



# Courtenay News

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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## SCHOOL PURPOSE

For all to strive to achieve the  
best outcomes for all  
our students.

A warm welcome back to all students and families for Term 2. Students are now well and truly settled into the routines of their classes and as I wander into classrooms, I see and hear valuable learning experiences taking place.

ANZAC Day was Tuesday and I would like to thank our school captains; Vinith, Latesha, Vidun and Indigo, and teachers; Mr. Abella, Mrs. Overton and Mrs. Harrington, for attending the service in Cranbourne and laying a wreath on behalf of the Courtenay Gardens community.

In Term 2 there are many different events taking place in and around the school. Term 2 presents us with See For Yourself Day, District Cross Country, choir visits to Woodbine Pre School, Mothers' Day Stall, Mothers' Day afternoon tea, NAPLAN testing, 2018 Prep tours, Maths Talent Quest, Winter

Lightning Premierships, Lunch time clubs, Reporting to Parents and Parent/Teacher Interviews.

### PREP ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for 2018 Preps have begun. The Office has the necessary information and forms required to assist you with the enrolment of your child. Our office ladies are taking 2018 enrolments on Tuesdays & Wednesdays between 9.30am and 2.30pm. If you know of any neighbours who have a pre-schooler could you please let them know about enrolling for 2018.

### NEW PLAYGROUND

At last our new playground equipment is starting to be installed. We see many excited faces watching the progress at recess and lunchtimes. Parents and students can visit the school website and see what each section of playground equipment will look like. Hopefully the weather is kind to the installers and we do not have too many delays.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

After some beautiful Autumn weather we are now starting to experience the colder days that come with the approach of Winter. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather. Coats should be worn on cold, wet days.

**Marg Sheppard**  
Principal



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## Maths News

### Term Ones Times Tables Championship

During the last few weeks of Term One, Courtenay Gardens held their Times Tables Championships in Grades 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The following students were victorious in their division challenges.

**Grade 2;** Jayden 2P, Cooper 2E, Manraj 2D

**Grade 3;** Andrew 3J, Maia 3K, Nastran 3M

**Grade 4;** Shafi 4Z, Hashir 4C, Divija 4A

**Grade 5;** Ryan 5S, Arian 5D, Catelin 5D

**Grade 6;** Joshua 6L, Taliya 6H, Elyaz 6D

Congratulations to all challengers and keep up the good work.

**Monica Curnow and Dearnne Backhouse**  
**Numeracy Leaders**

## See For Yourself Day

You are invited to attend the annual 'See For Yourself Day' at CGPS on *Tuesday 2nd of May*.

You can visit your child's class and see what wonderful things are happening at "The Best School in the State!"

There will be 2 sessions: 9 – 10:00am and 10 - 10.55am.

We ask that you only attend one session as the classrooms can get very busy.

Please return the bottom of the note that was sent home last week, so the classroom teacher knows how many people will be attending each session.

Looking forward to seeing you on the *2nd May*.

**The Education Committee**

## Grade 4 News

### Problem Solving

The grade fours have been hard at work learning strategies to solve problems. Our focus has been using the Write a List strategy and the four step problem solving chart to expand the students' knowledge and thinking skills. The students have been encouraged to find the main idea and relevant details from a given question. Students are encouraged to explain the strategies they used, as well as explain how they solved the problem.

4Z had a wonderful break through when two of the students, William and Kevin, discovered that the given problem could be solved using different strategies.

Well done boys and congratulations on sharing your findings.



## Art Room News

The art room is running very low on newspapers.

If you have any spare newspapers only, no magazines or catalogues, please send them to the art room.

Thank you very much!

**Art Room Teachers**



## Prep News - Healthy and Having a Ball!

The Preps had a great couple of days on the second last week of Term 1 learning about eating healthy and the importance of exercise. The students enjoyed some delicious fruit that was kindly donated by Coles as well as participating in a huge sport rotation!

It was a fantastic couple of days and the Preps really enjoyed the experience.



## Literacy News

We are very fortunate to have the author Adam Wallace visit our school for the third year in a row. He will be running FREE 45 minute workshops with the Grade 3-6 students. He has written and illustrated a variety of children's books and many of those books can be found in our school library.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to meet and participate in a writing and illustrating workshop with Adam Wallace.

**Adam Wallace will be visiting Courtenay Gardens on Wednesday the 24th of May and Thursday the 25th of May.**

We hope your child(ren) enjoy the workshops with Adam.

Many thanks,  
**Literacy Committee**



## Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea

CGPS is having our Annual Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea! Enjoy some goodies & socialise with the other mums, guardians & teachers from our great school.

**Where:** The CGPS Gym foyer

**Day:** Friday, the 12th of May

**Time:** 2:45pm – 3:30pm

To assist us with catering, please fill out and return an attendance letter which will be provided by your child's teacher no later than 9th of May.

We hope you can make it!

## Fundraising Reminders

If your child(ren) have Spell-A-thon money, please forward it to their classroom teacher as soon as possible.

A reminder also, The Mothers' Day stall will be held on **Monday 8th of May.**

The money will be collected from now until **Thursday 4th of May.** Thank you for your support of the school's fundraising efforts.

**Chris Palmer**  
**Fundraising Committee Coordinator**

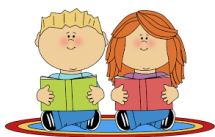
## Premier's Reading Challenge

Many students have already brought back their permission slips to have their name published in the newspaper at the end of the challenge.

**Grades Prep-2 students** will complete the challenge in their classrooms and the books read in class will be logged by the PRC Coordinator.

**Grades 3-6 students** are encouraged to participate in the challenge, however it is not compulsory. Before Grade 3-6 students can be registered and given a password and username, they must bring in their form with the first 5 books listed. Once they have a username and password books read can be logged on the Premiers' Reading Challenge website <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc>

If you are in	You must read	No. of Books from the Challenge Booklist
Grades 3 to 6	15 books	10 or more



Completed Reading Logs need to be returned to school by  
**THURSDAY 24th AUGUST, 2017.**

Happy reading and remember with every book you read you are increasing your vocabulary!

## Sport News

### PARENTS

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- 4 Complete the registration process



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## Absent Note

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### ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

My child.....

grade.....

was absent on .....

due to ☐ illness ☐ medical appointment

☐ other .....

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