

The Currambine Chronicle

Currambine Primary School's Fortnightly Newsletter



CURRAMBINE

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

Address from Veness

Dear Parents & Carers,

May I extend a warm welcome back to all members of the school community to what I am sure will be an exciting year at Currambine Primary School. Our students have settled quickly into the routines of school which is a positive start for all. A very special welcome is extended to new staff:

Ms Dana Pringle – School Psychologist
 Mr Tony Shimmin – School Gardener
 Mr Gary Sheppard – Physical Education Specialist
 Ms Kate Ermacora – Year 2/3 Teacher TA28
 Mrs Gemma van den Rydt – School Support Officer
 Miss Jess Morck – Pre-Primary Teacher TA14

The first Chronicle newsletter of the year always contains a lot of information regarding the policies and procedures that operate within the school on matters such as arrival, removing a child from school early, use of mobile phones, arrangements for holidays and how to park safely around our school. I ask that you please familiarise yourself with these matters.

There is always a lot of activity at the start of the school year and if you are unsure of how a particular process or policy works in the school, I encourage you to contact one of our Associate Principals, a member of the office administration team, or myself to seek clarity.

Parent Information Evenings

Parent information evenings are hosted each year to provide an opportunity for parents/carers 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 as follows;

Pre-Primary: Mon 5th Feb, 5–6pm, Library.

Year One: Mon 12th Feb, 5–6pm, Library.

Year Two: Tues 6th Feb, 5–6pm, TA22 & TA23.

Year Three: Wed 7th Feb, 5–6pm, Library.

Year Four: Tues 20th Feb, 5.30–6.30pm, Library.

Year Five: Thurs 15th Feb, 5–6pm, Library.

Year Six: Thurs 15th Feb, 5.30–6.30pm, TA34.

Year Five & Six Swimming

Year Five and Six students will participate in swimming lessons at Mullaloo Beach in Weeks Three and Four. Please ensure that payment is made as soon as possible and that consent is given for students to undertake this activity.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken from Monday 26th to Thursday 29th February. Further information will be sent home soon.

Kind regards,

Jess Veness
Acting Principal



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Calendar Snapshot

Mon 5th Feb	Pre-Primary Information Night. 5-6pm. Library.
Tues 6th Feb	Year Two Information Night. 5-6pm. Classrooms TA22 & TA23.
Wed 7th Feb	Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Wed 7th Feb	Year Three Information Night. 5-6pm. Library.
Mon 12th Feb	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am. Undercover Area.
Mon 12th - Fri 23rd Feb	Year Five & Six Beach Swimming Lessons at Mullaloo.
Mon 12th Feb	Year One Information Night. 5-6pm. Library.
Mon 12th Feb	P&C Meeting. 7pm. Staff Room.
Wed 14th Feb	Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Wed 14th Feb	Waste Free Lunch
Thurs 15th Feb	Year Five Information Night. 5-6pm. Library.
Thurs 15th Feb	Year Six Information Night. 5.30-6.30pm. Classroom TA34.
Mon 19th Feb	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am. Undercover Area.
Tues 20th Feb	Year Four Information Night. 5.30-6.30pm. Library.
Wed 21st Feb	Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Mon 26th - Thurs 29th Feb	School Photos
Wed 28th Feb	Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Fri 1st Mar	School Development Day (No students)
Mon 4th Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday



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

Connect App

For New Families

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. We ask that all families please download the app to ensure you receive all important communication from our school.



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.

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 appreciate your support of this policy.



Facebook Code of Conduct

A copy of the school's Facebook Code of Conduct can be viewed on our [website](#). Currambine Primary 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 key updates. 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

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 rang.



Text Message Service 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

Please note that vacation arrangements need to be signed off by a school Principal.

If your child(ren) are going to be absent for vacations during the school term, please notify Jess Veness, Acting Principal directly by email at: jessica.veness@education.wa.edu.au

Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Traffic, Parking & Kiss 'n Drop

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

Please also consider using the car park on Christchurch Terrace, just a short walk from school. This would reduce the traffic and increase safety for students. Children are able to safely cross Moore Drive at the school crossing and parents can also park there and walk down to school to collect students.

Your assistance in creating a safe environment for our students is greatly appreciated.



Moore Drive Kiss 'n' Drop

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

- Parents must stay in their car.
- Parents should park at the eastern-most point of the bay, enabling other cars to move into Kiss 'n' Drop behind them.
- While waiting, if you can move your car further up the bay, please do so. This will allow cars behind to move up and others to move into the bay.
- If you have been at 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 Kiss 'n' Drop (see map above). This allows parents waiting to enter the bay to pick up their children if they are already waiting. Take extra care around the pedestrian crossing.

These arrangements allow students to be picked up in a timely manner and for the flow of traffic to continue unimpeded.

Kiss 'n' Drop in front of School Office

In the mornings there is only one Kiss 'n' Drop lane active in front of the school Admin building (off Ambassador Drive). Please stay in the right hand lane to enter Kiss 'n' Drop, leaving the left lane free for Kindy and Pre-Primary parents 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 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 (please see the diagram overpage).

Cars waiting to enter Kiss 'n' Drop can cause traffic to come to a standstill at the roundabout at Ambassador Drive and Paddington Avenue, sometimes causing dangerous congestion. This is inconvenient for residents and there have been reports of dangerous driving to overtake stationary vehicles.

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.

Traffic, Parking & Kiss 'n' Drop continued...

Kiss n' Drop at the Front of School Guidelines

Mornings:

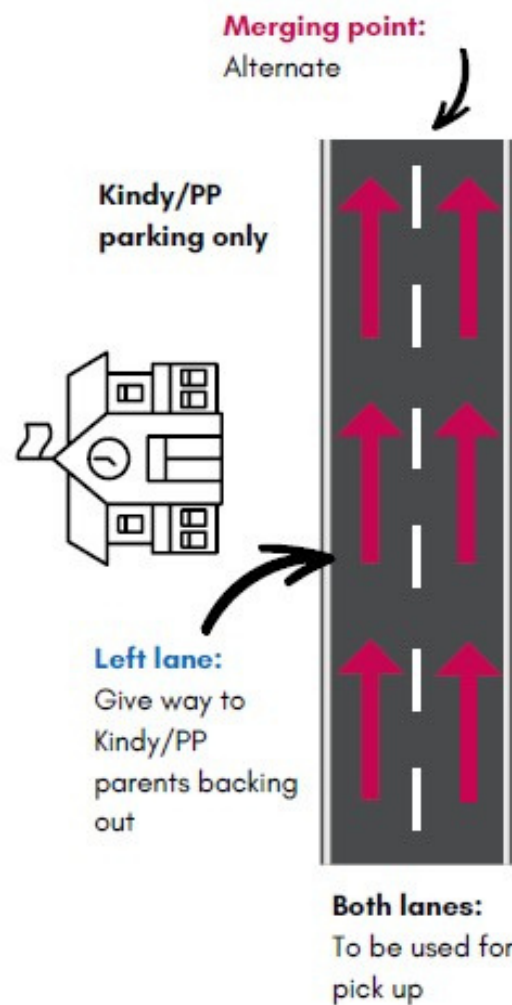
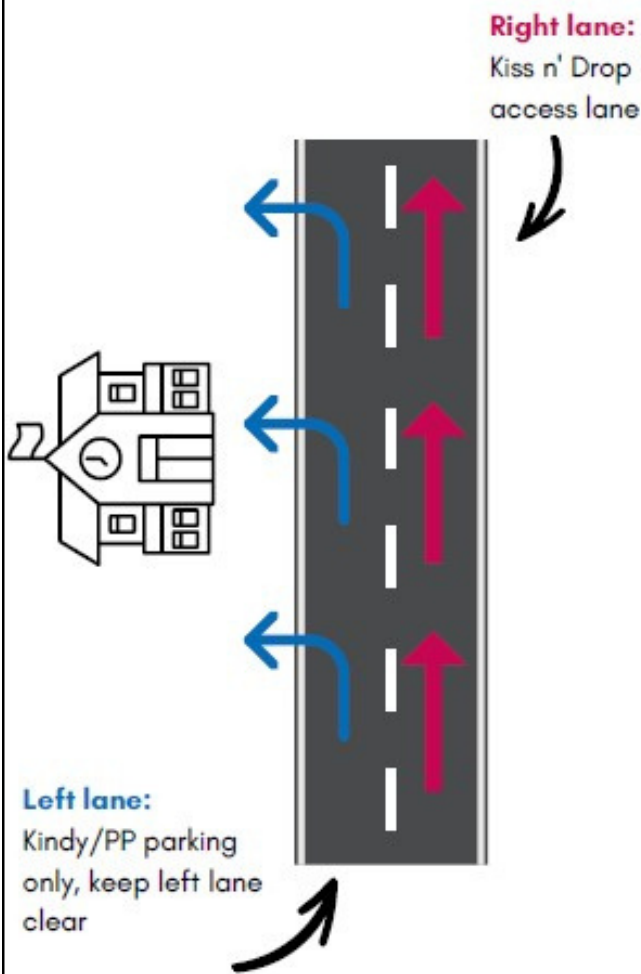
For Kiss n' Drop stay in the right-hand lane please.

This will allow Kindy and Pre-Primary parents/carers to access the parking bays allocated to those years.

Afternoons:

Please line up in both lanes. Traffic then merges to the top end, alternating between the two lanes.

Please alternate when reaching the front of the lane. The left lane must give way to Kindy and Pre-Primary parents/carers backing out.





First Day Fun!



Welcome Students

We hope all students had a great first day of school yesterday. It was fantastic to welcome so many smiling faces, old and new.

Here are some photos from the first day of school including some of our students enjoying Mrs Veness cooling them down with a hose pipe at lunchtime!

Here's to a fun-filled 2024 school year!





Currambine Primary P&C



Get involved!

Currambine Primary School's Parents & Citizens (P&C) Association consists of enthusiastic parents, teachers and other interested community members who contribute their ideas and skills to help support our school.

Our P&C provides a forum for parents/carers to discuss important matters relating to our school and its community. You can read more about the fantastic work of our P&C on our [website](#).

Currambine Primary P&C fundraises through various events and activities, including school discos, themed dress up days, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day Gift stalls and many more fun events, to help provide our students and school with additional valuable resources, beyond those provided by Government budgets.

P&C Meeting - 12th February

The first P&C Meeting of this year will be held on Monday 12th February at 7pm in the Staff Room.

All are welcome to attend and we would love to see some new faces and hear some fresh ideas of how we can work together to further support our students this year.

Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to Jay Dass Real Estate for kindly funding a coffee van to be onsite at our school this morning, serving coffees in return for just a gold coin donation. All funds raised will be donated to Currambine Primary School P&C.

Did you know our P&C run our school canteen and Uniform Shop? View further information over the page...

Keep up to date with news, events and opportunities to volunteer to help our P&C by following [Currambine PS P&C](#) on Facebook.

School Uniform & Canteen



School Uniform Shop

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

- Tuesday: 2pm - 3pm
- Thursday: 8am - 9am

The Uniform Shop is fully stocked with school polos ready for an ALL BLUE 2024 (after phasing out the old white polos).

A new Sports Shorts option is now available in addition to our current Sport Short. The new 'Sport Stretch Shorts' offer more flexibility and comfort with a stretch to the material, available in all sizes at \$25. These have been very popular when the Uniform Shop was open during the school holidays. Come and check them out!

You are also able to place uniform orders by completing an order form (available at our website www.currambineps.wa.edu.au/parents/uniforms/ or from the school office) and posting it into the P&C box in the school office. Orders will be processed twice per week and delivered to your child's class.

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



School Canteen

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

Online Ordering

The canteen uses the School24 Online Ordering system, which can 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

- Visit:
www.school24.net.au/canteenorder/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.net.au/canteenorder/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

[View a menu via our website.](#)



Currambine Primary 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 camp-outs at school, fundraising at Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, crazy golf at Leapfrogs, participating in the Billy Cart Grand Prix, beach safety days, a Lawn Bowls evening plus special excursions to Gingin Discovery Centre and the Pearce Airforce base. All dads and father-figures within our school community are invited to join in the fun!

LADDs Update

Many thanks to all those who supported the LADDs at the Bunnings Joondalup sausage sizzle on 29th December which helped raise a huge **\$2,111!**

A big thank you also to Bunnings Joondalup for supporting the LADDs in securing a new storage box which is located outside the school library, containing the outdoor toys that students play with during Breakfast Club, recess and lunch.

The LADDs have noted that some of these outdoor toys could do with updating/replacing so are now looking into using some of the funds raised to buy some new outdoor toys for students to enjoy. Watch this space!

The LADDs have also re-stocked the LADDs Community Library (pictured above) with some new books for students to enjoy this year.

Join the LADD's Fathering CPS group on Facebook to find out more about upcoming events and how you can get involved.



Rhyme Time, Story Time and P.A.L.S for 0-4 Year 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.) free sessions for 0-4 year olds, are returning for Term One, starting from Week Three!

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

- Wed 7th Feb: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Week Three

- Mon 12th Feb: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.
- Wed 14th Feb: Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Week Four

- Mon 19th Feb: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.
- Wed 21st Feb: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Week Five

- Mon 26th Feb: **No P.A.L.S.** due to Undercover Area being used for school photos.
- Wed 28th Feb: Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Find out more about the free sessions at our [website](#).

Community Notices

TENNIS LESSONS

TERM 1 2024 Currambine PS



TUESDAY 7:30-8:15AM

SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS

CHILDREN YEARS 1-6

CONTACT

**COACH JACK LYTTLE : 0411390100 OR
LYTTLESTARSTENNIS@GMAIL.COM**

Community Notices

MBA Sports Coaching has officially joined forces with GeckoSports, the national leaders in school-aged kids' multi-sports programs.

GeckoSports offer a range of fun multi-sport programs for 5 to 12 years olds, developed with input from leading exercise scientists, physiotherapists, childhood psychologists, professional athletes, expert kids' coaches and primary school educators.

Our programs help kids develop all round sporting skills and physical fitness, but most importantly the opportunity to boost self-esteem and confidence!



8wks for only
\$100

Currambine Primary School

Multi-Sports

Before-School Classes

Wed 7:30-8:25AM

Weeks 2-9 of Term 1
Limited Spots Available

Join our active non-competitive classes where kids get to try their hand at different sports and no week is the same. Build confidence and learn sports skills the fun way!

Sports Include:

- AFL • Athletics • Baseball • Cricket • Hockey • Lacrosse • Netball
- Rugby • Soccer • Ultimate Frisbee • Volleyball & more

To book go to:

bit.ly/3vXqQBG

0467 156 964 westcoast@geckosports.com.au



Gecko Sports



Community Notices



Soccer Development Sessions

Currambine Primary School



REGISTER
HERE

\$165 Per Player
PER TERM

Sibling discount available

www.isasoccer.com.au

1300 554 765

Every Wednesday

Ages: Pre-Primary to Year 6

Time: 2.45pm to 3.45pm

Basketball Courts

Meeting point: Undercover Area

Players to bring:

- Indoor boots
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Water



FIRST SESSION
7TH FEB

Community Notices

Join a group of like-minded people who inspire, challenge and uplift you to become the very best version of yourself.

Heart Heart

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

Do you feel a call to work on your self-development, heal the past, and embrace the process of aligning to your highest, clearest, brightest potential?

Are you looking for heart-based connections with like-minded, kindred spirits?

If this is you, we welcome you to join us for classes that will give you clear, grounded, practical, psychospiritual tools to empower you to grow and consciously choose how you'd like to show up in the world....

Are you ready to take this next step in investing in YOU?

Join Peta, Deb and Michelle

Sunday mornings 10:30-11:30am in Currambine

Bookings are essential. Contact us for bookings or more information:

All welcome. Looking forward to meeting you!

Classes are also offered live on Zoom so you can join from anywhere.

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