



Courtenay News

Issue 4 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

LAST DAY OF TERM Friday 31st March, 2.30pm Dismissal

From the Principal's Desk....

MARCH

- 28 The Importance of Sleep, Healthy Eating and Routine Parent Workshop
- 31 Easter Bonnet Parade
- LAST DAY OF TERM 1
2.30PM DISMISSAL

APRIL

- 18 BACK TO SCHOOL
TUESDAY
First Day of Term 2
- 19 Canteen is open
- 25 ANZAC Day
No School

SCHOOL PURPOSE

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

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

What a wonderful morning we had with our Grandparents on Friday, 10th March. It was interesting for the children to hear the differences between school now and what it was like for their grandparents. There were many varied activities taking place in the grades and some eager grandparent helpers. On behalf of the students and teachers I would like to thank all our grandparents who attended, especially those who had to travel a long distance.

GRADE 4 – 6 ATHLETICS DAY

Our grade 4-6 students eagerly participated in running and field events in preparation for our District Athletics day later in the year. Students earned points for each event they took part in and these points go towards the House Athletics Shield. Mr Tornatora will be announcing the winning house shortly.

GRADE 3 SPORTS DAY

Last Friday saw all our grade students taking part in a modified athletics day. The students completed in a variety of events, some purely athletics and some fun events such as sack races. Once again we were lucky with the weather and able to complete all the events.

EASTER BONNET PARADE

Next Friday, 31st March, is our traditional Easter Bonnet parade. Hopefully we will see many interesting hats and sets of rabbit ears. I wonder whether we will have

a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny? The Easter raffle will also be drawn at this time. Hopefully you may be a lucky winner.

TERM BREAK

Only 6 school days and Term 1 is finished. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break. Please remember that Term 2 commences on **Tuesday, 18th April.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL FOR 2017

Monday 20th of March CGPS held their Annual General Meeting for School Council.

The make-up of School Council is as follows; President – Bill Noble, Vice President – John Inns, Secretary – Melissa Honey, Treasurer – Monica Curnow, Council members – Anthony Terlich, Gabriella Tornatora, Stephen Denness, Angela Canning.

Staff representatives are; Margaret Sheppard, Monica Curnow, Ross Carlson, Dearnne Backhouse.

Our outgoing School Councilor is Marian Pecora. We would like to thank Marian for her valuable contributions to School Council, without which no school can operate efficiently.

We would also like to welcome our new members for School Council, Stephen Denness and Angela Canning.

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Senior Sports Day

Last week was a busy week in House Sports. On Wednesday 15th March, grades 4-6 competed in their annual House Sports in several events against their peers. Students competed in sprint races, 800metres, Shot Put, Discus, Long Jump & High Jump. Students tried their best with the main focus on participation and fun. Those students who finished in the top 4 placings of an event were awarded a ribbon.



Thank you to all staff for their help that enabled the smooth running of the days activities. Also a special thank you to grade 6 leaders who did a fantastic job in helping to run events for the grade 4s field event.

The grade 3's had their House Sports Day on Friday afternoon. Students participated in 5 events that were fun and challenging; sprints, mini hurdles, relay races, sack races & javelin throw. The top 4 place getters won ribbons. It was a great afternoon thanks to the help from staff and the School Sports Captains and Vice Captains.

Thank you, Mr.T, Physical Education Teacher

Brooklyn!

Last Tuesday, the 14th March, I had the pleasure of attending the Victorian School Sports Award for the presentation of the Athletics Award for Brooklyn, along with her lovely parents Fred & Joanna. It was a formal lunch with all primary and secondary students being presented their awards at the MCG. Brooklyn won her award for winning the Victorian 11yrs girls in Shot Put and Discus, where she went on to participate at Nationals winning a bronze in the team event. Brooklyn is the 3rd Courtenay Gardens student to receive such an elite award. Past students to receive this award were Ivor Cooke for Rugby in 2012 & Ella Willis for Netball way back in 2001. Congratulations to Brooklyn on her incredible achievement and we hope to see her continue to excel in athletics or Netball in the future.



Thank you

Mr.T Physical Education Teacher

Parent Workshop!

Parent Workshop: Building Positive School Routines

Presented by: Ross Carlson

When: Tuesday 28th March

Time: 2.45pm - 3.30pm

Where – PAC (near the canteen)

Topic: The importance of sleep, healthy foods and positive school routines.

Friend turns Foe Online

This was the heading in the "Herald Sun" last week for an article about cyber bullying. The article mentioned that "half of all Australian children using the Internet are 'friending' strangers online – putting them at risk of predators and bullies. And about 70% of parents are oblivious to those acts. The figures, released today to coincide with the National day of Action against Bullying and Violence, also reveal 30 per cent of children aged 9 – 17 were bullied online last year."



All students from grade 1-6 have had lessons about staying safe online this term in the Computer Lab. A great web site for information for parents is the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner which is an Australian government initiative and can be found at



Office of the Children's
eSafety Commissioner

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

Lost Property Sale

Some donated uniform items will be available for sale in the Grade 5/6 building at 3.15 pm on

Wednesday 29th March

Only \$2 per item

*** Please ensure you clearly name your child's school clothing with their first and last name. It is difficult to return lost items when they are not correctly labelled.**

Grade 6 ART

In Art this term, the grade six classes have been working on a project building bird houses. First we looked at images for inspiration and sketched our own design. We then constructed our bird houses with cardboard.

Now we are using paper mache and magiclay to build the houses. Once they are finished, we will paint and decorate them. It has been an awesome and feathery fun time for grade six.

Charlotte Smithett and
Latesha Franks, 6D



Garden News!

The school vegetable garden has been blooming with tomatoes, chillies and herbs all throughout term 1. Our beautiful new flower patch has also started to grow.

During term 2 the Garden club will be planting some new seedlings for our winter veggie

crop as well as learning how to take cuttings from some of our herbs to create brand new plants. We have had some keen grade 6 students in the garden the past few weeks who have been helping Miss O'Beirne pick some of the many tomatoes growing in the garden.



Prep BBQ

Our Preps are now attending school full time and have settled in very nicely. On Monday night we had a Prep BBQ to celebrate a great start to their schooling and as an opportunity for many Prep families to get to know one another. It was a great night and it was fantastic to see so many people there. During the night we also had a screening of the Prep movies which are always very funny and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to those who attended and made the night so enjoyable.



Music Term 1

Students have approached this term in Music with enthusiasm and grades 1-6 are rehearsing items for their end of Term Music Showcase. Invitations will be sent home to families of students to attend their Music Showcase.

During this Term Preps will experience a variety of singing, dancing and exploring percussion instruments to establish keeping a steady beat. Grades 1 & 2 will be exploring rhythm patterns using a variety of music notes and rhythm composition.

Grade 3 will be working with music which counts in 3s and 4s with various music styles. Grade 4 will be exploring Funk music style with a syncopated feel and working with ukuleles and guitars. Grade 5 will be exploring Reggae music style and working with ukuleles and guitars. Grade 6 will be learning a Hip Hop dance and working with ukuleles and guitars.

Mrs Bell

Music Teacher

Easter Donations

Please keep your Easter Egg donations coming into school!

Also, don't forget to sell all of your raffle tickets for the Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 31st March.

Absent Note

COURTENAY GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

My child.....
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grade.....

was absent on

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due to ☐ illness ☐ medical appointment

☐ other

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