

The Currambine Chronicle

Currambine Primary School's Fortnightly Newsletter



CURRAMBINE

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

Principal's Message

Dear Parent and Carers,

Our students in Year Three have been enjoying their swimming lessons at HBF Arena this week. The lessons will continue next week until Thursday 6th April. My sincere thanks to all the staff supporting this program and to Mrs Binedell for her leadership of this event.

Free RAT Tests

The state government will be providing further RAT testing kits to be distributed to families, with the approach of the winter season. It is expected that each child in the school will be provided with ten RAT Tests. Further information about the distribution of them will be provided once they have been delivered to our school.

Thank You

I would like to acknowledge all in our school community on completing a very busy and successful term. With three lots of swimming lessons, NAPLAN and our Faction Athletics Carnival, we were busy from day one onwards. May I extend my sincere thanks to all in our school community and I wish everyone a restful break from school during the upcoming holidays. We look forward to welcoming you back for an exciting Term Two.

P&C AGM

Our Parents and Citizen's Association recently conducted their Annual General Meeting at which officer bearer positions are filled. The outcomes of the Annual General Meeting are listed below:

President:	<i>* Vacant</i>
Vice President:	Hannah Rebbeck
Secretary:	Tami Haefele
Treasurer:	Donna Genetti
Fundraising Liaison:	Nikki Buck
Executive Committee:	Claire Ihlein, Nikki Buck, Sabrina Pimenta

P&C AGM continued...

I thank parents who have stepped into various roles for our P&C Association. Thank you to Tami Haefele who has informed us she would like to take on the role of Secretary, since the AGM was held.

**The position of President is still vacant. For the P&C to function this position must be filled.*

The P&C provides essential services to our school community via the Canteen and Uniform Shop, along with being a vital fundraising body that has ensured many resources and services are available to the students in our school. It is necessary to fill these positions, or the P&C Association must be wound up, which would involve the loss of these valuable services.

If you believe you are able to step into the role of President, please contact me by email at: geoffrey.smith@education.wa.edu.au at the earliest opportunity.

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Principal's Welcome cont...

Final Day of Term

The final day of term is Thursday 6th April. Friday 7th April is a Public Holiday.

The first day of Term Two is Monday 24th April. Please note some key dates in Term Two, including the ANZAC Public Holiday, in our Calendar Snapshot on page 3.

2024 Kindergarten Enrolments

If you have a child who will be 4 years old by 30th June 2024, who you would like to enrol in Kindergarten at our school, you can apply to enrol your child from Monday 24th April. Please see page 11 with further details, including dates for our Kindy Tours.

New Compass Software

Like many schools in Australia, we are about to introduce new Software called "Compass". In time this will make life easier for parents/carers to manage various day to day school admin tasks.

To start with we are introducing the Billing module to provide an easy solution for payment and collection of permission slips for incursions/excursions and other school charges. Please note this will exclude any P&C requests such as fundraising, canteen and uniform.

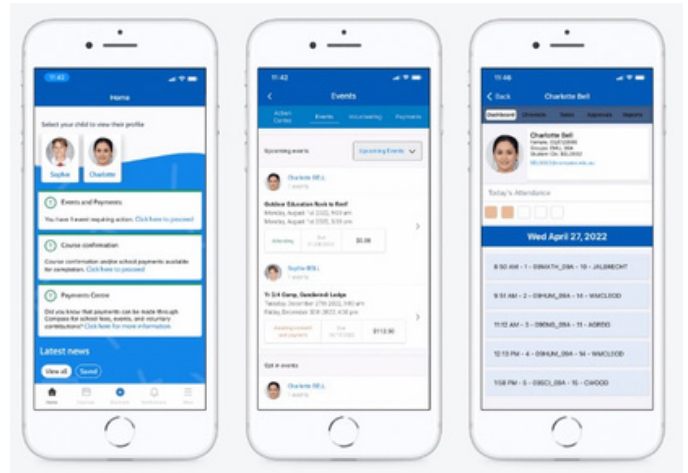
Please read further information on this page about Compass. We encourage you to download the app before next term so that we can all start enjoying the benefits of it. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Geoff Smith
Principal



New Compass Software



Making life easier for Parents/Carers

Compass is a school web-based management system that allows parents/carers to access up-to-date meaningful information about our school and your child.

This software will include many different features such as the ability to:

- Provide payment and consent for incursions/excursions and other school charges (excluding P&C fundraising/canteen/uniform).
- Monitor your child's attendance and enter an explanation for absence or lateness.
- Communicate with your child's teachers and update your family contact details.
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar.
- Monitor your child's homework/assessment tasks.

We will advise you of when each of these features becomes available for parent use.

To start with we will use Compass to collect payments for excursions and incursions plus permission notes.

Please note an email will be sent out next week providing you with your login details for the Compass School Manager App.

See page 15 for further details or [click here to view the Compass Parent Guide.](#)



Calendar Snapshot

Fri 31st Mar	Assembly B (TA39)
Mon 3rd Apr	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am. Undercover Area.
Mon 3rd to Thurs 6th Apr	Interm Swimming for Year Three (HBF Arena).
Thurs 6th Apr	Free Dress Day (gold coin donation to support our Yarning Circle).
Thurs 6th Apr	Last Day of Term
Fri 7th Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday
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Mon 24th Apr	Students return for Term Two
Tues 25th Apr	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wed 26th Apr	ANZAC Commemoration Service. 8.45-9.30am. All welcome.
Mon 1st May	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am. Undercover Area.
Wed 3rd May	Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Thurs 4th May	P&C Fundraiser Star Wars Dress-Up Day (gold coin donation).
Fri 5th May	Assembly B (TA37)
Mon 8th May	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am. Undercover Area.
Mon 8th May	P&C Meeting. 7pm. Staff Room.
Tues 9th May	Kindy A Group - Mother's Day
Wed 10th May	Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Wed 10th May	Waste Free Lunch Day.
Wed 10th & Thurs 11th May	P&C Mother's Day Gift Stall
Thurs 11th May	Year Two Zoo Excursion
Fri 12th May	Assembly A (TA22 & TA23)
Fri 12th May	Kindy B Group - Mother's Day
Fri 12th May	Pre-Primary Mother's Day

View the full Term Two Planner at our [website](#)



Understanding & Appreciating Autism



Autism Awareness Month

April is Autism Awareness Month, and this Sunday 2nd April is Autism Awareness Day around the world.

The autism community is wanting to move beyond awareness to understanding and appreciation of autism, therefore we encourage you to take a moment to increase your understanding and appreciation for people with autism, in a way that best suits you.

For further information about autism and to access useful resources, visit the Autism Association of Western Australia [website](#).

Informational videos

Here are the links to some short videos that you may want to share with your child(ren) depending on their age:

12 Facts about Autism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUbsyd8Fnyw>

Amazing Things Happen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbwRrVw-CRo>

Marvelous Max

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wc77MksM_2c

Win a Two Night Stay!

Quality Resort Sorrento Beach

Thank you to all those of you who have already paid your Voluntary Contributions for this year. Your contributions allow our teaching staff to enrich their programs with what we believe are vital educational resources for the classroom, and every cent is allocated to the invoiced school year so that it benefits your child(ren) directly.

All families who pay their 2023 Voluntary Contributions (\$60 per child) by Sunday 6th August, will be entered into a **prize draw to win a two night stay in a Studio Room with ocean views**, at Quality Resort Sorrento, worth \$538!

See page 5 for further information about Voluntary Contributions.





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?

If you have not yet paid but would still like to contribute, the following options are 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 that the cost of the Voluntary Contribution is \$60 per student for the 2023 school year.



Why should I pay if they are 'voluntary'?

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 in that year, so that it benefits your child(ren) 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.

The names of all those who pay their Voluntary Contribution by Sunday 6th August will be entered into a prize draw to win a Two Night Stay at Quality Resort Sorrento. See page 4 for details.

Thank you for your support.





Faction Athletics Carnival Wrap Up



Well done to all of our students!

Well done to all of our students who put so much effort into taking part in our recent Faction Athletics Carnival, as well as supporting their fellow students!

Students from Pre-Primary to Year Six enjoyed participating in a variety of fun team games and year level races, competing for faction points which were all added up at the end of the day.

And the final faction points were...

1st place: Corella with 770 points

2nd place: Forest with 761 points

3rd place: Baudin with 682 points

4th place: Carnaby with 635 points

Well done Corella for gaining a very close 9-point lead ahead of Forest, to win the shield!

View more photos at our [Facebook page](#).

Many thanks to Ms Falco for her superb organisation of the day supported by Ms Smith, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Harmer-Watkins, Mrs McKenna (who fulfilled the role of Starter), plus all other members of staff who worked hard to deliver a great event...the day wouldn't have been possible without you all!

A big thank you also to the many families who came along to support their children, to Currambine P&C for running the food and drink stalls, to Nikki Kale Real Estate who supplied water, sausage rolls and pies and helped out on the BBQ stall, plus Currambine Coles who supplied all ingredients for the bacon and egg rolls.

A great day was had by all, and it was fun to see the parents and teachers getting involved in the Parent/teacher/student race at the end of the day!



Champion Boys & Girls



Champions and Runner-Up Champions

A huge well done to all of the following students who were announced Champion or Runner-up Champion for their year group, at the end of our Faction Athletics Carnival.

These students achieved the highest points when their points were added up from their performance in the following events, over the Faction Field Events and Faction Athletics Carnival:

- Jumps
- Throws
- 200 metres running race
- Age Race

What an achievement! Well done to all of the following:

Year Three Girls:

Champion: Krystal W (Corella)
Runner-up: Anna P (Forest)

Year Three Boys:

Champion: Kobe C (Forest)
Runner-up: Caio P-H (Baudin)

Year Four Girls:

Joint Champions: Arabella A-R (Carnaby) & Danielle M (Baudin)
Runner-up: Charlotte H (Corella)

Year Four Boys:

Champion: André G-S (Carnaby)
Runner-up: Jayden D (Forest)

Year Five Girls:

Champion: Zara H (Forest)
Runner-up: Blossom H (Carnaby)

Year Five Boys:

Champion: Mason Ba (Carnaby)
Runner-up: Mason Bu (Baudin)

Year Six Girls:

Champion: Rose M (Carnaby)
Runner-up: Eunice A (Corella)

Year Six Boys:

Champion: Austin T (Corella)
Runner-up: Craig J (Carnaby)



Celebrating Harmony Day



Everyone belongs

Last Tuesday we celebrated Harmony Day, an Australian Government Program that centres on the message that "Everyone Belongs", reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

It was great seeing so many students and members of our staff wearing something orange to school, to mark the day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations, plus relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Students took part in a variety of fun activities to celebrate Harmony Day.

Pictured below are Pre-Primary class TA15 who enjoyed making Harmony Day crowns to wear, Year One class TA27 who loved making paper chain people of themselves to hang around their classroom, and students from Year Six class TA32.

Students and staff coloured in the sea creatures for Mrs Yates' wonderful Harmony display in the library (pictured above).

Pre-school children attending our Play and Learning Skills session (P.A.L.S.) also joined in the fun, colouring in paper chain people to celebrate the day.





Breakfast Club



Thank you for your support

Thank you to our school community for their support this term in making the Breakfast Club as popular as it is. Special thanks go to the Liebenberg (Joshua TA43 and Claire TA34), Murray (Allie TA47 and Erin TA32) and Thompson (Callan TA12 and Amali TA39) families and to Jenny, our amazing cleaner, for their assistance with the food distribution and preparation throughout the term.

We are looking for a volunteer to collect the food donations from Woolworths Currambine on Tuesdays (anytime) and to deliver the food to our school.

If you are able to help, please email me at: bryanne.thompson@education.wa.edu.au

Please note that after this term, Breakfast Club will return on Wednesday 3rd May (Week Two).

**Mrs Thompson
Education Assistant - Special Needs**

Kitchen Garden Update



Growing good!

Students are loving watching the seeds they have planted, growing into delicious fresh food as part of our kitchen garden project, led by Mrs Rogers.

As you can see, the corn they have planted is growing very tall now! The corn has companion planting of snow peas and lettuces which are all ready for eating.

Our school is lucky to be running the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program; a fun, hands-on learning program delivering exciting food education.

You can find out more about the program via the Kitchen Garden Program [website](#).

P&C Easter Raffle



Fantastic prizes to be won!

Thank you to all those of you who have brought in Easter goodies to be won in the P&C's Easter Raffle so far! Thanks to your generosity of Easter donations and the purchase of raffle tickets, we are hoping to raise some fantastic funds for our school again this Easter.

Donations are being accepted until tomorrow; Friday 31st March and can be placed in the Easter Raffle donation box at the school office.

Have you purchased your raffle tickets yet?

Students have been sent home with further information about the P&C's Easter Raffle, along with some raffle tickets for you to purchase or sell, costing just \$1 each.

Additional raffle tickets are also available to purchase from the school office and will be on sale until next Monday 3rd April.

Thank you for your support and good luck in the raffle!

P&C Fundraiser Star Wars Dress-Up Day

Please see the poster on page 11 with details of the P&C Fundraiser Star Wars Dress-Up Day on Thursday 4th May.

BYO Cups & Straws



Message from The Canteen

We encourage students to help reduce the amount of waste in our school by bringing their own re-usable cups and straws from home, when purchasing slushies from the Cockatoo Café.

Once the slushies are finished, students can rinse them out under the water fountain and pop them back in their bag for next time.

Please note, we will be measuring our serves using our usual small and large size cups.

For further details about The Cockatoo Cafe and how to place an order online visit our [website](#).



**CURRAMBINE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION**



STAR WARS DRESS-UP P&C FUNDRAISER

Thursday 4th May

Come dressed up as your favourite Star Wars character on Thursday 4th May to celebrate Star Wars Day, and to raise funds for our P&C!

Dress up as fancy as you like or use the holidays to make a star to pin on your shirt! We kindly ask for a **gold coin donation** from anyone who dresses up.

There will be free "Light Sabres" (colourful sherbet straws) given out to all students on the day and the Cockatoo Café will sell "Light Sabre" icy poles for \$1 each at lunchtime.

All proceeds will go to our P&C, which will directly benefit our school.

If you have any questions, please contact our P&C Fundraising Liaison representative, Nikki Buck at: currambinepcfundraising@gmail.com

Update from Currambine LADDs



Fun at the Billy Cart Grand Prix!

It was brilliant to see so many dads/father figures and families participate in the Billy Cart Grand Prix last Sunday at St Marks School, representing the Currambine LADDs.

Everyone had an awesome afternoon and Currambine LADDs and the Craigie Heights blow-ins were super pleased to win all of the prizes including Best Cart, Best Dressed and the overall first prize in the final!

Well done to all that took part in the event which attracted over 200 people.

Cheers to our colleagues at St Marks School (who hosted the event), Beaumaris Primary School, Burns Beach Primary School and Whitfords Primary School Fathering Project Groups.

Rob Wilson
Currambine LADDs



Cinema Tickets Giveaway

Many thanks to ECU Joondalup Pines Outdoor Community Cinema, for donating two sets of family tickets to Currambine LADDs, to give away.

Currambine LADDs ran the giveaway via their [Facebook page](#) and the lucky winners, selected at random were The Ludwig family and The Jones family (who have been contacted to organise collection of their tickets).

To find out what's on at Joondalup Pines, visit: www.communitycinemas.com.au/joondalup/

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

2024 Kindy Enrolments & School Tours



CURRAMBINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2024 KINDY ENROLMENTS

APPLY FROM 24TH APRIL



CURRAMBINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TOURS FROM 5PM TO 5.45PM

TWILIGHT KINDY TOURS

**Wed 3rd May
Wed 24th May
Wed 14th June**

Is your child starting Kindy in 2024?

We welcome Kindergarten enrolments for 2024 from the start of Term Two; Monday 24th April.

You can apply to enrol your child in Kindy if they are 4 years old by 30th June 2024.

The deadline to enrol is Friday 21st July 2023.

If you would like to apply to enrol your child at our school, please visit our [website](#) to download an **Application for Enrolment Form**, and access links to other documents that you may find useful.



Kindy Tours

From Wednesday 3rd May, we will be hosting Kindy Tours every Wednesday morning from 8.45am to 9.30am.

We will also be hosting Twilight Kindy Tours from 5pm to 5.45pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday 3rd May
- Wednesday 24th May
- Wednesday 14th June

Our Kindy Tours are a great way for you and your child to familiarise yourself with our school and to ask one of our Kindy Teachers any questions you may have.

To book a tour, please contact Brenda Koertzen at: brenda.koertzen@education.wa.edu.au or by calling 6207 6100.





Staff Spotlight

Physical Education Specialist

Ashleigh Smith



My Favourites

Food: Mexican food, chips and chocolate
Animal: White Tiger
Book: Any Sports Biographies
Song: Only Wanna Be With You by Hootie & The Blowfish
Movie: Transformers and Shawshank Redemption
Sport: AFL and Cricket



Hobbies

Sport, travel and cooking.



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

A sports teacher.



Fun fact about me

I have a 1 year old boy and I have made over 250 runs in my first season of women's cricket.

What I love most about Currambine Primary

All the staff being so welcoming and getting waves from all the students as you walk through the school.



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- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks
- Download and view your child's academic reports
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees

Our school will advise parents when each of these features becomes available for parent use.



1. Download the app

Download the [Compass app](#) from Google Play or the App Store™ on a compatible phone or tablet. Then enter your school name and select it from the results. Enter your login details provided by your school to finish set up.

App Store is a service mark of Apple Inc, registered in the U.S. and other countries.



2. Access the Compass Parent guide

Visit compass.education/guide to access our online parent guide with step-by-step instructions on how to use Compass and the Compass app.

For any support inquiries, like password resetting, visit compass.education/parent-support

Community Notices

Staying beachside in Perth is always better

Beach front location



Choose from studio rooms and luxury 1 bed apartments with huge corner spa and ocean views. Also available are 2 and 3 bed apartments. There is an on site restaurant and it's just 800m to Hillarys Marina, AQWA, restaurants, shops and Rottnest Ferry

Book online for best rates at www.sorrentobeach.com.au
Email: reservations@sorrentobeach.com.au
Phone: 08 9246 8100 - Quality Resort Sorrento Beach



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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THIS IS US THIS IS FOOTY

