

The Currambine Chronicle

Currambine Primary School's Fortnightly Newsletter

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PRIMARY SCHOOL
TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

Address from Veness

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year Six Graduation

Yesterday our Year Six students enjoyed their graduation ceremony marking the closure of their time at primary school and their transition into secondary education.

I would like to thank all of the families that joined us for this event and to our staff in Year Six, Ms Barrett, our Education Assistants in the senior primary and Mrs Harmer-Watkins for their contribution to the graduation ceremony. I am sure it will be an experience remembered by the children for years to come.

An Update on Mr Geoff Smith

Mr Smith has confirmed that he will continue to take personal leave for Term One of 2024. To maintain consistency with the school's leadership, I will continue in the role of Acting Principal, and Mrs Tanya van der Walt will remain as the Associate Principal for students in Year One, Year Two and Year Three. I would like to thank Mrs van der Walt for her leadership in this space. Mr Smith remains well connected to the school and is very invested in the school's improvement agenda. I thank everybody for the kindness shown to me whilst stepping in to fill Mr Smith's very big shoes. I have enjoyed the opportunity and learned a lot along the way. We look forward to seeing Mr Smith very soon.

Year Six Dinner Dance

The Year Six students will enjoy their end of Year Dinner Dance on Monday 11th December at Beaumaris Community Centre from 5.45pm. Parents are welcome back at 8.00pm with the event concluding at 8.30pm. I would again like to acknowledge the Year Six teachers, Education Assistants and Mrs Harmer-Watkins for their organisation and leadership of this event.

End of Year Assembly

The End of Year Assembly for Pre-Primary to Year Five students will be hosted on Tuesday 12th December commencing in the Undercover Assembly Area at 8.45am. At this assembly we will be awarding the Academic Excellence and Endeavour Book Awards, and the ERIK's Flying-V Awards to acknowledge a student in each class who exemplifies our school values. I am very appreciative of the P&C Association, Emily Hamilton, MLA and Joondalup Rotary for supporting the funding of our book awards in 2023.

Reports

Reports will be issued via Connect and email on Tuesday 12th December. Please see page 13 for instructions on how to locate a student report on Connect.

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Parent Thank You Morning Tea

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

Carols by Twilight - Tomorrow

We will host our Carols by Twilight tomorrow night, with the Year Three students leading the performances. All families are most welcome to join us for this event which commences at 6pm. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Music Specialist Ms Barrett, our Year Three Teachers, Education Assistants and Mrs van der Walt for their organisation and leadership of this community event.

End of Year Incursions and Excursions

Kindy A Group students enjoyed an incursion on Monday and Kindy B Group will have their incursion tomorrow; Friday 8th December. Year Six students are attending Outback Splash today as their end of year excursion. Students in Pre-Primary to Year Five will participate in end of year incursions and excursions on Thursday 14th December. Separate communications regarding the various events have been sent home to parents and carers via Compass.

Final Day of School

The final day of school for students is Thursday 14th December.

School Opening in 2024

School resumes for students on Wednesday 31st January. The school office will be open from Wednesday 24th January. Please note that the school will be closed for the Australia Day public holiday on Friday 26th January.

The Uniform Shop will be open as follows in January 2024:

- Thursday 11th January: 10am and 12noon
- Wednesday 24th January: 10am and 2pm

Class Lists

Class Lists will be available to view via Connect and also displayed in the window of the Staff Room, late January. You will be sent a Connect message to notify you once they are available to view.

Reviews of Currambine Primary School

Many of the new students joining us next year are doing so because of Currambine Primary School's fantastic reputation in the wider community.

To help us share with prospective families, considering enrolling their children at our school, about what they can expect, we would be grateful if you could post a review in the Review section of our Facebook page which you can view here: www.facebook.com/CurrambinePrimarySchool/reviews

Farewells

As each year draws to a close, we say farewell to staff who have been working on fixed term contracts or are moving on to new professional opportunities and I wish to thank and acknowledge the following staff members for their contribution to our school;

Mrs Kimberley Fleming
Mrs Mandy Austin
Mrs Lene van der Walt
Mrs Cath Gooden
Mrs Rhiannon Stewart
Mrs Nicola Baldwin
Mrs Nicola Patel
Mrs Phillipa Botha
Ms Ashleigh Smith
Mrs Alison Spiccia
Mrs Sandy Greene
Mrs Natascha Sharp



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Thank You

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

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

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

Our P&C Association has done a fantastic job in 2023, raising over \$19,000 to support our school. A wonderful achievement. A special thank you to Mrs Nikki Buck, P&C Fundraiser Co-ordinator who will be leaving her role after this year. Nikki has worked tirelessly to organise many events this year that have made a considerable financial contribution to our school.

A big thank you also to Ms Donna Genetti who is stepping away from the role of the P&C Treasurer. This is a role that Donna has been doing for a number of years and her support has been very much appreciated.

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

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

Kind regards

Jessica Veness
Acting Principal



Year Four Maths Challenge

Well done to the Year Four students who took part in the Maths Monster competition, which involved their mathematical skills being put to the test in a fun maths quiz.

The winner of the challenge is Keyan M from TA47 and runner-up is Charlotte H from TA39. Charlotte also won the most improved student over the whole competition. Great work students!



Calendar Snapshot

Fri 8th Dec	Carols by Twilight. 6pm.
Mon 11th Dec	Kindy A Group Final Assembly
Mon 11th Dec	Year Six Graduation Dinner
Tues 12th Dec	Final Assembly (Pre-Primary to Year Five)
Tues 12th Dec	Parent Helper Thank You Morning Tea
Wed 13th Dec	Kindy B Group Final Assembly
Thurs 14th Dec	End of Year Excursions (Pre-Primary to Year Five)
Thurs 14th Dec	Last Day of Term - Students return Wed 31st January 2024



[Click here to view the 2024 Term One Planner at our website](#)

ERIK High-Flyer Award for Chloe

Support for Bush Fire Victims

This week we have been delighted to present Year Six student Chloe B with a special ERIK High-Flyer Award.

Chloe was horrified when the recent local bush fires hit Centura Riding School on Franklin Road, where Chloe has riding lessons, which meant that the horses had to be evacuated.

Despite being sick at home with COVID, Chloe wearing a mask, visited the state equestrian centre where the Centura horses were kept and helped look after 22 horses which were kept in temporary pens. Chloe and some of her riding friends went back on Saturday and Sunday both morning and evening to feed, water, muck out and look after the ponies and horses, in the heat.

Chloe and her friends gave the horses the love and attention they needed in what was a scary time for them.

We are super proud of Chloe's selfless act of kindness to help her riding school and their horses in their hour of need, especially when Chloe herself was not feeling 100%.

Well done Chloe, you are so deserving of an ERIK High-Flyer Award!





Year Three Rottnest Camp

Fun on Camp!

Last week our Year Three students spent a fun-filled two days exploring Rottnest Island, including taking a train ride to Oliver Hill, learning about the history of the island at Wadjemup Museum, visiting the Barracks, and of course enjoying some beach time and building sandcastles!

We have had lots of positive feedback from our staff and members of the public from their visit to Rottnest and we are very proud of our Year Three students and how they represented our school during their time there.

A huge thank you to Year Three parents and carers for trusting us to take care of your children on the Rottnest Camp trip.

A massive thank you also to all of our staff who attended, for all their hard work and for giving up their precious family time.

Finally, thank you to the students for their fantastic ERIK behaviour. Well done everyone!

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



Year Six Graduation Assembly



Farewell Year Sixes!

What a fantastic send off for our Year Six students at their Graduation Assembly yesterday, marking the end of their time at primary school and their transition into secondary education.

We would like to thank all of the families that joined us, our Year Six teachers, our Education Assistants in the senior primary, Ms Barrett, and Mrs Harmer-Watkins for organising the event.

Thank you also to the special guests who helped hand out awards to our students, making the occasion even more special for them. We are sure it will be an experience that our students remember fondly for years to come.

Wishing all of our Year Six students the best of luck with the next exciting chapter of their educational journey!





Year Six Graduation Portraits

Take a look at these beautiful self-portraits that our Year Six students have been working hard on in their art classes, as a special keepsake to mark their Year Six Graduation.

A big thank you to Bunnings Joondalup who very kindly donated all of the canvases for our Year Six students to use.



Please see the flyer on page 16 for details a free Christmas Family event taking place at Joondalup Bunnings this evening (Thursday 7th December) from 7pm.





Running Club Year-End Recap

A Year of Achievement & Growth

As we bid farewell to the first year of our Primary School Running Club, it brings me immense joy to share the incredible journey we've embarked on together. What started as a passion project for me has blossomed into a vibrant and successful running community that we can all be proud of.

A Year of Success:

Our first year has been nothing short of a great success. We are thrilled to announce that six of our dedicated runners earned Bronze Badges for achieving an impressive 50 kilometres each. Throughout the season, we welcomed 34 enthusiastic students into our running club, and collectively, we covered an astounding 600 kilometres. It's worth noting that our running adventures didn't begin until Term Two!

Remarkable Achievements:

Our runners have truly left their mark on the track. From a minimum of 4 kilometres to a remarkable 90 kilometres covered by our most dedicated participant, every step has been testament to their commitment. In a total of 27 sessions, covering 93 kilometres we've witnessed remarkable growth and progress among our regular runners.

Coaches' Choice & Runner of the Year:

At our end of year celebration, we had the pleasure of presenting the Coaches' Choice Award to Alex. Alex's unwavering commitment, positive attitude, and consistent improvement have not gone unnoticed. His dedication, seen in his weekly attendance, has made him an invaluable member of our club. We are grateful to have him in our running family.

Avery emerged as our well-deserved Runner of the Year. Avery's outstanding performances, including a podium finish at the school's cross-country carnival and an impressive performance at the All Schools event, showcase her dedication and passion for running. Whether tackling park runs or being the only girl at running club, Avery's fearlessness and determination have set her apart.



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Running Club Year-End Recap continued..

Attendance Excellence:

A special shout out to Jayden, who attended the most sessions, earning a \$20 voucher sponsored by our local Grill'd in Currambine. Grill'd Currambine also generously provided burger vouchers for all our Bronze Badge achievers.

Expressions of Gratitude:

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Latham for her unwavering support in managing our communications, especially through social media. Your assistance has been invaluable. I also want to express my gratitude to Mr Smith for his encouragement and support in making this club a reality, and to Mrs Veness for her continued support in Mr Smith's absence and being supportive of any problems and questions I had.

As we look back on this incredible year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the dedication and enthusiasm of our young runners and the supportive community that surrounds them.

Thank you to the parents for bringing their children every week. Thank you to everyone who showed up even if it was only once in a while or a few times during the year, it was great to see you give it a try when you could. Here's to many more years of running, growth, and achievement!

Max M
Year Six Student

Well done!

Currambine Primary would like to add a huge well done to Max M for all of his hard work and commitment in organising the school Running Club this year. Max has demonstrated initiative, determination and leadership in establishing and leading the club for the benefit of our students. We are proud of you!





Kindy End of Year Incursion

Al Kazam!

To celebrate a fantastic year, our Kindy students are enjoying a special visit from the mesmerising Magician, Al Kazam!

Pictured here are our Kindy A Group students captivated by Al Kazam's magic tricks during his visit on Tuesday. Kindy B Group will enjoy their incursion tomorrow, Friday 8th December.



LADDs Update

Please Return Borrowed Books

We hope that you have been enjoying borrowing the selection of books displayed in the LADDs Community Library.

Please can we ask that you return any borrowed books by the end of term next Thursday.

If there is not enough room to place books on a shelf, please stack them neatly on the floor of the telephone box. Many thanks.

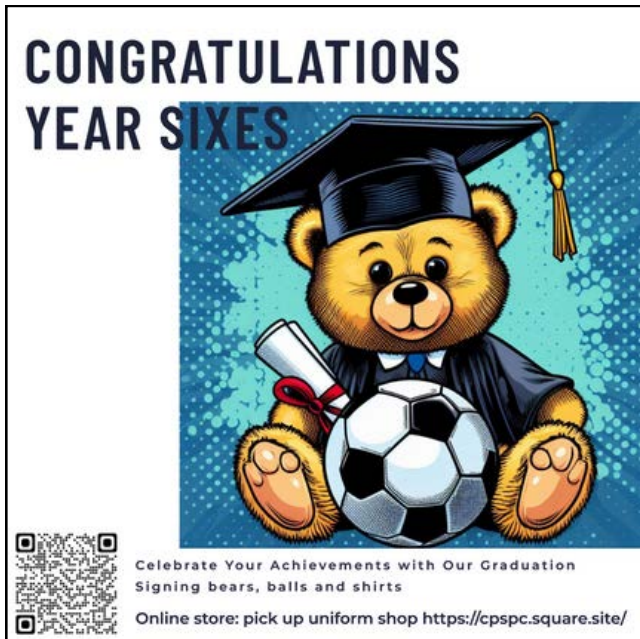
Keep up to date with the LADDs at:

www.facebook.com/groups/LADDSFatheringCPS





P&C Update



Year Six Graduation Gifts

A reminder that our P&C are selling graduation keepsakes including:

- Graduation Signature Bears
- Graduation Signature Soccer Balls
- Graduation Signature Frames
- White Currambine Primary School shirts

You can view and order the items online via the following link: <https://cpspc.square.site/> up until **Wednesday 13th December**. Once ordered, items can be collected from the Uniform Shop during the usual opening hours of Tuesday: 2pm - 3pm and Thursday: 8am - 9am.

Order your Name Labels for 2024

The P&C have teamed up with Label Kingdom to bring you quality and affordable name labels to take the hassle of writing names on items while supporting the school. Place your order online at: www.labelkingdom.com.au/ and enter our Fundraiser ID: SF6028.

Upcoming P&C Events

- **Friday 8th December:** Our P&C will host a sausage sizzle at the Carols by Twilight event tomorrow. Fairy floss, lollies, glow items and Christmas items will also be available to buy. If you can help out on the P&C stalls please email: currambinepcfundraising@gmail.com
- **Tuesday 12th December:** Coffee will be available in return for a gold coin donation during the Pre-Primary to Year Five Final Assembly. The van will be located behind the undercover area, opposite the school oval.

Thank you to Jay Dass of Noble Avenue Real Estate for sponsoring the sausage sizzle and coffee van at these events.

Uniform Shop Open Next Week

The Uniform Shop will be open next week at the following times:

- Monday 11th: 8-9am
- Tuesday 12th: 2-3pm
- Wednesday 13th: 2-3pm
- Thursday 14th: 8 -10am

Fundraising Task Group

All parents/carers and members of the local community are welcome to join a new P&C Fundraising Task Group for 2024. The team will be set up to share tasks that help our P&C to fundraise, from stapling tickets to brochures to organising an event in 2024.

Please note that attendance at P&C meetings is not required to be part of the group. All it requires is an hour at home for some tasks. If you are interested, please sign up via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/qbYUbpVvV1>

If you have any questions, please email: currambinepcfundraising@gmail.com

Keep up to date with P&C events and activities at: www.facebook.com/CurrambinePC



Christmas Donations



Give Write

An estimated 105,000 children and young people live below the poverty line in WA. That is 1 in every 6 children. Give Write is a WA based charity that takes donations of new and used stationery to recycle, repackage and re-gift to children who are in need.

Stationery donations either go into Give Write School Packs for primary or high schools, or are taken into a Free Teachers' Store, where teachers can select resources for their students in need.

If you would like to donate any of the stationery highlighted above, please place it in the Give Write donations box located in our school office **by Thursday 14th December.**



Wanslea Christmas Gift Donations

Wanslea's Foster Care program provides out-of-home care to children that cannot live safely at home.

Wanslea are seeking donations of unwrapped Christmas gifts for children in out-of-home care, aged 2-16 years. We are therefore pleased to be collecting donations of gifts to help bring a smile to a child this Christmas.

We have some Santa sacks located in our school office that will be available to place any gift donations in **up until Friday 8th December.**

Further information about Wanslea can be viewed at their website: www.wanslea.org.au

Thank you for any donations you are able to provide to help support these charities.

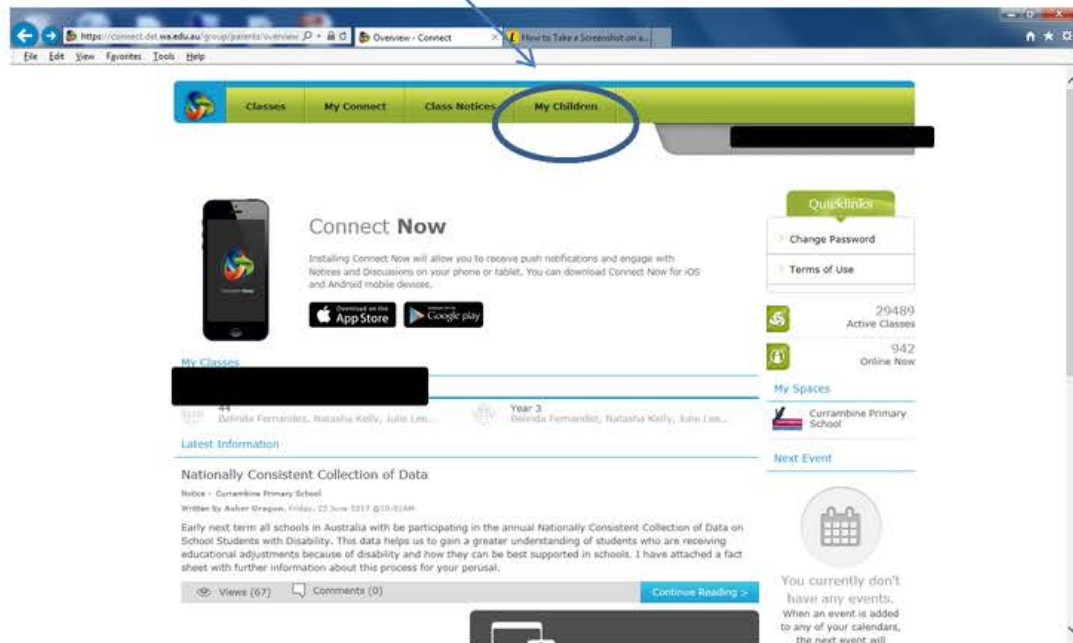
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How to Access Semester Reports

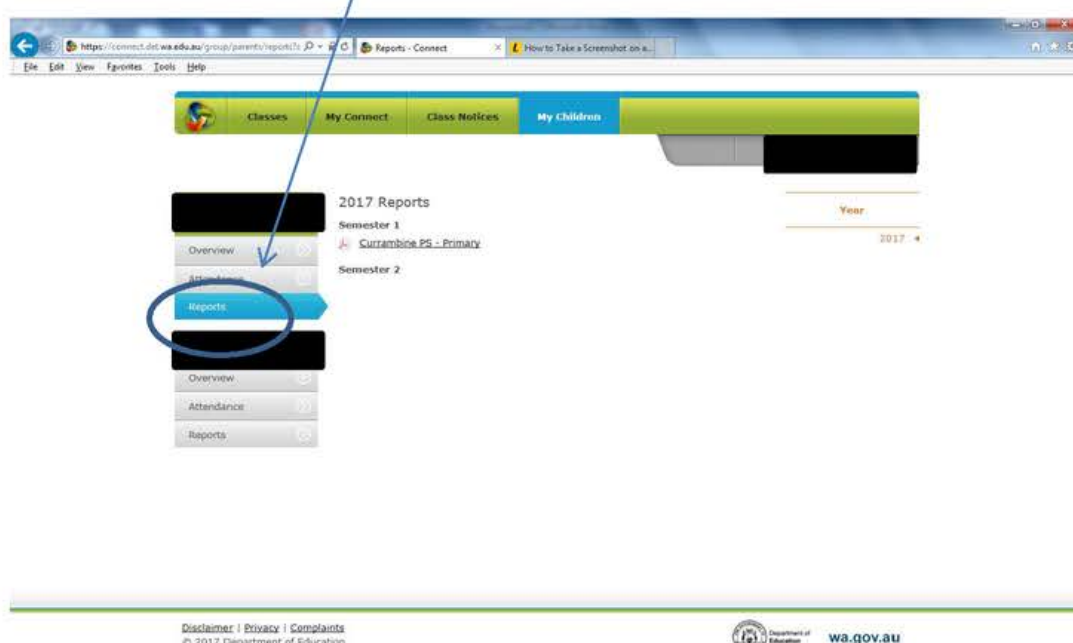
HOW TO VIEW YOUR CHILD'S REPORTS ON CONNECT

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

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



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



Community Notices



Is your child in Kindy to Year 6? Sign them up now!

MULTI-SPORTS K-6

Before School Club

CURRAMBINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Meet in the undercover area

TERM 1
WEDNESDAYS: WEEKS 2-9
WEDNESDAY February 7- WEDNESDAY March 27
7:15- 8:15 AM

Dates:
February 7
February 14
February 21
February 28
March 6
March 13
March 20
March 27

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Join your local Bunnings Christmas Family Event

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**Get into the spirit at the free Bunnings Christmas family event.
Thursday 7th of December from 5pm to 7pm
at Bunnings Joondalup**

Activities and fun for the whole family

Community Group Markets, Turbo Buckets Carnival Ride, Santa Visit, Kids DIY Workshop, Live Music, Face Painting/Glitter Tattoos, Sausage Sizzle, Popcorn, Games, Prizes & More..



Refer to your local store for details and book your spot using the QR Code above.

For more information contact us on 08 9233 3500
or visit www.bunnings.com.au/joondalup

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Community Notices



Wanneroo Christmas Day Lunch

25 December 2023

No one should spend Christmas alone!

This FREE ticketed event is open to those who are alone, are in need, recently moved to WA, seeking new friendships or are separated from their loved ones.

Date: Monday, 25 December 2023
Time: 11.30am - 2.30pm
Venue: Irene McCormack Catholic College, 18 Bradman Dr, Butler
Transport can be provided upon request

To register

AS A GUEST	AS A VOLUNTEER
Go to: https://www.trybooking.com and search <u>Wanneroo Christmas Day Lunch</u>	Go to: www.facebook.com/wanneroochristmasdaylunch
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