

The Currambine Chronicle

Currambine Primary School's Fortnightly Newsletter



CURRAMBINE

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

Address from Veness

Dear Parents & Carers,

Faction Carnival

Congratulations to all participants of the Faction Carnival today. What a brilliant day it has been! As communicated via Connect Notice and Facebook, the School has decided to honour the memory of our late principal, Geoff Smith, by naming the new shield the Geoff Smith Athletics Shield. Mr Smith always enjoyed the Faction Carnival and remarked how much he enjoyed donning students with their winning ribbons. His absence was felt this year. We were honoured to have his family attend today to present the winning faction with the shield.

P&C AGM

Our Parents and Citizens Association recently conducted their Annual General Meeting at which officer bearer positions are filled. The outcomes are listed below:

President: Clare Stone

Vice President: Hannah Rebbeck

Secretary: Tami Hafele

Treasurer: Danielle Nolan

Fundraising Liaison: Jodie Jones

Executive Committee: Claire Ihlein, Nikki Buck, Jacqui Alhawadi

NAPLAN

Year Three and Five students have recently participated in NAPLAN assessments. We are very proud of the efforts they have put into their testing. A very big thank you to Mrs Tanya van der Walt, associate principal, for stepping into the role of NAPLAN coordinator this year.

Term Two Staffing Arrangements

I am pleased to advise that Miss Kate Ermacora has accepted the position of part-time Music specialist and will take on this role on Mondays and Tuesdays moving forward.

Term Two Staffing Arrangements continued...

Miss Ermacora has been teaching in TA28 this term, and will continue to do so on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I am thrilled to advise that Mrs Rhiannon Stewart will be re-joining our staff and teaching in TA28 on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Tanya van der Walt will continue in the role of associate principal for Term Two, whilst I remain in the role of principal. The Department of Education will be selecting a new principal for the School; a Term Three start date is expected.

Goodbye Mrs Hale

Mrs Jean Hale has been on leave this term; announcing her retirement from the beginning of Term Two. There will be a void in the school staff without Jean around; she exudes fun, care and compassion, and brings a wealth of knowledge to our team. We wish Jean all the best for a happy retirement and hope to see her very soon. Please see page 9 to read Jean's letter of goodbye.

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Address from Veness continued...

Thank You

I would like to acknowledge everyone in our school community for completing a very busy and successful term. Whilst it was a shorter term than normal, it was still jam packed with events. Today is the final day of Term One. Term Two begins on Monday 15th April. I wish everyone a wonderful break. Please see page 3 for key events in Term Two.

Kind regards,

Jess Veness
Acting Principal



School Board

School Board Explained

The purpose of the School Board is to enable staff, parents and members of the wider community to engage in activities that will advance the efficacy of the School and the interest of students.

The Board's work is strategic, rather than operational, and takes part in reviewing the objectives, priorities and general policy direction of the School, with particular attention to the approval of the School Business Plan every three years. Members who join the School Board, are expected to hold the full tenure of three years, within reason.

The School Board is required to have six parent representatives and two community representatives. The latter are not to have children enrolled at the School.

Vacant Positions

Five Board positions will become vacant for parents at the close of Term Two, 2024.

A specific nomination process will be advised closer to the time, and the School wishes to inform the community in advance of the arising vacancies.

Parents are encouraged to learn more about the responsibility of joining the School Board and consider nominating for the role. The School Board meets once per term, on a Wednesday evening in Week Eight. The only exception to this, is a second meeting held in Term Four Week Four.

Queries relating to the School Board may be directed to Jess Veness, Acting Principal at jessica.veness@education.wa.edu.au or call 6207 6100.



Calendar Snapshot



Thurs 28th Mar

Last Day of Term One

Fri 29th Mar

Good Friday Public Holiday

Mon 15th Apr

First Day of Term Two

Fri 19th Apr

Assembly A (TA24)

Mon 22nd Apr

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

Wed 24th Apr

ANZAC Ceremony

Thurs 25th Apr

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Fri 26th Apr

Assembly B (TA32)

Mon 29th Apr

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

Mon 29th Apr

P&C Meeting. 7pm.

Wed 1st May

Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.

Wed 1st May

Waste Free Lunch

Fri 3rd May

Assembly B (TA31)

Visit our [website](#) to view the full Term Two planner

Perth Speech Therapy



Service Available On-Site

Currambine Primary School provides onsite speech pathology services for students on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Perth Speech Pathology.

Families at Currambine Primary School are offered a discount on services.

Please contact Jenny Edgar, Director, to enquire about session availability and pricing.

Phone: 0412 256 656

Email: info@perthspeechtherapy.com.au

Website: www.perthspeechtherapy.com.au/



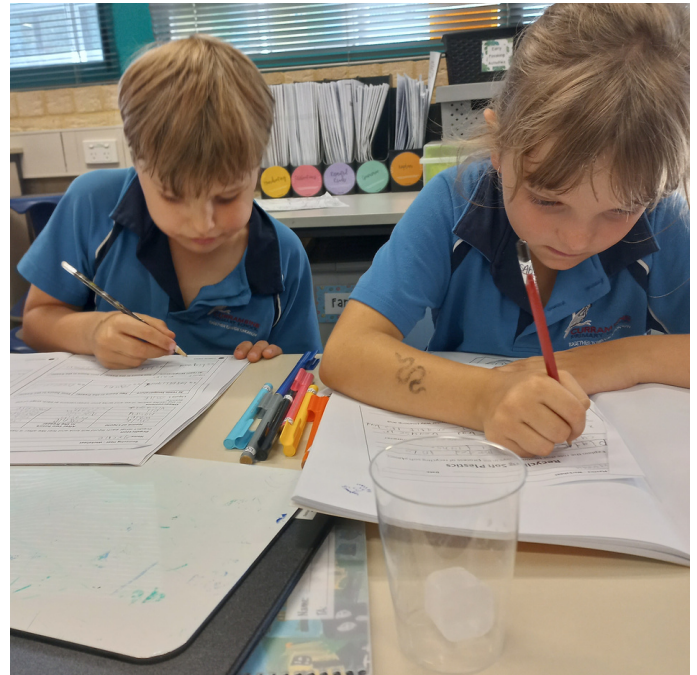
TA42 Class Article



Chemical Science

Term One has flown by for Year Three class TA42. This term we have been learning about States of Matter in Chemical Science.

We have learnt that there are three states of matter, that are all around us, and they all take up space. Through its properties we discovered a state of matter can be classified as a solid, liquid or gas, and they are all made up of atoms.



During the experiments, conducted heat was added or removed to solids and liquids. We then observed and recorded if the state of matter changed from one state to another.

In TA42 we have enjoyed learning about the states of matter that surround us.

Ms West
TA42

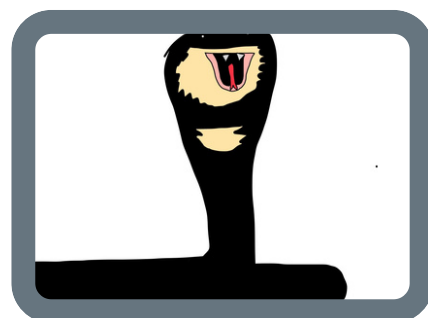
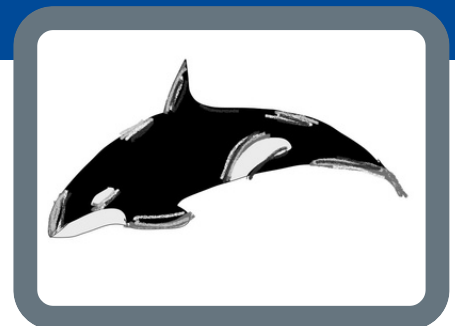
Year Four iPad Program

Totem Animals

Last week, we put the skills we learnt doing our self-portraits to use in History. Everyone chose an animal to be their totem animal and after tracing over a picture of it, they exported it to Photos so we can use it in different programmes.

This week they used their picture in a poster about their totem. This activity is helpful to consolidate the skills we have been learning and recognising how to apply skills in different contexts.

Ms Million
TA47





Celebrating Harmony Week



Everyone Belongs

Last Thursday we celebrated Harmony Week, 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 week. 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 Week. Pre-Primary students made harmony crowns to celebrate everyone belonging and living in harmony. They also learnt a harmony dance.

Where in the world are you from?

Year Five students created fabulous Harmony mosaics. Year Six students enjoyed a ‘Where in the world are you from?’ activity. They decorated a figure cut-out with flags and cultural symbols and attached them to a string, to point to their birthplace on a map.

They learned about why Harmony Week is celebrated which generated some great conversations about family backgrounds and places we have travelled to.

You can find out more about Harmony Week at: www.harmony.gov.au/about



Faction Athletics Carnival Wrap Up



The Geoff Smith Athletics Shield

Well done to all Pre-Primary to Year Six students for the fantastic effort they put into participating in our Faction Athletics Carnival today, as well as supporting their peers!

Students had great fun taking part in a variety of team games and year level races, competing for faction points which were added up at the end of the day. The final faction points were:

- 1st place: Forest with 953 points**
- 2nd place: Baudin with 789 points**
- Joint 3rd place: Carnaby and Corella both with 774 points**

Well done Forest for gaining a huge 164 point lead, to win the newly named Geoff Smith Athletics Shield, in honour of Mr Smith who loved Faction Carnival Day. The shield was presented by special guests, Mrs Smith and daughter Maddy.

Many thanks to Ms Falco for her excellent organisation of the day supported by Mr Sheppard, Mrs Harmer-Watkins, Mrs Janeta McKenna (who fulfilled the role of Starter despite no longer having children at our school), plus all other members of staff who worked hard to deliver a great event...the day would not have been possible without you all!

Thank you also to the many families who came along to support our students, to Currambine P&C for organising and running the food and drink stalls, to Anytime Fitness Currambine who supplied water, and Currambine Coles who kindly supplied ingredients for the bacon and egg rolls.

Keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for more photos.



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 today.

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:

- Long Jump
- Vortex Throw
- 200 metres running race
- Age Race

Well done to all of the following students:

Year Three Girls:

Champion: Imogen S (Corella)
Runner-up: Norah L (Corella)

Year Three Boys:

Champion: Carter F (Corella)
Runner-up: Jesse Q (Forest)

Year Four Girls:

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

Year Four Boys:

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

Year Five Girls:

Champion: Danielle M (Baudin)
Runner-up: Emily D (Forest)

Year Five Boys:

Champion: Andre G-S (Carnaby)
Runner-up: Otis H (Forest)

Year Six Girls:

Champion: Madison H (Forest)
Runner-up: Lois P (Forest)

Year Six Boys:

Champion: Mason Ba (Carnaby)
Runner-up: Harrison G (Corella)



Brave Evelyn Raises \$2,249!

In support of the Leukaemia Foundation

Well done to the incredibly selfless and brave Year Four student, Evelyn M who had all of her hair cut off on Sunday, to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Amazingly this is the second time that Evelyn has donated her hair for wigs, as part of the World's Greatest Shave fundraising challenge. This time Evelyn raised a whopping \$2,249!

Along with your family, we at Currambine Primary School are all so proud of you Evelyn, and your remarkable ERIK behaviour!





Goodbye, au revoir, arrivederci & sayonara from Mrs Hale

As I retire shortly, I wish to sincerely thank all the wonderful students I have had the pleasure of getting to know at Currambine Primary School. I know I leave you in good hands as the school staff are awesome.

I have enjoyed my time teaching and being able to share our chats in the morning on the astroturf or after school. There have been many, many hilarious, special moments and it's been great seeing you grow in confidence over your primary years.

It has always been my practice over the school year to tell every class member something amazing about themselves. Every one of you really does have something unique and valuable to share - from those students with their terrific jokes, to the students who finds school work/rules tough but continue to try their very best, to the kind students who look after others, to the students who always do the right thing, and to the students who respect themselves and others. You are all ERIKS and I believe in you.

Please remember that life really is a journey. Whilst I hold teaching close to my heart, I have loved working in a wide range of industries and learnt so much from every single job I have held. I never stopped studying and this allowed me the flexibility to pursue my dreams. You will be entering a world where change is happening at a faster pace than ever before. Education throughout life is the key - do not believe that you are incapable of changing direction - you are amazing, and the world needs you to shine brightly.

So finally, to the student with the mismatched socks, the mop of curly hair, the quiet smile, the hilarious comment, one million thank yous for being such a very special part of my life. I will miss you. However, I have chosen the words au revoir and arrivederci carefully as they actually mean "goodbye until we meet again". I believe I will have the joy of seeing many of you at the local shops, restaurants, etc. as I will still be visiting the area.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hale





WA Student Assistance



Apply from 15th April

An announcement was recently made regarding the WA Student Assistance Payment provided by the State Government. Please note that your child's student number (WASN) can be found via the following methods:

- School Report
- NAPLAN results documentation
- SmartRider Card

All school reports are accessible via Connect. Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students are yet to receive an official school report, therefore their student number has been sent home.

Applications to receive the payment open on Monday 15th April and close on Friday 28th June.

Please refer to the Connect Notice sent to you, including the letter from the WA State Government with all the details.

Recycling Incursion

Please save empty bottles!

In Term Two, Weeks Four and Five, our students will get to enjoy a Waste Education incursion.

All students will need a clean and empty 1 litre or 1.25 litre clear plastic bottle with a lid, to take part in an activity during the incursion. Therefore, we ask you to please start collecting your empty bottles to send in to school.

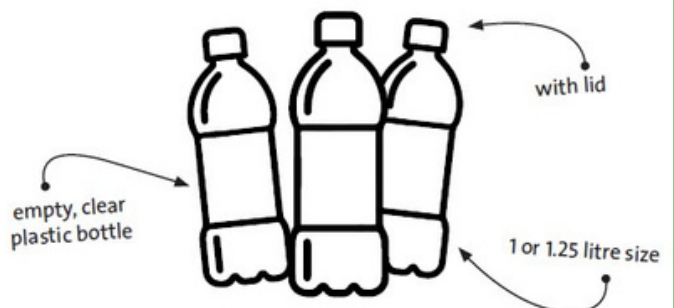
Families will be sent further information regarding the incursion via Connect.

Please see the diagram for details about the bottles that students will require. Many thanks for your support.



CLOSING THE LOOP ON ORGANICS

Waste Education Workshop for your class provided by Veolia - courtesy of your local council.



This is a reminder that your child will need to bring an empty plastic bottle to school for an incursion.

The bottle should be a 1 or 1.25L clear plastic soda bottle with a lid and be clean and empty.

(No coloured plastic bottles, milk bottles or small water bottles please. Masks are also recommended for this workshop).



World Autism Awareness Day

Tuesday 2nd April is World Autism Awareness Day. The message of Autism Awareness Day is "To help create a world in which autistic individuals are fully supported, championed and celebrated, we must all work together to achieve true acceptance."

What is Autism?

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a lifelong neurological condition that manifests during early childhood. Autism is mainly characterised by its unique social interactions, non-standard ways of learning, keen interests in specific subjects, inclination to routines, challenges in typical communications and particular ways of processing sensory information. The rate of autism in all regions of the world is high and the lack of understanding has a tremendous impact on individuals, their families, and communities.

World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) aims to put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism, and others living with people with autism, face every day. It is designed to help increase and develop world knowledge of children and adults who have autism spectrum disorder (ASD). WAAD goes one step further to celebrate the unique talents of those with autism, while putting a huge focus on the warm embrace and welcome that these skills deserve, through community events around the globe.



Comments from parents/carers of ASD students at Currambine Primary School:

Autism can be a superpower but it is also isolating. Please think twice and invite that odd child to your child's birthday party. My child had NO party invitations in Year Three.

They don't mean to hurt or invade space. They might just be focused on an object or wanting attention.

Neurodivergent individuals (including autistic individuals) are as unique as neurotypical individuals.

Autism has so many characteristics. Don't ever judge a child or their family. You never know what's happening or what struggles people are facing.

Our differences make the world an interesting place.

Don't judge by social norms.

Inclusion.



P&C Update



\$2,167 Raised in Easter Raffle

Thank you to all those of you who brought in Easter goodies to donate as raffle prizes for the annual P&C Easter Raffle. Thanks also to Woolworths Currambine for kindly donating Easter gifts.

Thanks to your generosity of Easter donations and the purchase of raffle tickets, our P&C have raised a fantastic \$2,167!

Mrs Veness was particularly delighted to win a prize in the raffle, commenting that it is the first prize she has won in over 20 years!

Faction Carnival Thanks

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped organise and staff the P&C food stalls at the Faction Carnival today.

Thank you also to all of the families who donated baked goods/cakes to help raise money for our school on the cake stall.

Keep up to date with news and events from Currambine P&C at their [Facebook page](#).



LADDs Update



LADDs Pottery Workshop

Those that joined the LADDs Fathering CPS last night at the Pottery Playroom had great fun painting a variety of ceramics.

Some careful colour section and brushwork was enjoyed by both children and their dads/father figures. Many thanks to The Pottery Playroom for looking after our group.

The LADDs will advise when the painted pottery pieces are ready to be collected early next term.

Dads in the Canteen

The LADDs have been busy this week!

Members of the LADDs group have kindly volunteered their time to help in our school canteen this week, much to the delight of their children!

Thank you to all dads/father figures who volunteered their time to help out.

Keep an eye on the [LADDs Facebook page](#) to keep up to date with upcoming events and news.



Cyber Safety & Digital Awareness

- Have you ever wondered how technology might affect the developing bodies, brains and behaviours of children?
- Have you ever struggled to get your child to turn their device off?
- Are you worried your child is spending too much time online?
- Are you concerned about what your child might find, or what might find them?
- Do you want to learn how to reduce conflict and enhance relationships?

The LADDs are funding a workshop that will discuss all of this and much more.

The workshop will be held on Monday 10th June, 6.30–8.30pm in our undercover area, FREE for parents of our students to attend.

The workshop will be delivered by Kayelene Kerr, recognised as one of WA's most experienced specialist providers of Protective Behaviours, Body Safety, Cyber Safety and Digital Wellness education workshops. See further details on page 14.


Please register to attend the event via the following link: www.esafekids.com.au/events

Online Safety & Digital Wellbeing Workshop




EDUCATE | EQUIP | EMPOWER | SUPPORT | PROTECT

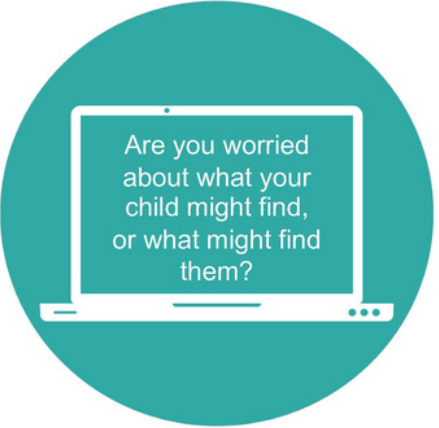
Presented by eSafeKids, this workshop is filled with up-to-date information, real world examples, practical strategies, conversation starters and resource recommendations to support you.



Have you ever struggled to get your child to turn off their device?



Do you want to reduce conflict and enhance relationships?



Are you worried about what your child might find, or what might find them?

WORKSHOP CONTENT

- Technology's effect on developing bodies, brains and behaviour.
- Screen time and healthy boundaries – Creating a Family Technology Plan.
- Social media, gaming and media literacy.
- Age inappropriate, hurtful, harmful and illegal content, including sexualised media and pornography.
- Tricky People & Unsafe Behaviours.
- Interpersonal conflict, peer relationships, managing emotions and digital reputation.
- Parental controls – safer devices and homes.

DATE: Monday 10th of June 2024

TIME: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Followed by questions

VENUE: Currambine Primary School

REGISTER: www.esafekids.com.au/events



Community Notices

HOLIDAY TENNIS LESSONS



WHEN: APRIL 8TH & 9TH (8-9AM)

WHERE: SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS

WHO: CHILDREN YEARS 1-6

COST: \$15 PER LESSON

TO REGISTER

**EMAIL COACH JACK:
LYTTLESTARSTENNIS@GMAIL.COM**

**WITH CHILDS NAME, YEAR & CONTACT
NUMBER.**

ALL EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED

Community Notices

FREE Trial Class



TENNIS

AT SCHOOL

ALL ages are welcomed!



Every **TUESDAY 7:30 - 8:15am** Starting **23/4**
\$140 per term (8 weeks)
At the School Tennis Courts

TO REGISTER

Email Coach Jack:

lyttlestarstennis@gmail.com

With child's name, year & contact number

ALL EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED



Community Notices



Soccer Development PROGRAM



Every Wednesday

Ages: Pre-Primary to Year 6

Time: 2.45pm to 3.45pm

Basketball Courts

Meeting point:
Undercover Area

24th April to 19th June

Players to bring:

- Indoor boots
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Water

\$165 Per Term

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER



1300 554 765

bookings@isasoccer.com.au

www.isasoccer.com.au



Community Notices

SCHOOL SPORT WA 2024 INTERSTATE HOCKEY 12'S TRIALS



GIRLS

MELVILLE CITY
HOCKEY CLUB

TIME

6AM - 8AM

6AM - 8AM

6AM - 8AM

6AM - 8AM

LOCATION



TRIAL DATES

TRIAL 1
13TH APRIL

TRIAL 2
14TH APRIL

TRIAL 3
21ST APRIL

TRIAL 4
28TH APRIL
(IF REQUIRED)

BOYS

LEMNOS FIELD
SHENTON
TURF

TIME

6AM - 8AM

6AM - 8AM

6AM - 8AM

6AM - 8AM

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL 2024

<https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/hockey/boys-girls-12s/>

