



— Week 4 Term 2 2025 —

Currabubula PS

Fortnightly Newsletter



National Simultaneous Storytime

K-6 students all joined together to participate in National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday. We had the opportunity to listen to this year's text, 'The Truck Cat' written by Deborah Frenkel and illustrated by Danny Snell, in a live nationwide streaming event! Over 2 million school students Australia-wide were listening alongside us.

'The Truck Cat' explores themes of immigration, home being a feeling rather than a place and the joys of true friendship. After listening, all students then had the opportunity to work collaboratively to create sensory poems about their homes.

Our second activity was making a rocking truck, using our artistic and STEM skills to make our very own B-double tri-axle trucks that also move!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Small School's Art Show
THIS WEEKEND at the
Currabubula Memorial Hall

1st Round of Winangali
Debating Challenge
29th May

King's Birthday Public
Holiday
9th June

Regional Cross Country
12th June



Term 2 2025



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
week 5	26	27	28	29 Debating Curra vs Duri	30
week 6	2 JUN	3	4 PSSA Training	5	6
week 7	9 KING'S BIRTHDAY	10	11 PSSA Touch Football	12 Regional Cross Country	13
week 8	16	17	18 PSSA Training	19	20

Principal's Message

with Mr Stephens

Awards Assembly

This morning, we held our first awards assembly for the term. Thank you to all parents and families who attended, especially after a week of challenging weather conditions. Our next assembly will take place on Thursday, 27 June at 3:00 pm, and will be followed by our open classroom event. This is an informal opportunity to visit your child's classroom and view some of the wonderful work they have been doing.

Currabubula Art Show

Preparations for the Currabubula Art Show are ramping up as the week draws to a close. It's fantastic to see such a wide variety of student artworks submitted for display. Students had the opportunity to walk through the exhibition today. A big thank you to Miss Giblin and Mrs MacKenzie for organising the small schools section, which provides a rich and rewarding experience not only for our students but also for students from other small schools across the region. We also extend our thanks to the Currabubula Red Cross for hosting this valued community event. The exhibition will be open throughout the weekend for families who wish to view the artworks.

Tamworth Zone Cross Country

Last Friday, seven students represented our school at the Tamworth Zone Cross Country event held in Barraba. By all accounts, students performed at their personal best, with several pleasing results.

Our team included: Georgina, Amelia, Jorja, Brock, Charlie, Marcus, and Ryan. Congratulations to Ryan, who has qualified for the North West Cross Country, to be held later this term.

Bus Travel

We recognise the vital role the school bus plays in transporting students to and from school, and we are very fortunate to have Sacha operating this essential service.

Mr Stephens has recently worked with our bus students to remind them that our CARE values apply in all settings—including while travelling on the bus. The bus is considered an extension of the school, and all students are expected to follow the school's behaviour code during transit.

P&C Meeting

The next general meeting of the Currabubula P&C will be held on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm, at the Currabubula Pub. All interested parents and community members are warmly invited to attend.

Extracurricular Activities

A number of notes have recently been sent home regarding upcoming activities, especially for students in Years 3–6. Upcoming events include:

Boys' and Girls' Touch Football

Wednesday, 11 June - Gipps Street Fields
note sent home; student-nominated

Small Schools Soccer Game

Tuesday, 17 June - Tamworth
All students K–6

NSW Chess Competition Day

Wednesday, 18 June Tamworth Public School
Invited students Years 3–6

Girls' Basketball

Wednesday, 2 July - Tamworth Sports Dome
student-nominated

Boys' Basketball

Thursday, 3 July - Tamworth Sports Dome
student-nominated

If you have any questions about these activities, please contact Mr Stephens.

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

PICK & MIX

SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP

1-6!

FRUIT 1

FRESH FRUIT

- Apple
- Banana
- Mandarin
- Orange quarters
- Passionfruit halves (with spoon)
- Watermelon, honeydew, rockmelon chunks
- Pineapple chunks
- Grapes
- Plums
- Nectarines, peaches, Apricots
- Strawberries
- Cherries
- Kiwifruit halves (with spoon)
- Pear

MIXED FRUIT

- Fruit salad
- Fruit kebabs

DRIED FRUIT

- Dried fruit, nut, popcorn mixes*

TINNED FRUIT/SNACK PACKS/CUPS

- In natural juice (not syrup)

VEGETABLES 2

FRESH CRUNCHY VEGIES

- Corn cobs
- Carrot sticks
- Capsicum sticks
- Green beans
- Cucumber sticks
- Celery sticks
- Snow peas
- Tomatoes (e.g. cherry and Roma tomatoes)
- Mushroom pieces

Can serve with either:

- Hummus
- Tomato salad
- Tatziki
- Beetroot dip
- Natural yoghurt

SALADS

- Coleslaw and potato salad (reduced fat dressing)
- Mexican bean, tomato, lettuce and cheese salad
- Pesto pasta salad*

BAKED ITEMS

- Grilled or roasted vegetables
- Wholemeal vegetable muffins or scones
- Vegetable slice (with grated zucchini and carrot)
- Popcorn

SOUP (in small thermos)

- Pumpkin soup
- Potato and leek soup
- Chicken and corn soup

MILK, YOGHURT AND CHEESE 3

- Milk
- Calcium-enriched soy and other plant-based milks
- Yoghurt (frozen overnight)
- Custard

Tip:

- Freeze the night before to keep cool during the day

- Cheese cubes, sticks or slices
- Cottage or ricotta cheese
- Cream cheese
- Tatziki dip

Can serve with either:

- Fruit
- Wholegrain cereal, low in sugar
- Vegetable sticks
- Rice and corn cakes
- Wholegrain wheat crackers

MEAT OR MEAT ALTERNATIVE 4

- Tinned tuna or salmon in springwater
- Lean roast or grilled meats (e.g. beef, chicken, kangaroo)
- Falafel balls
- Lean meat or chicken patties
- Tinned tuna or salmon patties
- Lentil patties
- Lean deli meats (e.g. ham, slices, chicken)
- Boiled eggs
- Baked beans (canned)
- Tofu cubes
- Hummus dip
- Lean meat or chicken kebab sticks
- Peanut butter*

Can serve with:

- Wholegrain sandwich, roll, pita or wrap bread with salad
- Rice and corn cakes
- Wholegrain wheat crackers
- Side salad

- Vegetable frittata
- Skewers chicken drumsticks
- Savoury muffins or scones (e.g. lean ham, cheese and shallots)
- Homemade pizza with lean roast or deli meats and vegetables

Can serve with:

- Side salad
- Steamed or roasted vegetables

GRAIN AND CEREAL FOOD 5

MAINS

- Wraps
- Sandwiches
- Rolls
- Toasted sandwiches

Tip: Use breads such as wholemeal, multigrain, rye, sourdough, pita, flat, corn, mountain, lavash, white fibre-enriched, soy and linseed, herb, naan, bagels, focaccias, fruit bread and English muffins.

- Pasta dishes
- Rice, quinoa or couscous dishes
- Noodle dishes
- Sushi

SAVORY BAKED ITEMS

- Homemade pizzas
- Wholemeal savoury muffins or scones (e.g. ham, cheese and corn muffins)
- Vegetable based muffins
- Pasta or noodle bakes

SWEET BAKED ITEMS

- Fruit loaf
- Wholemeal fruit based muffins

SNACKS

- High fibre, low sugar cereal (e.g. muesli)
- English muffins
- Crackers
- Crispbread
- Rice cakes
- Corn thins
- Wholemeal scones

WATER 6

- Take a water bottle (for refilling throughout the day)

Tip:

- Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunchboxes

Sweet and savoury snack foods (e.g. muesli/fruit/nut bars, biscuits, crisps, cakes, muffins, slices) should be limited in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake if consumed in large amounts.

Sugar sweetened drinks and confectionery should not be provided in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake and tooth decay.

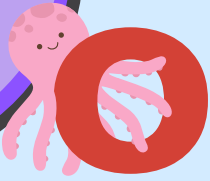


News from K-2

with Mrs Bonner

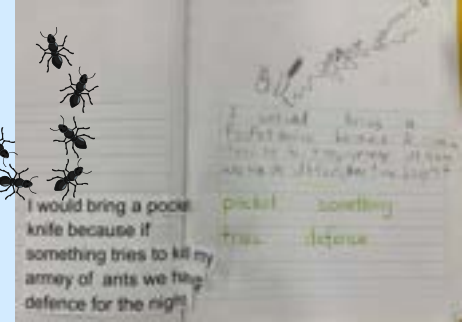
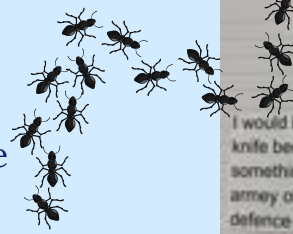


Another 2 new sounds (phonemes)/ letters (graphemes) for Kindy! We have had so much fun blending so many new words with the addition of 'g' and 'o'!

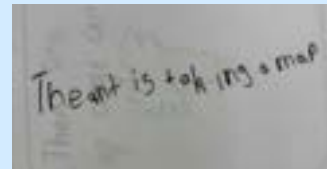


This week has seen us start a new English unit based on the text 'The March of the Ants' by Ursula Dubosarsky and Tohby Riddle.

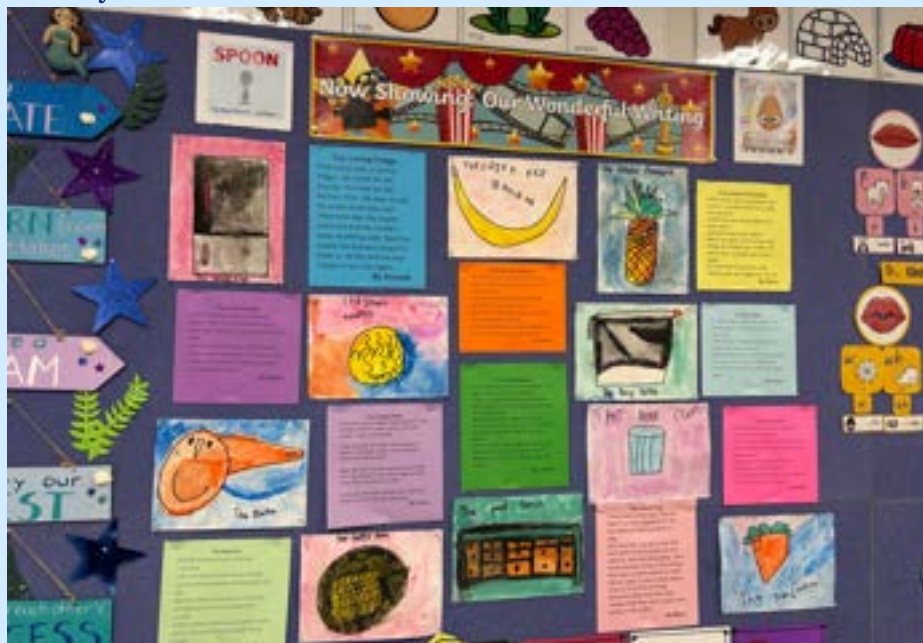
We are using this text as a springboard to explore character representation in texts and real vs imagined worlds. The story has been a huge hit with the class as everyone has had a great encounter with one or many more ants to share! It's also a text that champions wide reading as something that inspires hope in our hearts. What an impassioned message!



Our Geography unit this term is on 'Weather and Seasons'. We are investigating why people need to know about the weather and how weather and seasons affect places and people. K-2 have particularly enjoyed learning about the Gomeroi Seasonal Calendar and reading the classic Bronwyn Bancroft book 'Big Rain Coming'. We've been able to make a range of great farming connections too!



National Simultaneous Storytime was again a fabulous experience for us all in K-2. We really loved having 3-6 join us in our classroom and the opportunity to work closely with those students.



Check out our fantastic character-driven narratives, featuring fabulous friends from the kitchen! Our unit on 'Spoon' and 'The Good Egg' inspired us to explore wordplay and develop inanimate objects into leading character roles.



Around our classrooms: 3-6

What a delight it was to have the opportunity to travel to Barraba last Friday for the Zone Cross Country! The seven students who represented our school did so with positivity and enthusiasm, supporting each other throughout the day.



Our first debate for the year will be held on Thursday morning next week. Congratulations to Chris, Londyn, Ryan and Kallum who have been named in the team for this debate against Duri Public School. The topic for this debate is “Do we really need homework?” Much to the students dismay, we are the affirmative.

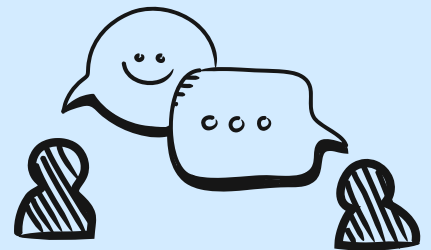


Those students not named for this debate will have the opportunity to participate in practice sessions and try out for our next round. We are hosting this debate in the 3-6 classroom. Family and community members are most welcome to join us as part of the audience.



I would be grateful if parents could please remind students to bring their Library bags and Reading Logs each Friday.

Spelling Bee trials will be getting underway in June. Students who are keen to represent our school should be practising their word lists.



Zone Cross Country

On Friday 16th May, 7 of our 8 Zone Cross Country Qualifiers travelled to Barraba to compete. Luckily the rain held off and our students represented us with pride and great sportsmanship.

Ryan will be heading to Coolah in June to run at Regional Cross Country after finishing with a 4th Place in the 10yrs Boys.

Congratulations to all of our competitors!



Jorja, Ryan, Marcus, Charlie, Brock, Amelia & Georgina

Art Show 2025

Don't forget to visit the Small Schools Art Show @ The Currabubula Red Cross Art Show this weekend!



A full list of Currabubula PS award winners will be published in our next newsletter!



CARE & Reading Award Winners

More Amazing CARE Award winners!

Our next reward redemption day is this coming Thursday, 29th May. Both '25' Lucky Dips and '50' lunch orders will be happening that day



\$25/\$250 a lolly lucky dip
\$50/\$500 a pub lunch order
\$75/\$750 a hot chip picnic
\$100/\$1000 on the menu of your choice and a badge



Don't forget to keep recording your nightly reading! **Each 50 nights of reading earns students a \$10 book voucher** that can be used on Scholastic Book Club orders or at our yearly Book Fair

Assembly Award Winners

Congratulations to our Award Winners from this morning's assembly.
Thank you to all our families and friends who joined us for our first Term 2 Award Assembly

