Currimbun Valley State School

From the Principal

We’re getting ready for 2017…

Class allocations
During this term we commence preparations for next year. Teachers will soon begin the process to consider classes for 2017. This task involves many hours of deliberation between class teachers, learning support staff and administration to form comparable, balanced classes where all students’ learning needs are respected and optimised.

Our student numbers indicated that we are once again on the border of whether we are allocated an additional teacher or maintain 7 classes. This of course effects our planning and we rely on creating two possible scenarios – for 2017 this means:
• either straight year levels or
• 7 straight year levels and 1 multi-age class across Years 3-4.

This is why it is so very important that we have all of the information possible, so that there is the least amount of disruption in the new school year. If you know of anyone who will be moving or even possibly moving out of or into the area, we’d like to know.

Teachers will discuss possible class allocations for your child as part of the Semester 2 Parent/Teacher interviews.

With parental input (if you feel it is necessary) combined with the school’s comprehensive internal placement processes, the allocation of pupils to classes for next year will be smooth and thoughtful ensuring that the success of all students is maximised.

Mastery teaching
Next year we are excited to trial Mastery Teaching in Years 3 – 6. Simply, this is a school model whereby teachers specialise and teach subjects in which they become a ‘master’.

The positives include:
• Teachers have a broader, deeper and more extensive knowledge of content/subject areas
• Planning for extension and support will be easier as teachers will be specialising and have a deeper knowledge of content and process;
• Professional learning experiences for teachers can be tailored to individual teachers;
• All students know or are familiar with all of our teaching staff, thereby allowing individual students an opportunity to connect with individual teachers.

Upcoming Events

Week 6:
Thursday 10 November
• Tuckshop Sushi – all orders MUST be placed by 9:00 (with payment)
• Mobile library
Friday 11 November
• Parade (9:00am - )
• Uniform shop (8:30am - )
• Coffee Shop (from 8:00am…)
• Prep Orientation Morning for our 2017 class

Week 7:
BOOK FAIR – all week (in the library)
Tuesday 15 November
• Tuckshop
• Year 5-6: Beach and surf program (12:00 – 3:00pm)
• Sporting Schools

Wednesday 16 November
• School banking
• Sporting Schools

Thursday 17 November
• Tuckshop Sushi – all orders MUST be placed by 9:00 (with payment)

Friday 18 November
• 9:00am - School parade
• 8:30 -9:30am –Uniform Shop

Week 8
Monday 21 November

Tuesday 22 November
• Tuckshop
• LAST WEEK - Year 5-6: Beach and surf program (12:00 – 3:00pm)
• LAST WEEK of Sporting Schools

Wednesday 23 November
• P-4 swimming lessons begin
• Book club due
• School banking
• LAST DAY of Sporting Schools
• Students will still have a ‘home room’ for everyday communication; they will strengthen their relationships through focussed You Can Do It! Lessons
• Teachers have a strong grasp of the content, skills and pedagogy of their discipline. It is at the core of improving student learning outcomes.
• Students (and other teachers) would have the benefit of working with someone with a greater enthusiasm for their specialisation, all of which would provide a firmer foundation for student success in primary and later secondary education.
• Content is taught as specific subjects, rather than grouped together, thereby maintaining focus and academic rigor.
• Classrooms become subject specific learning spaces; with resources allocated to enhance the learning of students in that space, rather than spreading the resources across all classes for all subjects.

**Student resource scheme**
As discussed at the previous P&C meeting and to be brought up at the next we are looking to move to a Student Resource Scheme, rather than have booklists. The pros of this:
• Students have all books and equipment from Day 1 of the school year
• Parents/carers don’t have to restock equipment throughout the year; therefore students aren’t waiting for additional resources
• Books and resources are of the same standard/quality for every students
• Schools can buy in bulk and therefore overall it is cheaper
• Parents don’t have to cover and label all of their child’s resources

Parents have the option to opt in or opt out. If parents/carers opt out then they will be furnished with the Class Booklist and the expectation is that they fulfil it for their child.

Initial indications show that by participating in the Resource Scheme mean that parents will financially save at least $25/child.

Interested in being part of the discussion, come along to the P&C meeting on November 25 @ 8:00.

**Thanks to the tuckshop team!**

Tuckshop Day was on Friday 4 November.

The role of our tuckshop and the people who provide nutritious food and drinks for students and staff is very important to our school community. I hope after each shift our tuckshop helpers feel their contribution has been appreciated by the students and the school.

From the parents and families who bake regularly; to those that can make it in to collate, prepare, pack and serve - thank you. Our tuckshop wouldn’t be able to open if it weren’t for you.

Thanks Shelley and team!

**Got a flair for contacting books?**
We’ve recently purchased sets of books and resources that require contacting. If you have a quiet 15min and can take some home to contact (we’ll provide the materials) we would really appreciate the help.

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**COMMUNITTY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Head lice**
As we head into warmer weather be aware of those little critters and take precautions to reduce the chance of contact.
To reduce your child’s risk of getting head lice:
• make sure that long hair is tied up;
• discourage students from sharing their brushes and combs; and
• discourage students from having head to head contact with others.
Remember - Anyone can get head lice – they have no preferences for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age.

Please follow our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/CurrumbinValleyStateSchool/ and share the posts to your family and friends.

**Attachments:**
• Christmas concert - permission
• NEW Natural Therapies Clinic – open in Coolangatta
• Natural Headlice – preventative
• Fitness for parents – at CVSS
Group fitness @ CVSS

Sessions run every Monday & Thursday
morning after assembly (approx 9.10 start and 9.50 finish)

Everyone is welcome (all fitness levels), so come along and give it a go, your first session is FREE!

$12 per casual session or $50 for 5 sessions (to be used within term 4)

Looking forward to training with you!
Jana

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Check out and like my page on Facebook! 😊
Religious Instruction Christmas Presentation for 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Monday, 28 November at 9 am, the Combined Christian RI teachers are hosting a 30 minute presentation of puppets, drama and stories to share the Christian meaning of Christmas.

A group called “Wide Eyed Stories” will be presenting the program again this year since the students thoroughly enjoyed their entertaining Christmas show in 2015.

The Bahai teachers are bringing their classes to this presentation as well.

All children are welcome to attend this Christmas presentation, which will be held in the under-cover area. However, if your child is not normally a participant in the RI (Religious Instruction) classes, they will need permission from their parents to attend. Non-participants will be supervised as usual by the teachers.

Please return the signed form below if you give permission for your child to attend.

Kind regards,

Jacqueline Tyrrell
on behalf of the Religious Instruction providers

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Religious Instruction – Christmas presentation: 2016

I give permission for my child/children ___________________________ (list name/s) to attend the RE Christmas program on Monday 28th November @ 9:00am.

Signed: _________________________ (Parent/carer signature)