From the Principal
As with the start of every school year, routines, procedures and activities all get put into place. Some things just naturally slip into place and run smoothly, others need a little tweaking, turning, flipping to make them fit and work.

This is where you can help, which will ensure you know what’s going on and also stop the chit chat. Ask a staff member about what you may have heard. Rumours and chatter can mix messages and cause mass confusion.

If there is a change that you need to know about, we’ll tell you via one or more of our many communication methods. As a staff member we’re always looking at ways to improve and work better so we discuss and throw ideas around, just because you hear about something doesn’t mean it’s happening. Currumbin Valley staff are progressive and will make change where change is needed, not for changes sake. So this brings me back to… ask, if you’re unsure or heard something, ask a staff member and they will direct you to a person who can help if they can’t.

Gardening
Do you sometimes arrive a little early in the morning or afternoon? Or maybe you have a spare 30min after drop off? Head down into the vegie plot and tidy up – pull some weeds, trim something back; or maybe do some weeding in the beds around the buildings… A little each time will make a huge difference.

Religious Instruction – begins on Tuesday
If you want your child in a different group to last year, you will need to complete and send in the appropriate form. We have attached the relevant form to this week’s newsletter.

Why you should volunteer?
You might think you don’t have anything to offer, or that someone else is better fit to volunteer their time. But that is so far from the truth!

1. It takes a village: As the saying goes! Building a tight knit community of volunteers who dedicate their time and resources to building a solid foundation of support creates a lasting impression on staff and students alike. But planning events, organising fundraisers, donating time and energy to cleaning up and beautifying the grounds, takes some serious people power. Your child’s school is the village and you are a villager!

Week 3
Thursday 9 February
• Parade (9:00am - )
• Uniform shop (8:30 – 9:30am): flyer attached for contact details

Week 4
Monday 13 February
• Year 1 – 6: Religious Instruction
• Sporting Schools (3:00-4:00pm)

Wednesday 15 February
• School banking
• P&C Welcome Afternoon – while the students are at SS, come and mingle with the parent community
• Sporting Schools (3:00-4:00pm)

Thursday 16 February
• World Read Aloud Day
• Mobile library (GCC) visiting

Friday 17 February
• Parade (9:00am - )
• Uniform shop (8:30 – 9:30am)
• Yr6 Parents Ski trip fundraising meeting 8am

Week 5
Monday 20 February

Tuesday 21 February
• Sporting Schools (3:00-4:00pm)

Wednesday 22 February
• Sporting Schools (3:00-4:00pm)

Thursday 23 February
• School photos

Friday 24 February
• Parade (9:00am - )
• Uniform shop (8:30am - )
• P&C AGM @ 8:00am
2. **A little goes a long way:** Maybe you work full time. Maybe you run Nippers each Sunday. Odds are other parents are in the same boat. When it comes to helping out, a little can really go a long way. Take books home to cover, drop in for reading...

3. **Everyone has something to offer:** baking, covering books, shelving, reading to and with students, creating a poster, gardening… the list is endless.

**Traffic, Parking Protocols and a bus**

Every now and then we all need a reminder about parking protocols. The number of students at our wonderful school is considerably more this year and of course this has contributed to the already difficult parking situation.

Let’s take a leaf out of our student’s book and think about applying the 5C's at drop off and pick up time.

1. **Use consideration** – don’t get out of your car to collect your child unless you are in a legitimate parking spot. Keep the traffic flowing and let the teachers help get your child/children safely to you.
2. **Take care** – be aware of pedestrians walking around and between vehicles.
3. **Be cooperative** – sometimes turning around from the pickup lane can be tricky and we all have to show a little patience.
4. **Be courteous** – a smile to ease the anxiety of another waiting parent goes a long way.
5. **Use common sense** – painted yellow lines indicate a no parking area. For your safety and that of our children there are a number of ‘yellow’ areas around our school, including on the opposite side of the road to the school.

Information about a bus will be coming home in the near future. So stay on top of your emails and other communication channels.

Together with the P&C we will continue to explore options to reduce our traffic flow and ease the congestion. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

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**Meet our 2017 School Leaders**

(from left): Sari Bare – School Captain; Hugo Howard – School Captain; Alex Baker – Talganda Sports Captain; John Christie – Cougals Sports Captain.

Together with their families and community we welcomed them to their positions at a special parade last Friday.

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**P&C news and updates**

P&C have voted to include a jumper as part of our school dress code. Three (3) samples of jackets/jumpers/tracksuit will be on display in the office (not in school colours). At the next P&C meeting a vote will be taken as to the style which will become a part of our compulsory dress code and phased in over the next 2 years.

**P&C Welcome afternoon – 15 February from 3:00pm.** While your child/ren is enjoying Sporting Schools, come and mingle and chat with others in the school community.

Volunteers - is this your last year at Currumbin Valley State School? Or maybe your little ones are now at Kindy for an extra half day… if you can help organise and plan the first P&C event – Trivia Night – please contact Leah Brenchley (angelleahtherapy@gmail.com) who will pass your details on.

The next meeting (AGM) is set for 24 February @ 8:00am.

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**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Are you interested in becoming a Sporting Schools supervisor or coach? See Kelly to discuss your interest. Or maybe you can volunteer your time… the more adults means the better the experience for everyone! Just show up and let Kelly and Jason know you’re there to have fun.

**Attachments**

- Religious Instruction – permission form
- Approximate student costs for 2017
- Uniform Shop – contact details
- SRS – parent information and contract
- Parent fitness