

# The Currambine Chronicle

Currambine Primary School's Fortnightly Newsletter



## CURRAMBINE

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I extend a warm welcome back to all members of the school community to what I am sure will be a very exciting and educational year at Currambine Primary School. Our students have settled back into the routine of school in a timely and productive manner.

A very special welcome to students and their families who are new to our school this year, in particular to Kindergarten families who have a child commencing their educational journey.

The first newsletter of the year always contains a great deal of information on a wide range of policies and processes that operate within the school, aimed to help new families and to also act as useful reminders for our older families. Therefore, I encourage you to take the time to familiarise yourself with this material.

Whether you are new, or have been part of the Currambine Primary School community for a while, please do not hesitate to contact the office staff or myself if you find yourself lost while navigating the start of the school year. I wish everyone an enjoyable and successful 2022 school year.

Kind regards

**Geoff Smith**  
Principal



### Parent Information Evenings

Parent information evenings are hosted each year to provide the opportunity for parents to meet their child's new teachers and to learn about the routines and practices that occur in the new year level. The times and dates of the meetings are;

<b>Pre-Primary</b>	Wed 9th Feb, 5–6pm
<b>Year One</b>	Thurs 10th Feb, 5–6pm
<b>Year Two</b>	Tues 8th Feb, 5–6pm
<b>Year Three</b>	Tues 8th Feb, 5–6pm
<b>Year Four</b>	Wed 23rd Feb, 5.30–6.30pm
<b>Year Five</b>	Tues 15th Feb, 5.30–6.30pm
<b>Year Six</b>	Thurs 17th Feb, 5.30–6.30pm

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## Calendar Snapshot

2nd - 11th Feb	Year Five & Six Beach Swimming Lessons at Mullaloo.
Mon 7th Feb	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am. Undercover Area.
Tues 8th Feb	Year Two Information Night. 5-6pm.
Tues 8th Feb	Year Three Information Night. 5-6pm.
Wed 9th Feb	Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Wed 9th Feb	Pre-Primary Information Night. 5-6pm.
Thurs 10th Feb	Year One Information Night. 5-6pm.
Mon 14th Feb	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am. Undercover Area.
Mon 14th Feb	P&C Meeting. 7pm.
Tues 15th Feb	Year Five Information Night. 5.30-6.30pm.
Wed 16th Feb	Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Thurs 17th Feb	Year Six Information Night. 5.30-6.30pm.
Fri 18th Feb	Assembly A (TA25)
Mon 21st Feb	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am. Undercover Area.
Wed 23rd Feb	Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Wed 23rd Feb	Year Four Information Night. 5.30-6.30pm.
Fri 25th Feb	Assembly B (TA48)
Mon 28th Feb	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am. Undercover Area.
Wed 2nd Mar	Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Fri 4th Mar	Staff Development Day (No students)
Mon 7th Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday

**View the full Term One Planner on our [website](#)**



### Keeping in touch via Connect

Our school regularly communicates important information with families via 'Connect Now', a free app developed by the Department of Education WA that can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store. It will enable you to receive Connect Notices as push notifications.

**Please note:** to view some attachments and posts in the Library section within Connect, you will need to log in via your Internet browser rather than via the app.

# Covid-19 Safe Return to School Plan

We want to assure you that the health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority and we are following the latest WA Health advice at: [www.healthywa.wa.gov.au](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au) and the Safe Return to School Plan as per the factsheet we sent to parents and carers via Connect last week. You can also view the Factsheet via our [website](#). This shows how we will work together to keep our students, staff and school community safe.

As you will be aware, public health and social measures are in effect for the Perth and Peel (including Rottnest Island) and South West regions, details can be found at [wa.gov.au](http://wa.gov.au). This includes the requirement for masks to be worn while indoors at schools in these regions.

That means teachers and staff in our school need to wear masks indoors. **Primary students are not required to wear a mask**, but are encouraged to do so. Our staff have explained to our students the importance of wearing a mask as together we work through this transition. You can choose for your child to wear a mask indoors and that is allowed.

We ask that all adults adhere to the social distancing rules whilst on our school site which means that no more than 16 adults may be present in a classroom or the school office at the same time. Parents/carers must wear masks when inside a school building but do not need to be vaccinated or show proof of vaccination at school drop off, pick up, or whilst attending assemblies.

However if you are volunteering on the school site or participating in a programme (such as our Story Time, Rhyme Time or P.A.L.S. sessions for 0-4 year olds) more than once per week, then proof of your vaccination or exemption is required.

Thank you to all students and parents for your understanding and support during these times.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 6207 6100.

## Please note:

- All adults **MUST** wear a mask when indoors on our school site. This includes all parents, carers and school staff.
- Primary school students are **NOT** required to wear a mask.
- Parents must adhere to social distancing protocols.
- It is recommended that adults wear a mask outdoors where physical distancing is not possible.
- There is a limit of 16 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.
- Additional cleaning will take place on the site, cleaning high-touch surfaces and playgrounds.



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# Hello.

## COVID-19 school visitor information

Proof of vaccination or exemption not required		Proof of vaccination or exemption required	
 Drop-off and pick-up	 Parent/teacher interviews	 Volunteering or working (classroom, school canteen or uniform shop) more than once a week	 Contractors
 Sports carnivals	 Assemblies	 Parents attending KindiLink	 Events (more than 500 people)
 Volunteering (once a week or less)	 Delivery of goods and services	 In-class literacy and numeracy program	

Thank you for helping reduce the transmission of COVID-19. Please ask at the front office if you have questions about showing your COVID-19 evidence or exemption.

Please sign in at the front office and show your proof of vaccination or exemption.

Based on current public health advice as at 20 January 2022.

# School Policies

## Mobile Devices 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, smart watches 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 start of the day and stored securely at school. The device will be returned at the end 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.

## Mobile Devices Policy continued...

A copy of the Mobile Devices Policy can be viewed on the school [website](#) and in the Student Diary. We very much appreciate your support with this matter.



## Facebook Code of Conduct

A copy of the school's Facebook Code of Conduct can be viewed on our [website](#). Our school hosts a [Facebook page](#) to share with you the many events, activities and experiences our students enjoy, as well as using it as a tool to communicate information about school processes and programs. It is 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 13 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 a face to face meeting. This allows 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.

## School Policies continued

### Arrival at School

May we remind you that children are not expected to arrive on the school site prior to 8am. When children arrive after 8am 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 please support us with these arrangements to ensure we can manage appropriate supervision of students prior to the start of the school day.

### Late Arrivals/Early Collection from School

If you need to collect your child during the school day, please visit the front office to complete the appropriate processes before collecting your child from their classroom. This ensures that we can 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 will receive a late note. Please note that teachers mark their roll straight after the siren has rung.



### Mobile Text Message Service (SMS) for Absences

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/carers of those students who are marked absent by their teacher.

Texts are sent out twice a day at 10am and 2pm. You may reply to this text with a short explanation of your child's absence. Please note that this text message service may only be used for absences.

### Vacations during the School Term

If children are going to be absent for vacations during the school term, parents/carers are asked to email the Principal directly at: [Geoffrey.Smith@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Geoffrey.Smith@education.wa.edu.au)

Please note that vacation arrangements need to be signed off by a school Principal. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

# Traffic, Parking & Kiss 'n' Drop

## Traffic & Parking Management

Parking is always a challenge at Currambine Primary School, particularly in the afternoons. We have a Kiss 'n' Drop at the front of the school off Ambassador Drive plus a second on Moore Drive.

Please also consider using the car park 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/carers can also park there and walk down to school to collect their children.



## Traffic Warden Job Vacancies

We have been informed by the Western Australia Police Force Children's Crossing Unit that there is currently an urgent need for Traffic Wardens to operate school crossings.

If you, or a friend or relative are interested in becoming a Traffic Warden, please contact the Children's Crossings Unit directly on 08 6274 8731. An application pack will then be sent to you.

It is a paid position, for two hours per day, five days per week. To become a Traffic Warden, applicants will need an email address, a full driver's license with access to a vehicle and be able to work the full 10 shifts per week - one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. Applicants must also reside within a 10km radius of their crossing/school.

## 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 to enter the Kiss 'n' Drop, leaving the left lane free for Kindy and Pre-Primary parents/carers to access the parking bays. Please do not let your child(ren) exit your car in the lane adjacent to the orange cones.

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.

Please note:

- 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.
- If there is traffic stopped at the roundabout, please do not overtake.



**Moore Drive Kiss 'n' Drop information on next page...**

# Traffic, Parking & Kiss 'n' Drop continued



## Moore Drive Kiss 'n' Drop

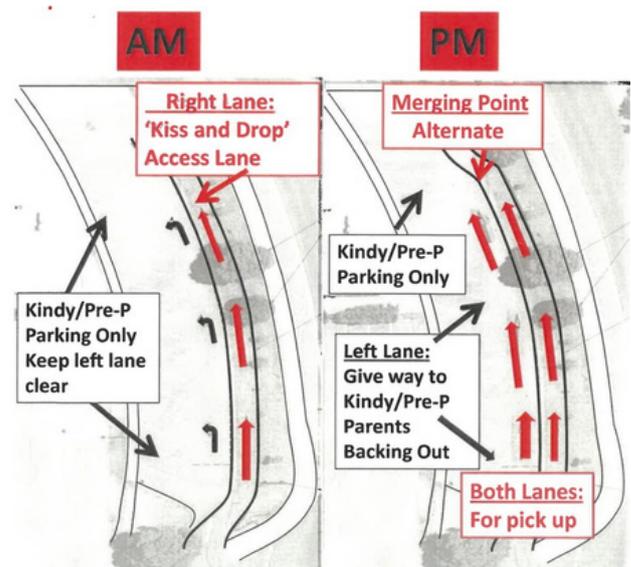
The bus bay on Moore Drive adjacent to the school is a Kiss 'n' Drop facility in the mornings and afternoons. Whilst this has greatly assisted traffic flow around the school, it is essential that we abide by the rules below to avoid causing unnecessary congestion and to maintain the support of the City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

1. Parents/carers must stay in their car.
2. Parents/carers 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 above). 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 point no.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.

If you have any questions please email our Principal: [Geoffrey.Smith@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Geoffrey.Smith@education.wa.edu.au)



## School Uniform & Canteen



### School Uniform Shop

The School Uniform Shop is located by the canteen/undercover area and usually opens during the school term at the following times:

- Tuesday: 2pm - 3pm
- Thursday: 8.15am - 9.15am

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

You are also able to place Uniform orders by completing an order form (available on our [website](#) or from the school office) and posting it into the P&C box in the office. Orders will be processed twice per week and delivered to your child's class.

### New School Uniform

As you may be aware, a new school uniform has been introduced (pictured above).

Please note that this year will be a transitional period towards everyone wearing the new school uniform next year (2023).

Therefore it is not essential that students wear the new school uniform yet, and both the new uniform and second-hand old school uniform are currently available to buy from the Uniform Shop.



### School Canteen Orders

The Cockatoo Cafe school canteen opens every day during the school term and is proudly run by the Currambine Primary School P&C and its volunteers.

#### Online Ordering

The canteen uses School24 Online Ordering Facilities. This system can also be used on Smartphones and Tablets. You can order lunch specials up until 9am on the day.

To view the menu online and place an order, please follow these steps:

#### Step 1: Create an account

- Go to [www.school24.com.au/register](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 [www.school24.com.au/login](http://www.school24.com.au/login)
- Add student(s)
- 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

To contact the Canteen call 6207 6100 and ask for Marianne or Bec in the Canteen.



## How you can get involved

### Currambine Primary P&C

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 throughout school.

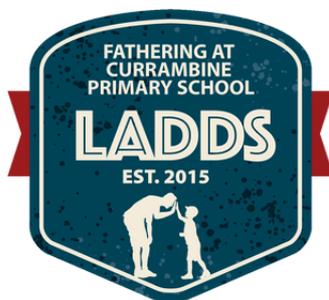
The committee fundraises through various activities, including school discos, colour runs, Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls, and provides a forum for parents to discuss important matters relating to the school and its community.

All are welcome to attend the first P&C meeting of the year on **Monday 14th February 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.



Annual Colour Fun Run, one of many fundraising events organised by our fantastic P&C



### LADDS (Loving and Devoted Dads)

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.



# Rhyme Time, Story Time and P.A.L.S for 0-4year olds



**Story Time, Rhyme Time and P.A.L.S.**  
**Free sessions for 0-4 year olds**



## **Currambine Primary School's Rhyme Time, Story Time, and Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) sessions for 0-4 year olds, are back for Term One!**

Children do not need to have a sibling attending our school, all children (aged 0-4) and their parents/carers are welcome to attend. These community programs are designed for pre-school children and are a wonderful way for you to support your child's early learning and acclimatise them to a school environment.

- **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.
- **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.

## **Upcoming Sessions:**

### **Week Two**

- Mon 7th Feb: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.
- Wed 9th Feb: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library

### **Week Three**

- Mon 14th Feb: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.
- Wed 16th Feb: Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library

### **Week Four**

- Mon 21st Feb: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.
- Wed 23rd Feb: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library

You do not need to pre-register, simply come along to a session. **Please note:** in line with current Covid-19 guidelines, if visiting more than one of these sessions per week, proof of vaccination or exemption will be required.

We hope to see you soon!



# Community Notices



## CURRAMBINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# HIP HOP

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# MULTI SPORTS

**TUESDAYS**  
Starting 8th February  
RUNNING FOR 8 WEEKS  
7.15AM - 8.15AM  
Y1-Y6

**\$70 FOR THE TERM**

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**WEDNESDAYS**  
First session 9th February  
Week 2 - Week 9  
YEARS: KINDY - YEAR 6  
7.15AM - 8.15AM

## FUN HEALTHY & INCLUSIVE

**PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE SO BOOK AHEAD TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT**



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# Community Notices



## CODING AND ROBOTICS CLUB

TERM 1 AFTER SCHOOL CODING CLUB



 CURRAMBINE PRIMARY



OUR ONLINE AND IN-PERSON CLASSES

## BECOME A MINECRAFT HACKER TODAY!

WITH MINECRAFT EDUCATION

TELEPORT, FLY, CREATE AMAZING EFFECTS - WITH CODE IN MINECRAFT WORLD.

THURSDAYS FROM WEEK 2

TIME: 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM

PRICE: \$265

YEARS: 2 - 6

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## Community Notices



**DO YOU WANT TO FIND A  
CHEAP WORKOUT THAT  
WORKS & HAVE FUN AT THE  
SAME TIME?**

**Then look no further!**

**Jungle Body With Mel now  
holds classes at  
Currambine Primary school  
every Monday evening at  
6:30pm**

- Classes are designed for all fitness levels and all ages - Everybody is welcome!
  - Cost is just \$12 per person
  - Class runs for an hour
    - The room is DARK
    - Lose up to 500 calories
    - Easy to follow moves
- We offer a safe zone for all Women
  - Music is loud to create a club like disco feel!

**Come join us in class by booking your class via the link provided in this newsletter!**

**follow Mel on social media for more info  
@junglebodywithmel  
[www.Facebook.com/junglebodywithmel](http://www.Facebook.com/junglebodywithmel)**



Jungle Body Class at Currambine Primary School

**[Click here](#)  
[to book](#)**