



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow is a School Development Day and the children do not attend school. This day is used to support our staff to grow and develop their capacity as educators. The focus of the day will be around planning for young people with disabilities, doing further work on our commitment to the WA Positive Behaviour Program and some work on student engagement theory.

Monday is a public holiday and I wish all members of the community a restful break.

### Positive Partnerships

We have been hosting Positive Partnerships meetings this week with staff meeting families who have a child with a diagnosis of autism, in the care of our school. It is an opportunity to build relationships with families and for them to share information about their child's strengths and areas for growth, so that we in turn can support them in the school environment. My sincere thanks to Ms Million, Mrs Hale and Mrs Kelly for their leadership of this program.

### Faction Athletics Carnival

Our Faction Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 17th March on our school oval, for Pre-Primary to Year Six students. Our Physical Education Specialists, Ms Falco and Ms Smith, are working hard to ensure all the planning and preparations are in place for the day. I have every confidence the carnival will be a terrific community event. Please see the notice on Page 11 from our P&C who are hosting a **cake stall** on the day.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN Testing for students in Years Three and Five will take place from Wednesday 15th March through to Monday 27th March. It is hoped the early testing time will see early access to the results for both parents/carers and schools.

### NAPLAN continued...

NAPLAN can result in some anxiety for some students, I do think it is important that we encourage children to think of NAPLAN like the many other school assessments they do, which is to say we always seek to do our best, but it is no different to the many other tests done throughout the year.

### Swimming Lessons

Most parents will now be aware of the renovations being undertaken at HBF Arena, meaning the usual arrangements for Pre-Primary to Year Four swimming will be unable to go ahead. Therefore, students in Pre-Primary, Year One, Year Two and Year Four will attend Hillarys Boat Harbour for swimming this year in Weeks Seven and Eight of this term. Year Three students will attend HBF Area in Weeks Nine and Ten, so that there are no interruptions to their NAPLAN testing.

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## Welcome Continued...

### Tell Them From Me Survey

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning online survey.

As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Currumbine Primary.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You can access the survey on your computer or mobile device, via the following link: [www.tellthemfromme.com/parents23](http://www.tellthemfromme.com/parents23).

You are able to complete the survey until the end of Week Six, **Friday 10th March**. Many thanks for taking the time to provide feedback.

### Thank You for Your Vote at Grill'd

Many thanks to all of you who gave us your token vote at Grill'd Currumbine throughout February. We have just been informed that our community jar received the most votes which means our school will receive a \$300 donation. A huge thanks also to Grill'd Currumbine for selecting us to be part of their Local Matters initiative.

Kind regards,

**Geoff Smith**  
Principal



## School Chaplain

**I have the honour of being your School Chaplain and have enjoyed working at Currumbine Primary for the past two years.**

I have been a School Chaplain for six years and prior to that worked as a teacher and head of department in primary schools in Mount Isa, Queensland for 22 years.

In my role as 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 providing the following support:

- Assisting students to develop their emotional intelligence through understanding, communicating and managing their feelings.
- Building resilience.
- Identifying the appropriate ways to resolve conflict.
- Providing students with strategies for when they feel they are being picked on.
- Helping to support and develop the social and emotional skills of students.
- Running programs such as 'The Magic Coat' with small groups (thanks to the support and funding of Currumbine Primary's P&C).

**I am also available to assist parents who are concerned about their child's wellbeing or are going through a challenging period.**

I work at Currumbine Primary every Monday, Thursday and Friday, based in the Cottage opposite the Year Six rooms.

Parents/carers can make appointment requests by emailing me at: [jane.sexton@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:jane.sexton@education.wa.edu.au) or via your child's class teacher or contacting the school office.

**Jane Sexton**  
School Chaplain



## Calendar Snapshot

**Fri 3rd Mar**

**Mon 6th Mar**

Wed 8th Mar

Fri 10th Mar

Mon 13th Mar

Mon 13th Mar

Mon 13th to Thurs 16th Mar\*

Wed 15th Mar

Wed 15th Mar

Wed 15th to Mon 27th Mar

Fri 17th Mar

Mon 20th Mar

Mon 20th to Fri 24th Mar\*

Tues 21st Mar

Wed 22nd Mar

Wed 22nd Mar

Fri 24th Mar

Mon 27th Mar

Tues 28th to Thurs 30th Mar\*\*

Wed 29th Mar

Fri 31st Mar

Mon 3rd Apr

Mon 3rd to Thurs 6th Apr\*\*

Thurs 6th Apr

**Thurs 6th Apr**

**Fri 7th Apr**

**Staff Development Day (No students)**

**Labour Day Public Holiday**

Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.

Faction Jumps & Throws (for selected students)

Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am.  
Undercover Area.

P&C AGM. 7pm. Staff Room (All Welcome!)

Interm Swimming for Pre-Primary, Year One, Year Two & Year Four  
(Hillarys Boat Harbour).

Waste Free Lunch Day

Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.

NAPLAN (Years Three & Five)

Faction Athletics Carnival

Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am.  
Undercover Area.

Interm Swimming for Pre-Primary, Year One, Year Two & Year Four  
(Hillarys Boat Harbour).

Harmony Day. Students are encouraged to wear orange.

Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.

Board Meeting. 7pm.

National Ride2School Day

Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am.  
Undercover Area.

Interm Swimming for Year Three (HBF Arena).

Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.

Assembly B (TA39)

Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am.  
Undercover Area.

Interm Swimming for Year Three (HBF Arena).

Free Dress Day (gold coin donation to support our Yarning Circle).

**Last Day of Term**

**Good Friday Public Holiday**

*\*Please note two sets of dates for swimming*

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**Students return for Term Two on Monday 24th April**





## TA24 Class Article



### Caring Currambine!

In Week Three, Year Two class TA24 hosted the first junior assembly of 2023.

We shared with the school about how to be a Caring Currambine Community. At Currambine we show we care by displaying our ERIK values of Excellence, Respect, Integrity and Kindness.

- We show **Excellence** by always trying our best, even though we don't know everything YET!
- We show **Respect** by walking quietly in our lines, so we don't disturb the other classes.
- We show **Integrity** by choosing to do what is right and to speak truthfully.
- We show **Kindness** by sharing our smiles with others and helping our friends.

Let's be a Caring Currambine Community!

**Mrs van der Walt**  
**TA24**







## TA45 Class Article



### The Dot

Last Friday, Year Four class TA45 hosted the very first senior assembly of 2023!

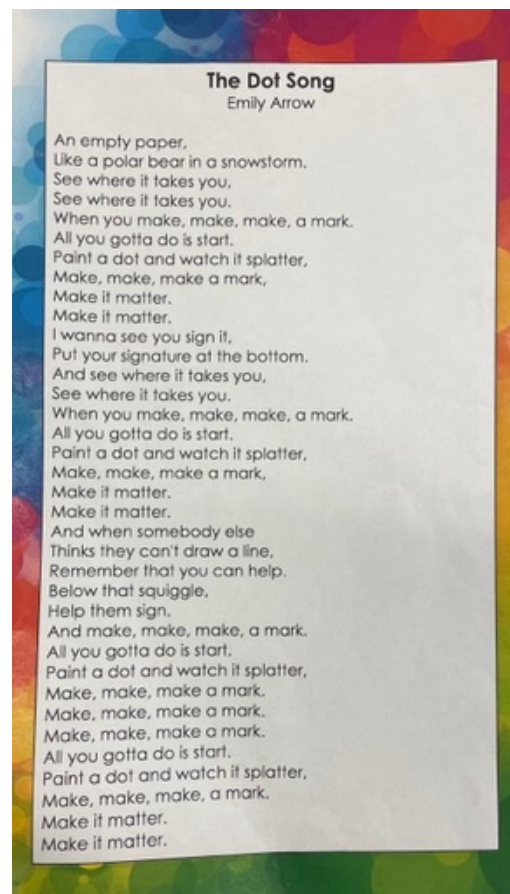
Our item was based on the book 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds. This is the story of a teacher who dares her student, Vashti, to trust in her own ability by being brave and "making her mark".

TA45 were so proud of their performance, and hope it inspires others in senior school to have a growth mindset, take risks in their learning and tackle challenges with courage and bravery.

A huge thanks to Mrs Heartcliffe and Mrs Barrett for helping us with our props, displays and choreography.

Did you know there's an International 'Dot Day' on 15th September each year? Find out more here: [www.internationaldotday.org](http://www.internationaldotday.org)

**Mrs Markostamos**  
**TA45**







## Nature Play Area



### Donations Welcome

Year Four and Five students have been enjoying playing in our Nature Play area at school during recess and lunchtimes.

They love to build shelters and climb trees. The natural materials in the area have been dwindling and we would love to receive any donations of small/large sticks, large rocks, branches, logs or stump stepping stones.

If you have any of these materials or know of anyone who could help us, please contact [belinda.rogers@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:belinda.rogers@education.wa.edu.au) or call the school office on 6207 6100.

Many thanks in advance.



**Mrs Rogers**  
**TA48**





## Garden Club Update



### Thank You!

Our Garden Club would like to say a big 'Thank You' to **Pre-Primary mum Lily from TA16, along with Benara Nurseries**, who have kindly donated seedlings for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. We look forward to watching our lettuce, celery, corn and broccoli seedlings grow into produce that we can use in our Kitchen Classes.

We are still seeking donations of tea towels, tablecloths and cutlery (new or second hand) for our Garden Club.

All items can be taken straight to Year Four class TA48 or be dropped off at the school office. Many thanks.





## Faction Field Events – Friday 10th March



### Vortex Throws & Long Jump

We will be holding our Faction Field Events including Vortex Throw and Long Jump on Friday 10th March, for selected Year Three to Year Six students.

If your child has been selected to participate in the Faction Field events, they will be sent home with a letter including event timings by the end of this week.

As the points scored for all field events are carried over to the main Faction Athletics Carnival (taking place on Friday 17th March) and go towards determining the champion boy/girl and runner up boy/girl, it is extremely important that they are completed on the day.

### Families Welcome

We welcome spectators, so please come down and support our competitors if your child is selected to take part.

Long Jump events will be held at the Long Jump pit behind the Year Six classrooms and the Vortex Throw events will be held on the school oval.

**Ms Falco & Ms Smith**  
**Physical Education Specialists**







## Faction Athletics Carnival - Friday 17th March



Our Faction Athletics Carnival for Pre-Primary to Year Six students, will take place on Friday 17th March on our school oval.

The carnival consists of two elements; a track carnival and a team game carnival and we will be running both junior (Pre-Primary to Year Two) and senior (Years Three to Six) carnivals at the same time.

A letter with further information including event timings, was sent home with students last week. Please note that start times for specific events throughout the day may vary slightly.

Families are welcome to join us and are asked to sit in the designated areas on the Moore Drive side of the running track. You can follow your child during the team game rotations on the North side of the ovals.

### Faction Carnival Fuel!

The Cockatoo Cafe will be open as usual with regular recess and lunch items available to order online. You are welcome to order for relatives and siblings also.

Our P&C will also host a sausage sizzle and cake stall and ask for donations of baked or bought cakes please. They are also seeking volunteers to help run the stall on the day. Please see details on Page 11.

**If you can help please contact Claire. Any help is much appreciated.**

### New Faction Hair Accessories!

A variety of new hair accessories in our Faction colours, are available to buy from the Uniform Shop. Don't forget to purchase yours before Friday 17th March!

Visit our website for details of the Uniform Shop opening times.





## Join Our P&C Committee



**Join us on Monday 13th March at 7pm for the Currambine Primary P&C AGM, held in our Staff Room.**

All parents/carers are welcome to attend, and we encourage those who are new to our school to join us, to find out more about the P&C (Parents & Citizens Association).

The following P&C Committee positions vacant will be discussed, which all those attending the AGM will have the opportunity to express an interest in:

- **P&C President**
- **P&C Secretary**
- **Fundraising Co-ordinator**

These positions are pivotal in helping continue the fantastic work of our P&C. Any new members of the P&C Committee will receive support and guidance from our Principal and current P&C President.

**Unfortunately, if the positions are not filled, our P&C may not be able to operate anymore.**

Please note that without a P&C, our Canteen and Uniform Shop would be unable to operate, both of which are run by members of our P&C Committee.



Another very important role of the P&C is to provide our school with additional resources beyond those provided by Government budgets. Thanks to the great work of our P&C in organising various fundraising events and activities, they have funded many valuable resources for our students including decodable readers, additional shade structures, book awards and our onsite Chaplaincy program. It would be a great loss to our school if such additional resources were no longer supported by our P&C.

Therefore, **we are asking for your help to keep our P&C running** and encourage anyone potentially interested in joining the P&C Committee to attend our AGM on Monday 13th March.

If you would like to chat about any of the P&C positions vacant, you are welcome to contact our Principal, Geoff Smith at:  
[geoffrey.smith@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:geoffrey.smith@education.wa.edu.au)

You can find out more about our P&C and how recent funds raised have been spent to help our students, via this [short video](#).

**We hope to see you on Monday 13th March and appreciate any support you can provide in keeping our P&C running.**





## Faction Carnival Bake Sale

CURRAMBINE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
P & C ASSOCIATION

# FACTION CARNIVAL BAKE SALE

Friday 17th March



## Donations Needed!

Please bring all baked or bought goods (no nuts please) to the cake stall next to the Uniform Shop from 8am on the day.

Thank you!

## Can You Help?

The P&C are looking for help to man the cake stall between 8am and 3pm. If you can spare some time, please email Claire at: [currambineuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:currambineuniformshop@gmail.com)

**Any help is greatly appreciated.**



## Billy Cart Grand Prix & Workshop



### Billy Cart Workshop

You don't need any woodwork skills to build your own Billy Cart, help is at hand!

The LADDs are hosting a second workshop with the support of Joondalup Men's Shed, to assist you in building a Billy Cart. It will be held in our school undercover area on **Saturday 18th March** from 9am to 12noon.

Please bring along some wood and wheels. There will be some spare bits and a few seat bases but not enough for everyone. Any wood laying around the house or from Bunnings or Tamala Park will do!

Book now at: [www.trybooking.com/CGBAG](http://www.trybooking.com/CGBAG)

### Book Now for Billy Cart Grand Prix!

Currambine LADDs (Loving and Devoted Dads) Fathering Project invites you to take part in the Billy Cart Grand Prix at St Marks Primary School, Hillary's on Sunday 26th March.

The LADDs will be competing against Whitfords, St Marks Hillarys, Beaumaris and Burns Beach Primary Schools.

The events begins at 12noon, with racing due to start at 1pm. The event includes a number of races and prizes for the best dressed etc. so guarantees to be a fun afternoon!

It costs \$10 per Billy Cart to enter. Book now at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CGAZZ>

*Please read the event conditions prior to purchasing a ticket, as purchasing a ticket you agree to these conditions.*



Visit [LADDs Fathering CPS Facebook group](#) to keep up to date with event details.



## Free Sessions for 0-4 Year Olds



**Currambine Primary School hosts free Rhyme Time, Story Time, and Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) sessions for 0-4 year olds.**

All children (aged 0-4) and their parents/carers are welcome to attend, children do not need to have a sibling attending our school.

These free sessions are designed for pre-school children and are a great way for you to support your child's early learning and to get them used 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 their readiness for Kindergarten.
- **Rhyme Time** - A fun session of nursery rhymes and singing aimed at supporting phonic awareness skills.
- **Story Time** - An enjoyable and relaxing way to spend time with your child, while developing their pre-literacy and social skills through stories.

### Upcoming Sessions:

#### Week Six

- Mon 6th Mar: No sessions due to Public Holiday.
- Wed 8th Mar: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

#### Week Seven

- Mon 13th Mar: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.
- Wed 15th Mar: Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

#### Week Eight

- Mon 20th Mar: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.
- Wed 22nd Mar: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

No need to pre-register, simply come along to a session. We look forward to welcoming you and your child.

**Find out more at our [website](http://www.currambineps.wa.edu.au).**





# Staff Spotlight

Education Assistant (TA13)

# Angela Demosthenous



## My Favourites

Food: Watermelon  
Animal: Toy Cavoodle  
Book: Big Little Lies  
Song: Anything by Michael Buble  
Movie: Moulin Rouge  
Sport: Dancing



## Hobbies

Pilates



## Fun fact about me

I didn't know I wanted to be an EA until my eldest child was in Kindy and I volunteered as a parent helper! It was then that I had an 'A-ha moment' and knew straight away what I would be doing for the rest of my working life!

## When I was a child

### I wanted to be

A dancer, hairdresser  
or accountant.



## What I love most about Currambine Primary

The lifelong friendships I have made during my 18 years at this school. Also, the families of the children that I have assisted in their educational journey. But my absolute favourite part is when I get siblings of past students coming through the school!



## Community Notices

# 2024 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING



### INFORMATION EVENING

**THURSDAY, 23 MARCH 2023**

**6.00PM TO 7.00PM**

We invite parents/carers of Year 6 students to:

- Find out about our enrolment process.
- Learn about our Specialist Programs and meet the Co-ordinators.
- Discover the opportunities available at Ocean Reef Senior High School.

### SCHOOL TOURS

School Tours are available twice per term.

Next available tour: **31 March 2023**

Book via our website: [oceanreef.wa.edu.au](http://oceanreef.wa.edu.au)

### SPECIALIST PROGRAM CLOSING DATES

**Friday, 31 March 2023** - Academic Extension, Specialist Marine Studies and Soccer Program.

**Friday, 26 April 2023** - Specialist Learning Program - Autism.

**Friday, 5 May 2023** - Specialist Contemporary Music.

### APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

Enrolment and Program applications are open with the applications forms available on our website:

[www.oceanreef.wa.edu.au/learning/our-programs](http://www.oceanreef.wa.edu.au/learning/our-programs)

Specialist  
Contemporary  
Music



Specialist  
Marine  
Studies



Soccer



Academic  
Extension



**Register** to attend the Information Evening via Trybooking  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CFZCG>



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education.wa.edu.au](mailto:oceanreef.shs.enquiries@education.wa.edu.au)



## Community Notices



**COURAGEOUS  
hearts**

**SELF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS**

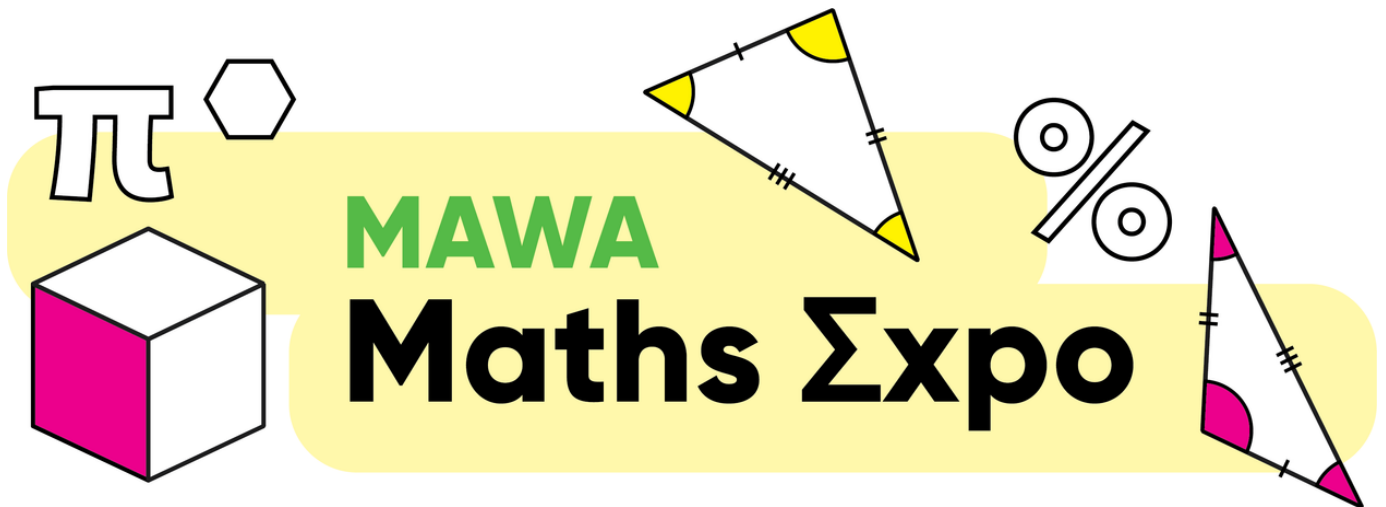
At Courageous Hearts we help  
children grow and develop their  
emotional intelligence, confidence  
and self esteem through meditation,  
stories and arts and crafts.

**CLASSES EVERY THURSDAY  
3.30-4.30  
IN CURRAMBINE**

**Bookings essential**  
**Contact Peta at [admin@courageoushearts.com.au](mailto:admin@courageoushearts.com.au)**



## Community Notices



### A maths expo – now that's something different!

The Mathematical Association of WA Maths Expo is targeted at families in the aim to provide support to parents and students with mathematics learning at home by showcasing interactive resources. It will be a fun, interactive day with lots of opportunity to see a variety of resources that make learning fun, and there are prizes to be won on the day!

**Sunday 12 March 2023**

**10:00am – 1:00pm**

**Stirling Community Centre, Main Hall – Karrinyup**

#### **Expo Registration**

Members: \$10 per family

Non-members: \$15 per family

Every family that attends will receive a \$10 voucher to use at the MAWA stand.

#### **Register at:**

<https://mawainc.org.au/maths-expo/>

## Community Notices



**ENROLMENT  
2024 KEY  
DATES**

# ELITE NETBALL PROGRAM TRIALS

*Dream big, set goals, succeed together*

*Develop your skill, game  
tactics and strategies*

**CONTACT  
US TODAY!**

**Applications close: Thurs 4 May  
Trials: Fri 5 May 2023**

Download an expression of interest form  
from our website



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## Community Notices



**NAB AFL Auskick is the best way to introduce kids to the great game of Aussie Rules Football! It's all about fun, getting hands on the ball and constantly being involved in exciting activities.**

No AFL experience? No worries! Auskick offers an inclusive environment for everyone aged 5 – 8 at any skill level to play.

- Super fun game-based activities that kids absolutely love
- Non-contact activities in a welcoming and inclusive environment so all kids can play safely
- Games are tailored to different ages and skill levels, which means less lining up and more playing footy
- Come along and play footy, have fun and make friends, sign up today



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Kinross JFC**

**THIS IS US THIS IS FOOTY**



# Sign up by 1st April