

# 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 our school community for Term Two. A special welcome to families who are joining us at the commencement of the term. I am sure you will have a positive transition into the school. May I also extend a welcome to Mrs Tanya Van der Walt who joins us this term in TA24.

### NAPLAN Online

The NAPLAN online assessments take place from 10th May to 20th May this term. Students in Year Three and Five will complete assessments in Writing (Year Three do this with pencil and paper), Reading, Spelling and Punctuation and Grammar. Parents will receive a report on their child's performance later in the school year.

### Major Events Term Two

The major events and activities for our school community this term include;

**10th – 20th May:** NAPLAN Online for students in Year Three and Five.

**23rd May – 2nd June:** Pre-Primary to Year Four Swimming Lessons.

**30th May – 8th June:** RAC Road Safety Incursion for students in Pre-Primary to Year Six. There is no cost for this educational experience.

**3rd June:** School Development Day. Students do not attend school on this day.

**6th June:** Public Holiday.

**24th June:** Winter Carnival for students in Year Five and Six will be hosted at the HBF Arena.

### Continued...

**28th June:** Semester reports are sent home to parents.

**28th – 30th June:** School photos will be taken for all year levels.

**1st July:** Term Two concludes.

### National Opinion Survey

Every second year we seek the views of parents about our school, via the National Opinion Survey. The survey will be available for all parents to complete and will go live next Monday 2nd May. Please look out for the Connect Notice, your feedback is much appreciated.

### Board Elections

Elections for three parent representatives on the School Board for a three-year term will be held this term. The nomination process will commence on 19th May with the distribution of nomination forms which the school needs to receive by Monday 13th June. I invite interested parents to make contact with me should they wish to discuss the work of the School Board and the commitment involved.

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## Principal's Welcome continued...

### COVID-19 Update

As you may be aware, there have been several changes to COVID-19 restrictions since the end of Term One, including an announcement that public health and social measures will ease from tomorrow; Friday 29th April.

### **Please note the following changes which apply to our school:**

- Indoor mask-wearing is no longer mandatory for students, teachers or parents on-site.
- Parents may not enter classrooms at this stage, but are welcome on the school site for drop off and pick up.
- Face to face parent meetings are permitted this term.
- In school special events can resume, though we will not be undertaking assemblies at this stage due to some limits with year level interactions. Parents are able to attend such events.
- Gathering of staff for meetings is permitted again.
- The School Board and P&C meetings may be conducted in person again.

### **A close contact is now defined as:**

- A household member of a person with COVID-19 who has had contact with them during the infectious period.
- Someone who has had close personal interaction with a person with COVID-19 during their infectious period, where they spent greater than 4 hours of cumulative contact with them in a residential setting in any 24-hour period (i.e. home, accommodation facility) where masks have been removed by both people during the period of contact.
- Someone who is directed by WA Health that they are a close contact.

Please note that this is the information we have at this time, which we expect will change in the future. We will communicate any updates as soon as we receive them. For further information please visit [www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au)

Kind regards,

**Geoff Smith**  
**Principal**



**Please see the WA Government Infographics with further information about the latest public health and social measures, on the following page...**

# COVID-19 Public Health Measures



## New baseline public health measures

Effective 12.01am, Friday 29 April 2022

### Indoor mask-wearing no longer mandatory

Masks will only be required for those aged 12+ in the following settings:



Aged care, disability care and hospitals



Taxis and rideshare



Public transport



Airports



Correction facilities

Masks are encouraged where physical distancing isn't possible.



All capacity limits and the 2 square metre rule lifted

Stadiums return to full capacity



New protocols for close contacts with no symptoms



Proof of vaccination no longer required at businesses and venues

Workplace vaccination requirements remain



Proof of vaccination no longer required for interstate travellers



G2G Pass no longer required for all travellers into WA



Some additional visitors allowed in hospitals

Masks and proof of vaccination still required



Entry to some remote Aboriginal communities remains restricted

More information can be found at [www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au)



## Updated guidelines for close contacts with no symptoms

Effective 12.01am, Friday 29 April, asymptomatic close contacts will no longer have to isolate for seven days, provided they:



Undertake daily RATs



Avoid high-risk and large gatherings



Wear a mask outside the home



Should notify employer or educational facility



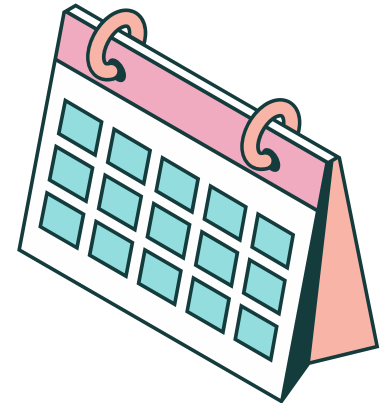
Work from home, where possible

Close contacts with symptoms must continue to follow existing close contact requirements

More information can be found at [www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au)

## Calendar Snapshot

Thurs 5th May	Mother's Day Gift Stall
Fri 6th May	Mother's Day Gift Stall
Mon 9th May	P&C Meeting. 7pm.
Tues 10th–Fri 20th May	NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
Mon 23rd May–Thurs 2nd Jun	Swimming (Pre-Primary to Year Four)
Mon 30th May – Wed 8th Jun	RAC Road Safety Incursion
Fri 3rd Jun	School Development Day – No Students
Mon 6th Jun	WA Day Public Holiday
Wed 8th Jun	Year Two Perth Zoo Excursion
Mon 13th Jun	P&C Meeting
Wed 15th Jun	Board Meeting. 7pm.
Fri 24th Jun	Winter Carnival (Year Five & Six). HBF Arena.
Mon 27th Jun	Fairy-tale Ball (Kindy A)
Tues 28th – Thurs 30th Jun	School Photos
Thurs 30th Jun	Fairy-tale Ball (Kindy B)
Fri 1st Jul	Free Dress Day. Gold coin donation (charity TBC).
Fri 1st Jul	Last Day of Term



Please note the above dates are correct at the time of newsletter issue.  
View the full [Term Planner](#) on our website

## Win an Overnight Stay at Joondalup Resort!

### Enter into the prize draw to win!

All families who pay their 2022 Voluntary Contributions (\$50 per child) by Sunday 7th August, will be entered into a prize draw to **win a one night 'Essential Escape' stay in a Resort Room at Joondalup Resort, including breakfast for two** in The Alcove Restaurant!

Many thanks to Rob Wilson from Currambine Primary's LADDs (Loving and Devoted Dads) Fathering Project who secured the fantastic prize and to Joondalup Resort for their generous donation.

The prize is valid until 27th October 2022. For more information about what Voluntary Contributions are, how the funds help our school, and how to make a payment, please see the following page.





# Voluntary Contributions

## What are Voluntary Contributions?

The school receives funding each year based on actual student numbers from the Department of Education. This goes to providing most of the material and resources necessary for students to access educational programs.

Your Voluntary Contributions provide additional resources and materials that maximise the quality of our teaching and learning programs and help us to provide the best possible education for your children.

The contributions enable us to purchase additional reading and library materials, curriculum resources, ICT and a variety of services and facilities which support our educational programs.

## How can I pay?

The contribution was included in the Booklists and many parents/carers opted to pay directly to Campion Education, who have passed the payment onto the school. If you have already paid your Voluntary Contributions, we thank you for contributing to the quality of our teaching and learning programs at Currambine Primary School.

**If you have not yet paid but would still like to contribute, there are several options available:**

1) Contact the school office between 8am and 4pm in person or by calling 6207 6100. Payments can be made via cash or EFTPOS.

2) Make a Direct Deposit into the school bank account using the following details:

Account name: Currambine Primary School - ANZ

Joondalup

BSB: 016-338

Account number: 3409 06693

Please enter your child's name as the reference and reason for payment.



## How much are the Voluntary Contributions?

Contribution amounts are set and ratified by the School Board each year. The Board has decided to reduce the cost of the Voluntary Contribution from \$60 to \$50 for the 2022 school year. This decision aims to acknowledge the challenging times and economic implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## They are 'voluntary', why should I pay?

Although its name seems to indicate they are inconsequential fees, your contributions allow our teaching staff to enrich their programs with what we believe are vital educational resources for the classroom. Every cent is allocated to the invoiced School Year and is used on that year so that it benefits your child directly.

Should you wish to arrange a payment schedule over an extended period of time you are most welcome to contact Lorraine Popham, Manager Corporate Services on 6207 6100.

**Many thanks for any contribution you are able to make.**



## TA18 KA Class Update



### Hoppy Easter!

On our last day of Kindy for Term One, TA18 and the other Kindy classes discovered something very egg-citing.

We heard a noise and went outside to see what it was. That's when we saw some big bunny footprints!

We followed them around the back of our classroom, down past the office and into the Kindy playground. That's where we discovered lots of little Easter eggs had been hidden all around the playground.

Luckily we were wearing our Easter Bunny ears and holding on to our Easter baskets that we made, so we were ready to go on an Easter egg hunt! With our keen eyes, we collected five eggs each and then got to count out our eggs before we ate them. Yum, yum! What a great way to end a very busy term.

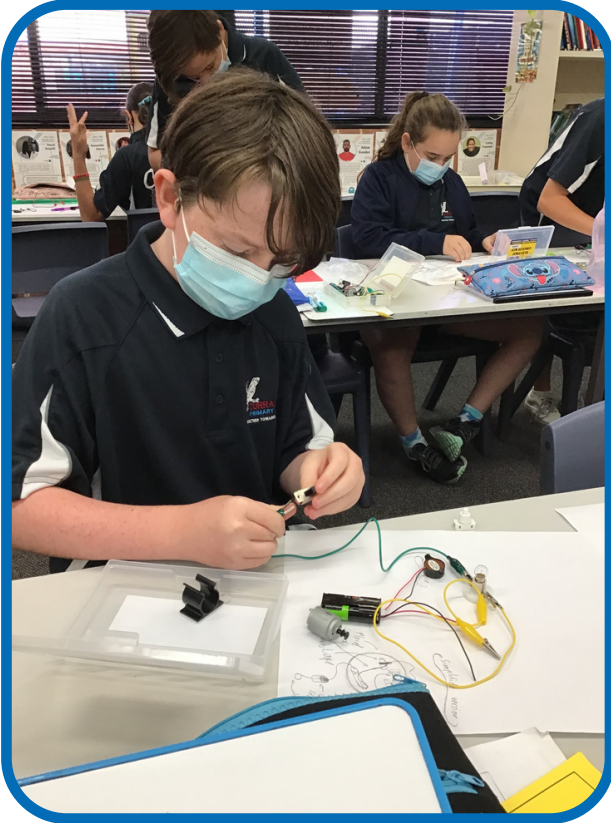


**Mrs Crawford**  
**TA18 KA**





## TA34 Science & Technology Project



### Electrical Tester Game

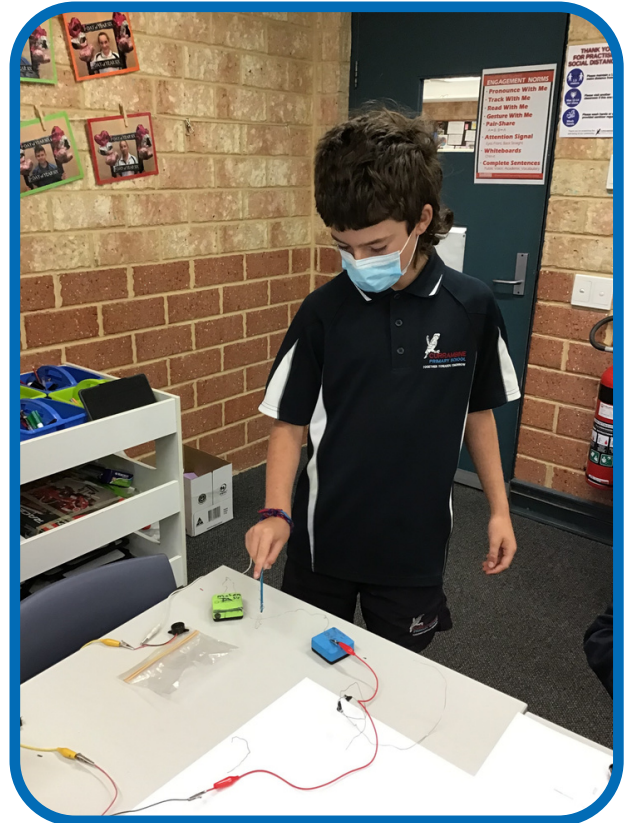
In the final week of Term One, Year Six students in TA34 enjoyed getting hands on with an integrated Science and Technology project.

Students demonstrated their knowledge of electricity by designing, labelling, and annotating an electrical hand tester game.

They built their hand tester and problem solved electrical and design issues. Then they reflected on their design and analysed the success of their project.

Well done for your fantastic work TA34!

**Mrs Solly**  
**TA34**





## Bunnings Art Competition Winners

### Congratulations Kaylee!

A huge congratulations to Year Five student Kaylee M of TA36 (pictured to the right with her flower painting), who won first place in the Bunnings Joondalup Art Competition.

Her work collected the most votes from guests attending the Bunnings Easter Event. Kaylee won a \$100 Bunnings voucher for herself and a \$200 voucher for our school.

The students will help me decide what school project we will spend it on when they meet for Art Club this term.

Chloe H, also in Class TA36 (pictured below) was awarded second place, winning herself a \$20 Bunnings voucher.

Chloe also accepted the \$200 Bunnings school voucher on Kaylee's behalf as she was away on holiday. Well done girls!

**Natalie Heartcliffe**  
**Visual Art Teacher**





## 2023 Kindy Enrolments & Tours

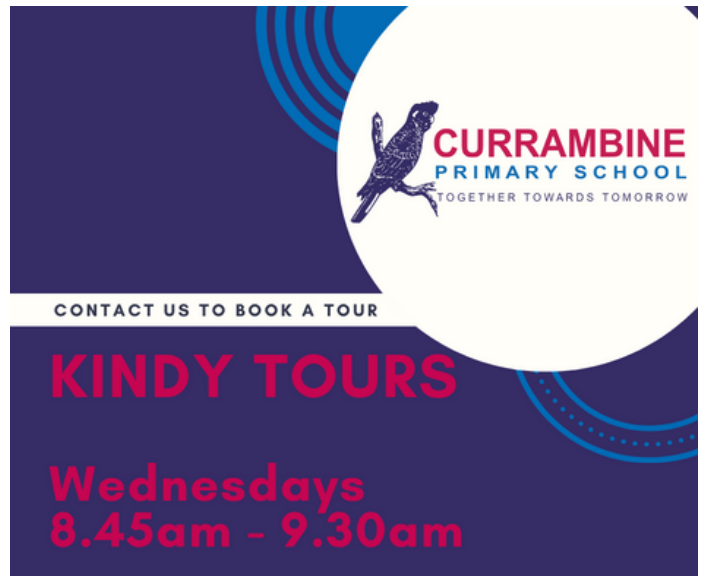
### Is your child starting school in 2023?

In Western Australia, children can start their education in Kindergarten, however, compulsory schooling starts the following year in Pre-Primary.

### Who needs to enrol?

You need to apply to enrol your child in school for 2023 if they are:

- Starting Kindergarten: and are 4 years old by 30th June 2023
- Starting Pre-Primary (the first year of compulsory school): and are 5 years old by 30th June 2023
- Changing schools



**You can find out more about enrolling your child at our school, plus view our School Prospectus at: [www.currambineps.wa.edu.au/enrolments/](http://www.currambineps.wa.edu.au/enrolments/)**



### Book a Kindy Tour

We will be hosting Kindy Tours every Wednesday morning from 8.45am to 9.30am, plus Twilight Kindy Tours from 5pm to 5.45pm on Wednesday 11th May, Wednesday 1st June and Wednesday 22nd June.

Students do not need to reside within the school's intake boundary, in fact, over fifty percent of our students have come from beyond our school boundaries drawn by our reputation for academic challenge, high standards of student behaviour, a caring and supportive community and staff always willing to 'go the extra mile' for the students in our care.

If you know someone in our local community that is looking for a school for their child, please share this information with them.

**If you have any questions or would like to book one of our upcoming Kindy Tours, please contact Brenda Koertzen on 6207 6100 or email: [Brenda.koertzen@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Brenda.koertzen@education.wa.edu.au)**



## Updates from Currambine P&C and LADDs

### \$1,806 raised in Easter Raffle

Thanks to your generosity a fantastic \$1,806 was raised for our school in the P&C Easter Raffle!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise the raffle, plus those of you who kindly donated prizes, and bought raffle tickets. A big thank you also to Woolworths Currambine for their donations.

It was fantastic seeing the smiles on students' faces when they realised that every child would receive a chocolate egg!

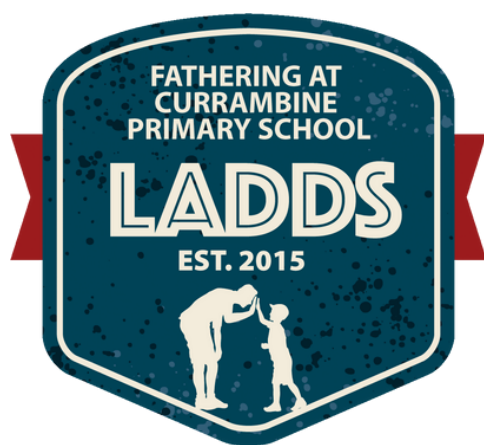
### Mother's Day Stall

Our P&C will be hosting a Mother's Day Gift Stall next Thursday 5th and Friday 6th May from 8am to 1pm outside the Staff Room. Gifts will be available to purchase from \$2 to \$10.

If you are able to help out on the stall next Thursday or Friday please contact Nadine Havel on 0432 543197.



For further details about upcoming P&C events visit the [Currambine PS P&C Facebook page](#).



### Funding for New Shade Coverage

Many thanks to the LADDs for the purchase of two new additional gazebos for our school to provide additional shade coverage at events.

The shades have been purchased thanks to a Government grant received via WA Labor Member Mark Folkard, which has also been used to fund books and event equipment.

### Win a Bunnings Voucher!

The LADDs Fathering Project have a number of Bunnings \$20 vouchers up for grabs!

All they need to know is what are your favourite books that you read to your children?

What do they like to hear from you especially at bedtime?

Simply email your list (10 if you can) to: [ladds.currambine@gmail.com](mailto:ladds.currambine@gmail.com) and on Mothers Day LADDs will share a list of all your favourite and most engaging books and draw out the winners!

For further details about upcoming LADDs events visit the [LADDs Facebook page](#).



## Term Two 0-4 Year Old Programs



### Story Time, Rhyme Time and P.A.L.S.

**Free sessions for 0-4 year olds**



### P.A.L.S, Rhyme Time & Story Time

Thanks to COVID-19 restrictions easing, we are pleased to be able to resume our community programs for 0-4 year olds. The 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 our school, all children (aged 0-4) and their parents/carers 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.

### Upcoming Sessions

#### Week Three

**Mon 9th May: P.A.L.S.** 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.

**Wed 11th May: Story Time.** 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

#### Week Four

**Mon 16th May: P.A.L.S.** 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.

**Wed 18th May: Rhyme Time.** 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

#### Week Five

**Mon 23rd May: P.A.L.S.** 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.

**Wed 25th May: 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 contact the school office on 6207 6100 if you have any questions.

# Parental controls in social media, games & apps

eSafety.gov.au is a useful resource for parents and children to help ensure your family stays safe online.

The article below is part of a series we hope will help you manage your child's digital technology use. Visit [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au) for more useful downloadable resources.

## Getting started with parental controls in social media, games and apps



Many social media sites, games and apps now come with parental controls. The eSafety Guide has advice on safety features that can be useful for parents and carers, including how to use the settings to protect personal information and report online abuse.

Here are some examples of the parental control features included in popular social media, games and apps.

### Roblox

Roblox is a game creation platform that allows users to design games, play together and chat. Using built-in parental controls, parents can manage the way their children use the game. These features include a 'restricted' mode that prevents access to chat and inappropriate games.

Find out more about Roblox safety settings in [The eSafety Guide](#) or Roblox [account restrictions](#).

### TikTok

TikTok is a social media app for creating and sharing short videos. TikTok has a feature called Family Pairing that allows parents to link their Tik Tok account to their teen's account. Family pairing lets parents set controls like how much time their child spends on TikTok, the content they can see and their privacy settings.

Find out more about TikTok's safety settings in the [The eSafety Guide](#) or TikTok [for parents](#).

### YouTube Kids

YouTube Kids is a filtered version of YouTube. Parents can create a separate profile for each child in their household. YouTube Kids uses a mix of automated filters, human review and parent feedback to limit the content that kids can see on the platform. Parents can also manually approve videos for their kids to watch, block videos and set screen time limits.

Find out more about YouTube Kids in the [The eSafety Guide](#) or [YouTube Kids](#).

### Facebook Messenger for Kids

Messenger Kids is a free video calling and messaging app owned by Facebook. Parents can monitor their child's activity and control their contact list using a Parent Dashboard. Parents can sign up on behalf of their child, and it doesn't require the child to have Facebook account. Messenger Kids does not show advertising or offer in-app purchases.

Find out more about Facebook Messenger for Kids in [The eSafety guide](#) or [Messenger Kids](#).

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## Staff Spotlight



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Special Needs  
Education Assistant

# Sue McKiddie



### My Favourites

Food: Garlic prawns & lollies  
Animal: Dogs  
Book: The Tattooist of Auschwitz  
Song: Walking on Sunshine  
Movie: Good Will Hunting  
Sport: Jogging



### Hobbies

Spending time with my family  
and dogs.



### Fun fact about me

When going under water, I block  
my nose with my top lip.



### When I was a child I wanted to be

A Vet



### What I love most about Currambine Primary

All the different types of people that I get to see each day.  
Oh, and the holidays.



## Community Notices



### Lyttle Stars Tennis

#### BEFORE SCHOOL TENNIS LESSONS

Lyttle Stars Tennis is proud to offer before/after school tennis lessons at Currambine Primary School in Term 2 of 2022 for children in years 1-6 who would like to have lots of fun once a week through this amazing sport.

The program is run by local coach Jack Lyttle who was one of the top Australian juniors, travelling the world, representing Australia and WA for many years. He also went to college in America on a tennis scholarship to compete while finishing his business degree. He has coached children for several years and loves teaching and having fun with the kids.



**All equipment** will be provided. (Welcome to bring own racquet)  
The details of the program are:

**Dates:** Each Tuesday from Week 2-Week 9 (8 weeks)

**Venue:** Currambine Primary School Basketball/Tennis Courts

**Time:** 7:30-8:15am \$130 / child (total)

#### To REGISTER:

- Please email [lyttlestarstennis@gmail.com](mailto:lyttlestarstennis@gmail.com)
- Or text Jack Lyttle on 0411 390 100

With the following information:

- ✓ Child's Full Name
- ✓ Child's grade and age
- ✓ Contact number
- ✓ Email address

We look forward to being out on the court with you.



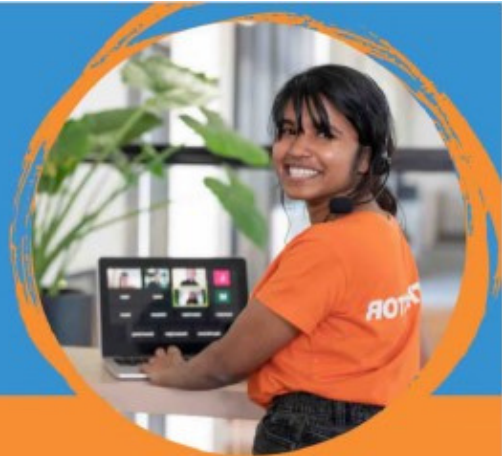
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### TERM 2 AFTER SCHOOL CODING CLUB



CURRAMBINE PRIMARY



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**1800 55 1800**



Email us



WebChat with us

Parents! For more information and resources,  
please check out our Kids Helpline parents section

[kidshelpline.com.au/parents](http://kidshelpline.com.au/parents)