

# The Currambine Chronicle

Currambine Primary School's Fortnightly Newsletter



## CURRAMBINE

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

## Address from Veness

Dear Parents & Carers,

A reminder that tomorrow is a School Development Day and students 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 improving our teaching of writing practice, doing further work on our commitment to the WA Positive Behaviour Program and some work on student engagement theory.

Monday is the Labour Day public holiday and I wish all members of the community an enjoyable long weekend.

### Positive Partnerships

Following a Positive Partnerships Information Evening that we hosted last week, this week staff have met with families who have a child at our school with a diagnosis of autism. This provides an opportunity to build relationships with families and for families to share information about their child's strengths and areas for growth, so that we can support them in the school environment. My sincere thanks to Ms Million for her leadership of this program.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN Testing for students in Years Three and Five will take place from Wednesday 13th March to Monday 25th March. Students will complete practise assessments this week to familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN platform. Please note that no data will be collated from these assessments.

NAPLAN can result in some anxiety for some students. 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. Please see further information on page 7.

### Win Your Money Back

Thank you to those of you who have paid Voluntary Contributions for your child(ren) so far. A reminder that if you pay Voluntary Contributions by the end of this term, the names of all students paid for, will be entered into a prize draw. One student from each year group will be selected to win their Voluntary Contribution back. See page 3 for further information.

### P&C AGM

All are welcome to attend our P&C AGM which will be held in our Staff Room at 7pm on Monday 11th March. The positions of Treasurer and Fundraising Co-ordinator are vacant and are required to be filled in order to keep our P&C going. Without our P&C, our School Canteen and Uniform Shop would not be able to operate, therefore we need your help to keep our P&C going. Please see page 8 for details.

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## Evelyn's Greatest Shave

### Supervision of Children After School

May we remind you that if students are staying on the school site after school hours, they must be supervised by a parent or carer, unless attending an after school club.

If not attending an after school club, students must either:

- Go straight home
- Be collected from a parent/carer at Kiss n' Drive
- Be supervised by a parent/carer if remaining on the school grounds.

We thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

Kind regards,

**Jess Veness**  
**Acting Principal**



### Brave Evelyn doing the 'big chop'!

We wanted to share with you the wonderful ERIK behaviour of Year Four student Evelyn M. Evelyn has signed up to take part in the World's Greatest Shave to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Evelyn will be doing the 'big chop' on Sunday 24th March, and amazingly this will be the second time that Evelyn has donated her hair for wigs!

Evelyn will have small plaits all over, which will be cut off, shaving it right down, removing approximately 23cm of hair overall!

Evelyn said "I am doing this to raise money for those who need it most".

We are very proud of Evelyn and the kindness, empathy and braveness she is demonstrating to help others in need.

Evelyn has a goal to raise \$1,000 and has so far raised over \$700! If you would like to help Evelyn achieve her fundraising goal, you can make a donation via the following link:  
<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/evelynmartin>



## Calendar Snapshot



**Fri 1st Mar**

**Mon 4th Mar**

Wed 6th Mar

Fri 8th Mar

Fri 8th Mar

Mon 11th Mar

Mon 11th Mar

Wed 13th Mar

Wed 13th Mar

Wed 13th to Mon 25th Mar

Mon 18th Mar

Wed 20th Mar

Wed 20th Mar

Fri 22nd Mar

Thurs 28th Mar

Thurs 29th Mar

**Fri 29th Mar**

**School Development Day (No students)**

**Labour Day Public Holiday**

Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.

Assembly A (TA22)

Faction Jumps & Throws (Years Three to Six)

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.

Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.

Waste Free Lunch

NAPLAN (Years Three & Five)

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

Undercover Area.

Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.

Board Meeting. 7pm.

Ride2School Day

Faction Athletics Carnival (Pre-Primary to Year Six)

Last Day of Term One

**Good Friday Public Holiday**

**Students return for Term Two on Monday 15th April**

## Win Your Money Back!

Thank you to those of you who have already paid Voluntary Contributions for this year, we appreciate your support. Voluntary Contributions provide additional resources and materials that maximise the quality of our teaching and learning programs and help us provide the best possible education for our students.

If you pay this year's Voluntary Contribution for your child(ren) by the end of this term (Thursday 28th March), their name will be entered into a prize draw.

One student from each year group will be selected to win their Voluntary Contribution back! The money can either be credited back to you or can be kept in your school account to use for future fees such as excursions. The winners will be announced at the start of Term Two.

**win!**

**PAY THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FOR YOUR CHILD(REN) BY THE END OF THIS TERM AND THEIR NAME WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW. ONE STUDENT FROM EACH YEAR GROUP WILL BE SELECTED TO WIN THEIR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION BACK!**

**CURRAMBINE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Visit our [website](#) for more information about **Voluntary Contributions and how to pay.**



## TA23 Class Update



### Filling our Buckets

In Year Two class TA23 we have been trying to identify all the ways we can show kindness in our day.

We performed our assembly item last week and handed out kind words and drawings to the audience.

The smiles we received filled our buckets. Kindness really is contagious!

### The Kindness Challenge

We challenge you to try one of these kind actions today:

- Smile or wave at someone
- Let someone join in your game
- Donate your old toys
- Give a compliment
- Read your brother or sister a story
- Help with chores at home

**Mrs Smith**  
**TA23**



## TA44 Class Update

### A great start to the year!

We're settling into our new class and enjoying getting to know each other. Cookie, our class teddy bear, is enjoying visiting our homes and finding out more about us and our families.

These are some of the things that we have enjoyed so far:

- Technology
- Writing-7 Steps Narratives
- Watching the Midnight Gang - a fabulous book and movie by David Walliams
- Year Three Maths Championship
- Multiplication Shoot Out
- Practising for the Faction Carnival
- PBS (Positive Behaviour Support)
- Meeting our teachers
- Taking Cookie home with us

We are really looking forward to going to Rottnest for our overnight camp.

Year Three is exciting and fun!

**Ms Weeks & Mrs Perry**

**TA44**





# Year Four iPad Program Update

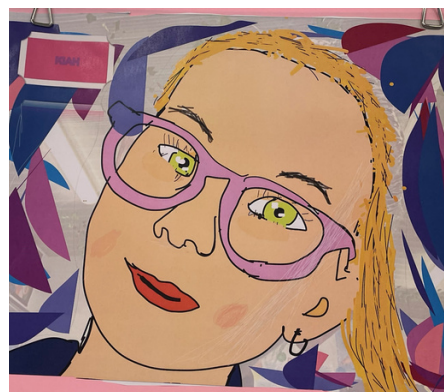
This week we continued to work with Shane McGurk from Next Learning, on our portraits. Now that we had the basis of our portrait, Shane showed us how to add different backgrounds using colour, lines and shapes. We then learnt how to import a photo as our background and also how to create a line animation of our portrait.

We also learnt the skills of exporting and saving our images.

Over the next fortnight we will be looking at a workflow on the iPads with the focus on narrative writing.

**Mrs Dubrich**  
**TA48**

## Self Portraits from TA48



## Self Portraits from TA45

# NAPLAN - Years Three & Five



## Wed 13th to Mon 25th March

The annual NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) assessments will take place for all students in Years Three and Five from Wednesday 13th to Monday 25th March.

It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

Year Three students will complete the writing assessment on paper and all other assessments online.

Year Five students will complete all assessments online. All students will require headphones to use in school, as listed in their Booklists for this year.

## Sample Tests Online

To help students prepare for NAPLAN, families may access the public demonstration site: [www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site)

Accessing this site will offer sample tests for each assessment and provide opportunities for you and your child to see what the assessments look like.

In order to participate in NAPLAN, all parents/carers must have completed an online services agreement for their child. If you are unsure whether you have done this, please speak to your child's teacher.

**Should you have any queries or concerns, please contact Tanya van der Walt who is our NAPLAN co-ordinator, at: [tanya.vanderwalt@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:tanya.vanderwalt@education.wa.edu.au)**



## P&C AGM – Monday 11th March



### Vacant Positions Continued...

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.

To learn more about the roles or register your interest, you can email P&C President Claire Stone at: [currambinepcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:currambinepcpresident@gmail.com)

### All Welcome!

The P&C AGM will be held at 7pm on Monday 11th March in the Staff Room. All parents/carers are welcome to attend. We encourage those who are new to our school to join us, to learn more about our P&C.

The purpose of a P&C Association is to provide parents/carers with a forum to voice their opinions, concerns and suggestions regarding the well-being and advancement of their child's education.

Another very important role of the P&C is to provide our school with the resources beyond those provided by Government budgets. Currambine Primary is very lucky to have an active P&C Association, made up of parents, carers and members of the local community who are passionate about raising additional funds, to help support our students and school.

### Vacant Positions

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

- **Treasurer**
- **Fundraising Co-ordinator**

These positions are pivotal in helping continue the great work of our P&C, and any new members of the P&C Committee will receive support and guidance from our P&C President and other committee members.



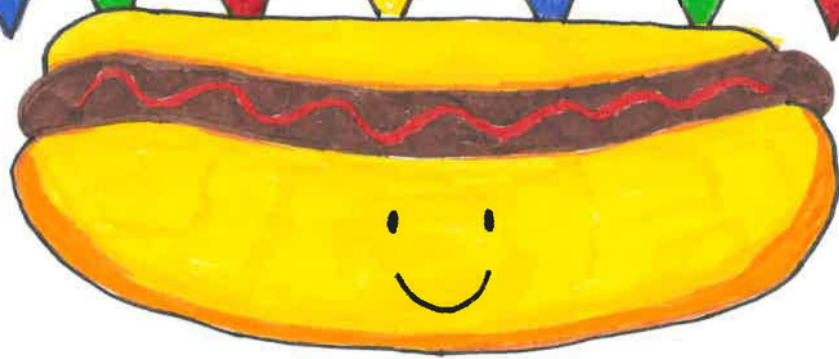
### Canteen Update

Students have been enjoying refreshing cold slushies in the recent hot weather. Tropical and Grape flavours are available. The cost is just \$1 for a small slushie or \$2 for a large slushie and they have less than 1/2 a teaspoon of sugar per serve.

The canteen is now taking orders for sausage sizzles for the **Faction Carnival** which will be held on Thursday 28th March (for Pre-Primary to Year Six students). [See further details over the page.](#)



ORDER NOW  
FACTION CARNIVAL  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE



THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

ORDER YOUR SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
ON THE SCHOOL24 APP (UNDER EVENT  
HEADING)

CUT OFF DATE FOR ORDERS TO BE  
PLACED IS 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2 pm

OTHER MENU ITEMS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE TO ORDER UPTO 9am  
ON THE DAY OF THE CARNIVAL ☺

# 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 Six

- Mon 4th Mar: **No P.A.L.S.** due to Labour Day Public Holiday.
- Wed 6th Mar: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

### Week Seven

- Mon 11th Mar: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area
- Wed 13th Mar: Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

### Week Eight

- Mon 18th Mar: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area
- Wed 20th Mar: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

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



# Staff Spotlight

Physical Education Specialist

## Gary Sheppard



### My Favourites

**Food:** Steak, pasta, chocolate

**Animal:** Dolphin

**Book:** Bounce - The myth of talent & the power of practice, Matthew Syed

**Song:** I'm Feeling It, Sunset Bros X Mark McCabe

**Movie:** Shawshank Redemption

**Sport:** Football (soccer)



### Hobbies

Spending time with my family, watching my sons play football, going to the gym.

### Fun fact about me

I have just recently emigrated to Perth from Scotland despite having never been to Australia before!



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

A footballer but I settled for the next best thing - teaching others how to play and love sport!

### What I love most about Currambine Primary

The staff have been helpful and friendly. The pupils all seem so happy to be here!



## ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM

We recommend you add this to your Newsletter before photo day, to advise Parents/Guardians of ordering procedures.

### Currambine Primary School

**Our school photos will be taken on:**

**Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th of February 2024**

#### **Class Photos/Portraits:**

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student **shootkey**.
- Log onto **www.msp.com.au** and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your **shootkey** the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is **Thursday 7th of March 2024**  
Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee.
- Spare order envelopes (green) will be available at the school reception if parents prefer to pay with cash.

#### **Specialty Group Photos:**

- Specialty Group Photos will be available for purchase after the main photo day packs are delivered to the school. Orders will be open for 4 weeks. A link will be sent to the school for distribution to parents whose child/children is/are in the specialty group photos.

#### **Family Photos:**

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- Family photos **cannot** be ordered online.
- Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.

#### **Please Note:**

Late orders can be placed via our website [www.mspreorders.com.au](http://www.mspreorders.com.au)

Individual and Family Photos are not available to view online for Students' Security.

If for any reason you need to contact MSP regarding your child's photos you will be asked to provide your child's **Shootkey**.




# Connect and Respect Engagement

## Expectations that promote learning, wellbeing and safety in all public schools in Western Australia.

Together we make a difference. We welcome parents and other members of our diverse community into schools across Western Australia. Student learning is strengthened when school staff, parents and carers are actively and positively involved in their education.

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

Parents and carers and other visitors to schools support safety by ensuring communication and conduct at school and school activities is respectful. Every student, staff member, parent or carer has the right to feel safe and be safe at our schools.

| Respectful engagement   | It is expected that parents and carers and/or visitors to our schools will:   | Parents and carers and/or visitors to our schools demonstrate this by:   |
|---|---|--|
| <p><b>Culture</b></p>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recognise every student is important to us</li> <li>• contribute to a respectful school culture</li> <li>• promote and model good behaviour</li> <li>• work together with staff to resolve issues or concerns</li> <li>• respect the right of staff to disconnect from work outside of school hours</li> <li>• share responsibility in creating safe and secure learning environments</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respecting the diversity of our schools and the right to an education for every child</li> <li>• always communicating respectfully about our schools and our staff</li> <li>• not engaging in malicious or judgmental gossip in person, in writing, or on social media; about our students, staff and school community members</li> <li>• raising concerns early with a staff member, the principal or the Department of Education directly</li> <li>• understanding sometimes compromises are necessary, to find an acceptable solution to concerns raised</li> <li>• understanding that obstacles, barriers and disappointments are part of the growth journey</li> <li>• supporting children and young people to work through difficulties and build resilience</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Communication</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be mutually respectful</li> <li>• act as positive role models</li> <li>• actively help to solve concerns</li> <li>• use the school's communication channels and processes to address concerns</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• appreciating that school staff may not be available to respond immediately</li> <li>• knowing that staff will respond to appropriate communication when they are able</li> <li>• requesting a meeting to discuss any concerns about your child's education – allowing staff time to prepare and appreciating their time may be limited</li> <li>• not using offensive, insulting and derogatory language; and inappropriate conduct</li> <li>• being kind when interacting with others</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Collaboration</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• work with the school to provide a safe and productive learning environment</li> <li>• ensure your child attends school ready to learn</li> <li>• know and support the school's Student Good Standing Policy</li> <li>• schedule meetings at an agreed time, for an agreed purpose</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• maintaining professional relationships that are open, honest and respectful</li> <li>• taking responsibility for your child arriving and leaving school safely on time every day</li> <li>• supporting your child to understand and follow the Student Good Standing requirements</li> <li>• scheduling an appointment to meet with the teacher or principal</li> </ul>   |

# Connect and Respect

**Every student, staff member, parent or carer has the right to feel safe and be safe in our schools.**

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

## What we can all expect:



mutual  
respect



good  
behaviour



open  
communication



respect for each  
other's time

## We will not tolerate:



offensive, insulting  
or aggressive  
language



malicious or  
judgemental  
gossip



using  
social media  
disrespectfully



any form  
of violence

**Shared and respectful expectations and values will enable us to work together in the best interests of our children.**



## WA U/12 STATE SCHOOLGIRLS FOOTBALL TRIALS

Nominations are now open to register for the SSWA State U/12 Schoolgirls Team. Players eligible need to be turning 11 or 12 years of age in 2024. Trial information and registrations can be viewed at: <https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/football-soccer/boys-girls-12-under/>

The trial process will be in two stages, with four preliminary trials held at Butlers Reserve, Corbett St, Scarborough and Aubin Grove Rec Centre, Camden Blvd, Aubin Grove. After the fourth trial, a squad will be selected, and a further two trials will be held to select the final team. Attendance at all trials is encouraged so selectors can view players more often but it is not compulsory. Should you not be able to attend any trial, notify Scott Halpin via email. Please check the trial information on the [School Sport WA](https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au) website for the correct venue and times as venues alternate from North and South and will be held at one of the locations above each week. All Girls trials will commence at 2:30pm and should conclude at 4:00pm. Players should bring a water bottle to all trials and arrive 15 mins prior.

The final team selection will be made the evening after the final trial on the 18th of May. Successful players will be advised via message with the squad formally announced via the [School Sport WA](https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au) website asap. Training will commence the following week and will mainly focus on tactical play. This will be held at venues across Perth, with several sessions held at Lark Hill Rockingham, the venue for this year's National Championships. Practice games will also be played across Perth leading up the National Championships in October. Training and playing games will be made as to avoid clashes with club commitments and I am open to negotiate any time needed for other commitments. Consideration will also be given for players as well as country players, who cannot attend all sessions due to travel and/or other commitments. This can be negotiated with the Coach.

Please contact Scott Halpin for further details at [scott.halpin@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:scott.halpin@education.wa.edu.au)





# CRICKET SKILLS TRIAL DAY

## Events

FRIDAY  
22 MARCH  
REGISTER YOUR  
PLACE NOW!

### JOIN OUR SPECIALIST CRICKET PROGRAM!

### APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR YEAR 7, 2025

Our Endorsed Specialist Cricket Program provides a first-class education for both **male and female cricketers**. As part of this program students are exposed to a holistic cricket education. Through the provision of quality coaching and access to excellent facilities your child will be challenged and supported to achieve at the highest level. Students will be provided with a number of opportunities to excel in the game, such as involvement in Interschool and State Competitions, attendance on Camps and graduation at the WACA. Being a part of our program is a rewarding experience, watching them grow not only on the pitch but as leaders in the school community.

**STUDY CRICKET AT HIGH SCHOOL AND EXPAND YOUR SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL - LEARN FROM THE BEST IN THE FIELD WITH TOP QUALITY COACHES.**

### COURSE CONTENT

- Develop your batting, bowling, fielding and mental skills
- Fitness training
- Match strategies
- Training camps
- Umpiring
- Captaincy
- Scoring
- Modified games/indoor cricket
- Interschool matches
- Interstate and international tours
- Year 11/12 students Cert III Sports & Recreation (Cricket Studies) leading to TAFE and Diploma courses.

**THE BSC CRICKET PROGRAM IS FULLY APPROVED BY  
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND FULLY ENDORSED BY THE WACA**

CREATING THE  
FUTURE TOGETHER

**BOOK YOUR PLACE  
REGISTER HERE:**



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# Community Notices



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**GIRLS**



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