



Courtenay News

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 12 Mothers Day Afternoon Tea
- 24 Prep-Grade 2 Disco
- 25 Grade 3-Grade 4 Disco
- 26 Grade 5-Grade 5 Disco
- 29 Curriculum Day
NO SCHOOL

JUNE

- 12 Queen's Birthday
- 23 Student reports go home
- 26 Music Showcase
- 27 Grade 4-6 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 28 Prep—Grade 3 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 30 Last Day of School
2.30pm Dismissal

SCHOOL PURPOSE

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

From the Principal's Desk....

At the moment we are experiencing some very cold mornings. Do not forget to send your child along to school with their warm school uniform and a coat for those really cold, wet days. Inside it is warm but outside, where we encourage everyone to have a run around, it can be quite cool. As usual, if it is particularly cold or wet, we will keep the children inside. We do attempt to get them outside for some fresh air and exercise as active bodies do promote active minds.

See For Yourself Day

On Tuesday 3rd May we saw many parents in classrooms and specialist areas around the school for our 'See For Yourself Day'. This type of morning gives parents a chance to see what is happening in their child's classroom and also gives the child a chance to show mum or dad their classroom work. As I moved around various grades I saw a variety of activities taking place, many that involved parent participation. Thank you to all the parents who attended the morning session.

District Cross Country

Well done to all the students from Grades 4, 5 & 6 who took part in the District Cross Country. The event was held last Thursday at Cranbourne

Race Course and the weather was perfect for such an event.

Congratulations to those students who will be going on to the next level to represent not only Courtenay Gardens but our District.

Report Writing Day

Just a reminder that report writing day, Monday 29th May, is not far away. This is a pupil free day, so working parents will need to make arrangements for their child/children on this day.

New Playground Equipment

Our new equipment is looking magnificent. The students have been eagerly following the progress of each new section. All going well the playground will be open for use next Monday, 15th May. Tomorrow should see the tan bark being spread, with the security fence being dismantled Monday morning in readiness for use a playtime.

Margaret Sheppard
Principal



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Playground Rules

Dear Parents,

As the opening of the new playground is almost upon us we would like to draw your attention to the 'Rules of The Playground' signs which are spread around the equipment for all to see.

Teachers will be highlighting these rules with all students in their classrooms but, we would also encourage parents to read through these with their children.

Safety is our priority so these rules are very important.

Please be aware of the second rule which states,
"Adult supervision required at all times."

Teachers are on duty from 8.45am before school and until 3.45pm after school. If your child is on the play equipment outside of these times it is the parent's responsibility to ensure their children are using the equipment safely.

Each area of the playground has equipment specifically designed for particular age/grade levels. During school times it is an expectation each grade will play only on their own designated equipment and we would highly recommend students continue with this rule outside of teacher supervision times.

- Have fun! That's what the playground is all about.
- Adult supervision required at all times.
- Please use appropriate equipment for your age.
- No pushing, running or shoving.
- Do not use equipment when wet.
- No bare feet, shoes must always be worn.
- No loose articles of clothing to be worn.
- Do not use play equipment improperly.
- One child per equipment piece at any one time.
- Slides to be used feet first only.
- One person at a time exiting all play events.
- No food or drink within the play area.
- No climbing on the outside of the play structures.
- Play safely and be courteous to others.

If you encounter any problems with this playground please contact the operator immediately

The Garden Club

The Garden Club has been very busy throughout the first few weeks of term 2.

Our Grade 6 members have been working hard planting snow pea and board bean seeds to create our first tray of seedlings. The members have also done a great job tending to the garden to keep it healthy and growing.

The garden has been producing lots of Lebanese cucumbers recently and the students are eagerly awaiting the ripening of our capsicums.

The garden also has a new addition. A small sensory garden has been created for some junior students to experience the wonders of the garden.



Chocolate Fundraiser

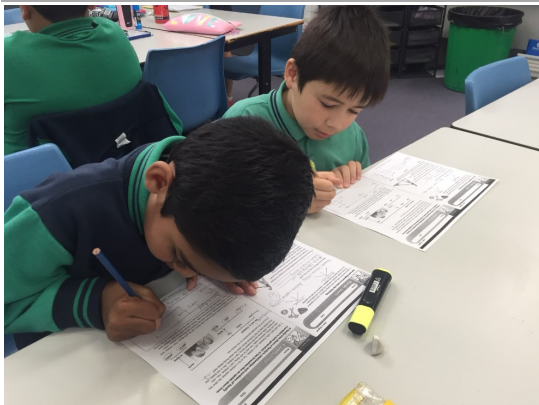
Please return the yellow reply slip by Friday 2nd June.

Chocolates will be sent home in term 3 (date to be confirmed).

The chocolates are to be sold for \$1 each, the total amount per box will be \$50.

A letter will be sent home with all the details closer to the start of the fundraiser.

Grade 5 Problem Solving—Draw a Diagram



During the first few weeks of term 2, grade five students have been completing problem solving questions focused on using the strategy Draw a Diagram. Diagrams are helpful for setting out and showing a clear understanding of various problems and for planning their solutions. Such diagrams that have been drawn include tree diagrams, timelines, pictures, Venn diagrams and shapes to help with fractions.

Students used the 4-step problem solving poster to assist them with

identifying the main idea of a question and what they were to find out. They could highlight key details so they knew exactly what they needed to do to find an answer. Students from 5R were able to apply the Draw a Diagram strategy to a range of tasks and were able to find suitable solutions. Well done!

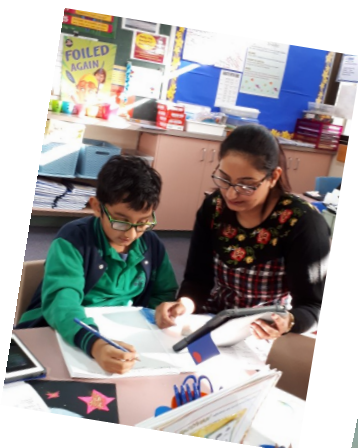


See For Yourself Day

Thank you to all the parents that came in on Tuesday morning. It is the one day where parents can be students for the day!

Parents were also able to become more familiar with the wonderful programs that the school offers.

We hope to see you again next year!



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 Thank you

A huge thank-you to the parents who gave their time and ran the Mother's Day stall as well as the parents who came and wrapped the gifts. Without your assistance the children would not have been able to choose their gifts.

The fundraising team is very appreciative of you for volunteering.

Thank-you Fundraising Team

District Cross Country

On Thursday 4th May the District Cross Country was held at Cranbourne Racecourse for just under 60 students from grades 4-6. Students aged, 11-13yrs ran a 3km course, while 10yr aged students ran a 2km course. The day was the best day ever in my history of organising Cross Countries tournaments. The top ten finishers qualified for the Divisional Cross Country, to be held **Thursday 1st June**, at Casey Fields Athletics Track. Well done to all competitors for displaying resilience in completing the tough course as well as representing our school with fantastic sportsmanship as always.

Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top ten to qualify for the Divisional Cross Country:

Ella C 4th 10yrs Girls
 Luke G 4th 10yrs Boys
 Teaghan B 7th 11yrs Girls
 Tia S 8th 11yrs Girls
 Jed S 2nd 11yrs Boys
 Brock VL 7th 11yrs Boys
 Jason C 8th 11yrs Boys
 Sabrina A 6th 12/13yrs Girls



Thank you to Mrs Zandona, Ms Dang Le & Ms Schneiderman for their help on the day.

Mr.T (P.E Teacher/Sports Coordinator)

Absent Note

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ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

My child.....

grade.....

was absent on

due to ☐ illness ☐ medical appointment

☐ other

Parent / Guardian signature:

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