. If you can help please contact Krystal on 0438 981 801. Hours volunteered contribute towards a 5% uniform discount.

If you are unable to attend on this day, the Uniform Shop is open until the end of term (plus in the new 2022 school term) at the regular school term hours which are Tuesdays 2-3pm and Thursdays 8.15-9.15am.

Orders can also be placed by completing an order form, available on the school [website](#) or from the office. Please place completed forms along with the correct money or credit card details in an envelope into the P&C Box at the front office. Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom.



Student Diary

If you have pre-ordered and paid for a School Diary, it will be delivered to your child's classroom on the first day of school. If you have not yet pre-ordered and paid, please visit the school office as soon as possible. Once payment is made, diaries will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Class Lists

You will be advised of your child's TA and teacher on the afternoon of Friday 28th January via Connect. Full class lists can be viewed by logging into Connect (via desktop computer, not mobile phone) and clicking on the Library tab on the left hand side. There are folders for each year group and the class lists are located inside each folder. Class Lists will also be displayed on the window of the Staff Room from 2.30pm on Friday 28th January.

Sustainability Hub

Important messages from our Sustainability Committee.



Give Write

Collecting stationery to recycle, repackage and regift to Kids in need in WA.

We accept new and used

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| *blue, black & red pens | *lead pencils |
| *coloured pencils | *textas |
| *twist up crayons | *rulers |
| *erasers | *sharpeners |
| *pencil cases | *glue sticks |
| *artline pens | *highlighters |
| *unused exercise books | *calculators |

Collection details:

Please place donations in the collection boxes at Currambine Primary School Library or School Office by Wednesday 15th December

Instagram: #givewritewa
www.givewrite.org.au
e: info@givewrite.org.au



Give Write

Did you know that at some local schools, as many as 1 in 5 students start the new school year with nothing in their schoolbags?

This year we are excited to be supporting not-for-profit enterprise [Give Write](#), who take donations of new and pre-loved school stationery to recycle, repackage and re-gift to Western Australian children in need who start the school year with nothing. As well as donating stationery to children in need, Give Write also donates to teachers, who often use their own funds to purchase classroom supplies.

We are pleased to be able to accept donations for Give Write up until Wednesday 15th December.

Collection boxes are located in our school library and in the school office and the following new and used stationery items would be greatly appreciated:

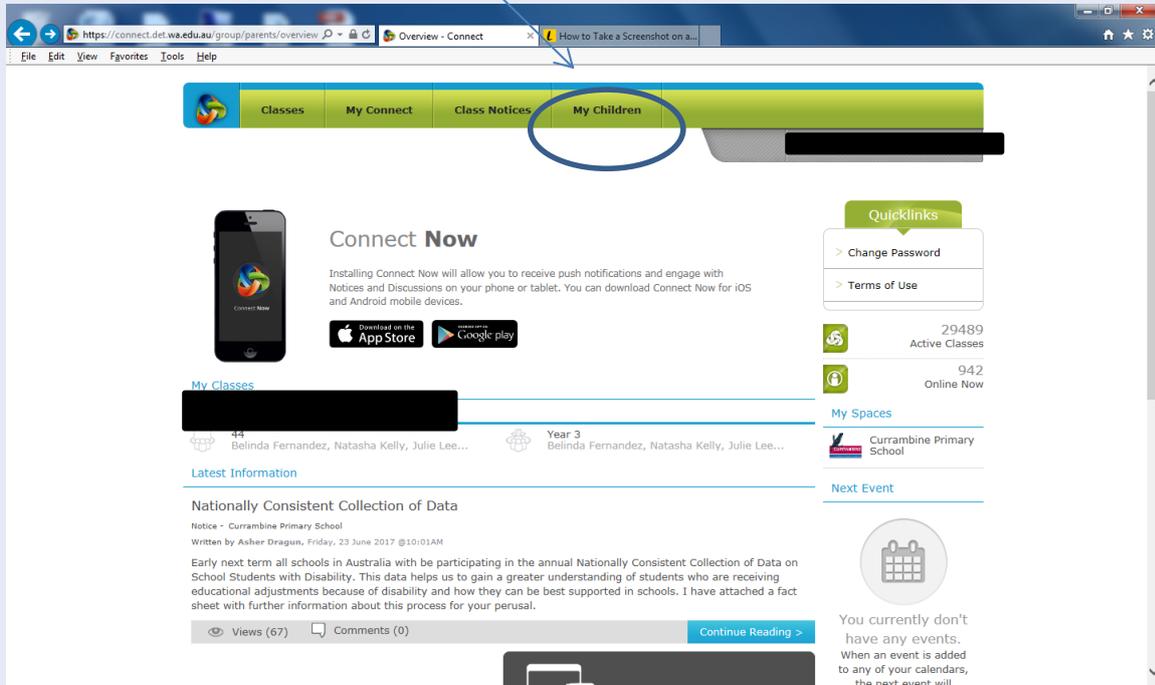
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- Sharpeners
- Glue sticks
- Highlighters
- Calculators

Many thanks to all those who have made donations so far.

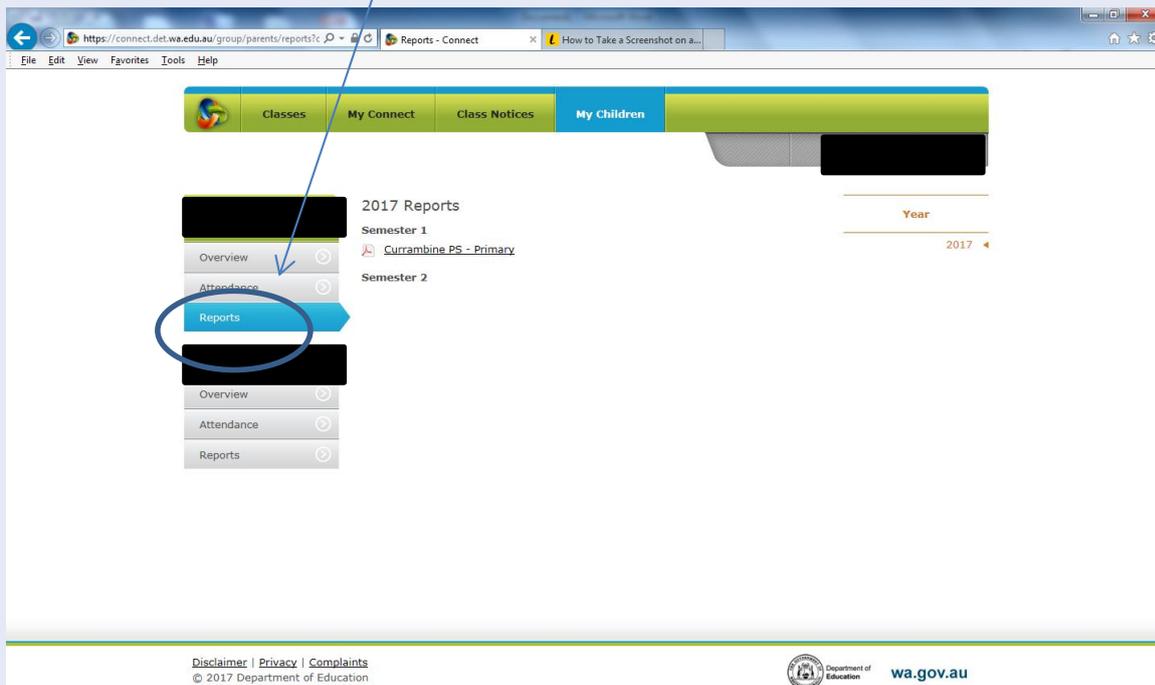
HOW TO VIEW YOUR CHILD'S REPORTS ON CONNECT

Step 1 – Log in to Connect with your username and password

Step 2 – Click on the 'My Children' tab across the top of the page



Step 3 – Click on the 'Reports' tab under your child's name



News from the Community



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Summer Holiday Sport



Make friends, and keep fit, while having fun this summer. I will be running **School Holiday Sport Programs** for **children aged 5-8** throughout **January 2022**. Each program will run for 8 sessions. There will be one to two sessions per day for each age group: one for children aged 5-6 and the other for children aged 7-8.

The hour-long sessions will consist of tag and running games. While the aim is for children to have fun, there will be some skill development: dodge and running. These skills are pivotal across a wide variety of sports. The games played will be like those used by most Physical Education teachers in a primary school setting.

There will be a maximum of 14 children per group. The sessions will be held outdoors in a park close to your area (TBC – either in Currambine or Ocean Reef). The **first session will be free** and after that, each session will cost \$20 if you wish to pay session by session, or you can pay \$110 upfront for the remainder of the program. The program will run over **two weeks** from **Monday to Thursday** each week. Depending on interest, I may run a pay per session weekend program ran over both days at \$15 per session (2 x 1-hour sessions).

About me: I am a father of one and a qualified primary school teacher with 7 years' experience. I have taught sport for 5 of those years. I have experience with coaching children aged 2- 12 years outside of school through working with Grasshopper Soccer. I aim to run a program where children will feel safe and supported with the goal of having maximum fun.

Below I have included possible starting times and dates. If you are interested, please email, or SMS me as soon as possible to let me know your preferences including days (weekend or weekday sessions), dates, and times during the January 2022 period. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Proposed Dates and Times:

2-week program:

Monday 3rd January, Monday 10th January, or Monday 17th January.

Weekend program:

Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th, Saturday 22nd, and Sunday 23rd.

Starting times for morning sessions:

Group 1 (ages 5-6) 7:00am, 7:15am, or 7:30am.

Group 2 (ages 7-8) 8:15am, 8:30, or 8:45am.

Starting times for afternoon session:

Group 1 (ages 5-6) 4:00pm, 4:30pm, or 4:45pm.

Group 2 (ages 7-8): 5:15pm, 5:45pm or 6pm.

Regards,

Scott Riley

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News from the Community



Government of Western Australia
Child and Adolescent 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 (Craigie)
Wednesday's - commencing 16th Feb 2022 9.30am - 11.30am
- Seminar Series (Joondalup)
Thursday's - 24th Feb, 3rd and 10th March 2022 9.30am - 11.30am
- Seminar Series (Floreat)
Wednesday's - 23rd, 30th March and 6th April 2022 9.30am - 11.30am
- Discussion Group (Craigie) "Dealing with Disobedience"
Tuesday - 15th March 2022 9.30am - 11.30am

How do I book?

Ask your child health nurse or visit healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups.

Coronavirus
update



To help us all stay healthy, please remember:

- Practise physical distancing.
- Do not attend if you are feeling unwell or need to self-isolate.

If you need to cancel your booking, contact the **Child Health Booking System** on **1300 749 869** (metro only).

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.

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability.

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