



Courtenay News

Issue 3 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 10 Grandparents Day
- 13 NO SCHOOL
Labour Day
- 14 Preps Start Full Time
- 14 Helping Your Child with
Literacy Parent Workshop
- 20 Prep Film Festival
- 28 The Importance of Sleep,
Healthy Eating and
Routine Parent Workshop
- 31 Easter Bonnet Parade
- 32 LAST DAY OF TERM 1
2.30PM DISMISSAL

APRIL

- 18 BACK TO SCHOOL
First Day of Term 2

SCHOOL PURPOSE

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

From the Principal's Desk....

BADGE PRESENTATIONS

Friday the 24th February saw the awarding of badges to our 2017 leaders. Congratulations to these students and also to all the other students who took part in the selection process.

School Captains: Vinith I, Latesha F

Vice Captains: Vidun M, Indigo V

House Captains & Vice Captains:

Bradman: Elyaz N, Leana C, Nikhil G, Bianca B

Chisholm: Adarsh R, Mary H, Cohen G, Isabella B

Flynn: Fidel S, Madison F, Jarvis B, Johnah T

Melba: Casper T, Chloe F, Awal C, Nirushika B

Junior School Council:

Grade 6: Matthew B, Jennifer S, Ukail B, Gemma I, Ryan Z, Sarah N, Abhay S, Amy V, Bailey P, Prabhboor K

Grade 5: Arien P, Keely F, Dylan R, Vinamraa N, Jaydyn A, Tayah G, Cooper W, Avalisa S, Vyomesh C, Madina S

PREPS FULLTIME

Just a reminder that Preps start coming to school on a Wednesday as of next week.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Our annual Grandparents Day is tomorrow Friday, 10th March. Students are looking forward to sharing the morning at school with their Grandparents. Looking forward to meeting all our special visitors tomorrow.

GRADE 4 BIKE EDUCATION

Last week the Grade 4 students completed the Bike Ed course. This involved students learning about road safety, how to brake safely, slow riding and turning. The activities were fun and challenging and students have learnt a lot of new skills to improve their confidence and knowledge of road safety. Congratulations to the students who took part in the program.

A BIG THANK YOU to Mr. Robinson, the Grade 4 teachers and all of the parents who helped to make the Bike Ed program such a great success. In the last week of term the students have an excursion to Casey Village which further reinforces bike safety and road rules.

Marg Sheppard
Acting Principal

COURTENAY GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Acting Principal: Marg Sheppard

Rosebank Drive

Cranbourne North 3977

(Phone) 5995 7139 (Fax) 5995 7148

www.cgps.vic.edu.au

courtenay.gardens.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au



Literacy News - Reading at C.G.P.S.

*"The goal of any reading program is to create **lifelong readers** – readers who chose to read independently."*

All the children have been building upon their reading skills in the class and we expect all children to read each night to continue to build upon those skills.

When students read for 20min a night, they are exposed to 50% more words compared to reading for just 10min a night. Over a year, students who read for 20min or more each night discover a broader range of vocabulary.

Please encourage your children to read for at least 20 minutes each night at home.

Parent Workshop: Helping Your Child With Literacy

Presented by:

Emma Parnell & Jenny Rundle - Literacy Leaders

Come along to this workshop to learn about how you can support your child's **reading at home**. You will be provided with **fun, practical and engaging** ways to incorporate reading into your daily routine.

When: Tuesday 14th March

Time: 2.45-3.30pm

Where: PAC room (near the canteen)

Please remember that your pre-schoolers may need something to keep them occupied during the presentation.

Within the Text Questions

<i>Fiction</i>	<i>Non-Fiction</i>
What was the story about?	What did you learn about _____ (the topic)?
What was _____'s problem in the story?	What are some of the important facts you read about?
What did _____ do to try and solve the problem?	What did you learn from the picture/photograph/chart/?
Summarize the main events in the story.	Give an example of a word from the glossary. (Located at back of book)
Tell some things the characters like to do.	What were the important points made in the text?

About the Text

<i>Fiction</i>	<i>Non-Fiction</i>
Is this a good title for the piece? Why or why not?	Is this a good title for the piece? Why or why not?
What did the character(s) learn?	Look at the sections and read the headings. Do you think this was a good way to organize the information? Why/why not?
What was the most important part of the story? Why?	How did the author make this text interesting?
How did the author start and end the story? Why did he/she do that?	Look in the text to find some powerful descriptive words. Explain what they mean and why the writer chose to use them.
Why did the author write this?	Why do you think the author wrote this text?

Sport News

Little Athletics

A few weeks ago some of our students competed in Little Athletics, achieving some great results;

Jason C - 2nd in the 1100m Walk

Jed S - 3rd in 1500m walk

Paris P - 1st in 100m, 2nd in Shot Put and 2nd in Long Jump

Keely F - 3rd in 1100m walk

Ella C - 2nd 1100m walk & 2nd in Shot Put

Bayley P - 3rd 100m & 2nd in Discus



Well done to **Brodie W** & **Michael C** who also competed.

Well done to all competitors on your fantastic achievement and good luck with progressing into the next stage.

Thank you.

Mr. T- Physical Education Coordinator

Spell-A-Thon

A reminder for families that the Spell-A-Thon is on **Wednesday 22nd March**.

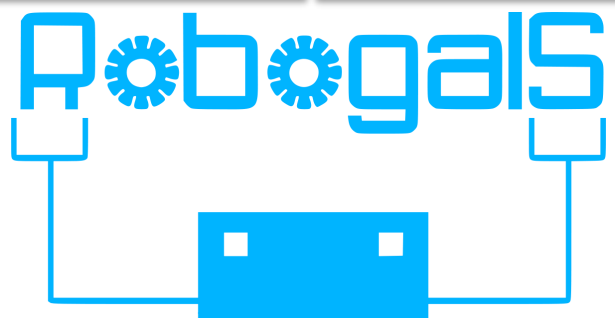
Each class will be working on a list specific to their year level. It will be provided to the students for them to practise prior to the event.

We want to extend our thanks for supporting our educational and enjoyable fundraising effort for 2017.

Chris Palmer - Fundraising Committee Coordinator

ICT News

Last week several engineering students from Monash University, who belong to the Robogals group, visited our school to host robotics workshops with all the Year 6 students. These free workshops allow students to learn how to program Lego Mindstorm robots by working in pairs and solving problems when the codes didn't work the first time. Students enjoyed completing the challenges and making the robots do an infinite Mexican Wave.



Newsletter in Other Languages

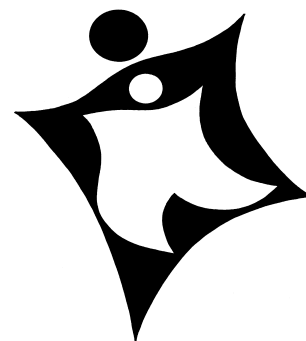
The newsletter is now available in many languages on the Courtenay Garden's Primary School website - <http://www.cgps.vic.edu.au/> through *Google Translator*

Positive Parenting Telephone Service

This program is offered to parents, grandparents caring for their grandchildren & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years

Our free ten week program aims to assist you to:

- *Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
- *Encourage behaviour you want to see in your children
- *Manage everyday behaviour problems
- *Set rules & limits
- *Teach new skills



This program is completed via a workbook or online modules which are supported by weekly phone calls with a trained parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

For more information please phone

1800 880 660

ENROLMENTS TAKEN ALL YEAR ROUND

Enrol now and make a positive start last a lifetime



Absent Note

COURTENAY GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL
ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

My child.....

grade.....

was absent on

due to ☐ illness ☐ medical appointment

☐ other

Parent / Guardian signature:

Advertisements

DISCLAIMER: Courtenay Gardens Primary School does not necessarily endorse these advertisements.

Thompson Road Clinic

Corner Thompson & Woodbine Roads Cranbourne North

OPEN 7 DAYS

Bulk Billing Available

General Practitioners

Podiatry

Mental Health

Physiotherapy

Speech Pathology

Diabetes Educator

Mole Mapping Skin Photography – Bulk Billed

Pharmacy

Dental

Pathology

Radiology

Dietitian

Psychology

5996-9000

For all your family health care needs

www.thompsonroadclinic.com.au