



— Week 6 Term 2 2025 —

Currabubula PS

Fortnightly Newsletter



Reconciliation Week

K-6 students came together on Wednesday 28th May for National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2025. NRW runs from May 27th to June 3rd. The theme for this year was "Bridging Now to Next," which emphasises the ongoing connection between the past, present, and future in the reconciliation journey.

This theme encourages all Australians to look ahead, learn from the past, and continue pushing forward together.

Auntie Laurel was our special guest. She shared her own personal journey with students, prompting a meaningful and inquisitive discussion. She then led us in an art activity inspired by both this year's theme and the accompanying logo design for 2025. Thank you to Mrs Boland for arranging these special activities.



UPCOMING EVENTS

King's Birthday Public
Holiday
9th June

PSSA Touch Football
11th June

Regional Cross Country
12th June

Small Schools Soccer
17th June

Primary School Chess
Competition
18th June



Term 2 2025



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	9 KING'S BIRTHDAY	10	11 PSSA Touch Football	12 Regional Cross Country	13
week 7	16	17 Small Schools Soccer	18 Chess Competition PSSA Training	19	20
week 8	23	24	25	26 Assembly & Open Classrooms (PM)	27
week 9	30 Dorethea Mckellar comp closes	1 JUL	2 Yr 3-6 CPR PSSA Girls Basketball Coinee Day	3 PSSA Boys Basketball	4 NAIDOC Day Last Day of Term
week 10					

Principal's Message

with Mr Stephens

External Validation

On Tuesday, Mr Stephens and Mrs Bonner met with the External Validation Panel to share and discuss the special work taking place at our school. External Validation is a process required by the Department of Education every five years. As part of this, the school prepares a submission based on the School Excellence Framework, involving a self-assessment across the domains of Learning, Teaching, and Leading.

We are very pleased with the outcomes of this process, which recognised our strong and embedded practices in teaching, student wellbeing, curriculum offerings, and assessment. It highlighted the school's ongoing commitment to developing a high-quality learning culture.

As part of this process, the school also identified future directions and priorities, which will guide the development of our new school plan. We hope these directions will continue to support the delivery of high-quality teaching and learning here at Curra.

Mr Stephens would like to extend his thanks to our dedicated teaching and administrative staff for their commitment to supporting our students, their families, and the wider Currabubula community. Further information will be shared at our upcoming P&C meeting later this term.

Upcoming Events

We appreciate that the second half of Term 2 is a very busy time, with lots of extracurricular activities offered. Over the next few weeks, our students have the opportunity to participate in the following activities;

PSSA Touch Football – Selected Years 3–6 students

Date: Wednesday 11 June

Location: Tamworth (Gipps Street Playing Fields) Parents are welcome to attend

Small Schools PSSA Soccer – Whole School(3-6 students playing, K-2 Spectating)

Date: Tuesday 17 June

Location: Tamworth (North Companion Playing Fields) Parents are welcome to attend

NSW Primary Chess Day – Invited students Only

Date: Wednesday 18 June

Location: Tamworth Public School

Information and updates will continue to be shared through hard copy permission notes and via HERO notices. If you have any questions about these activities, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

HERO Learning Content Features Unavailable

Over the course of the long weekend, you may notice that some of the parent features on HERO will be disabled or unavailable. This is because our teaching staff are working diligently to finalise your child's Semester 1 reports. Thanks for your patience and understanding during this time.

News from K-2

with Mrs Bonner



Another 3 new sounds (phonemes)/ letters (graphemes) for Kindy! Including our first digraph! We are merrily blending and decoding with the addition of 'c', 'k' and 'ck'!



This week has seen us start a new English unit based on the texts 'A Year on our Farm' and 'All Through the Year'. These two beautiful, Australian narratives link perfectly with our Term 2 Geography Unit where we are continuing to explore weather and seasons in different parts of Australia and the world.



Over the past weeks we've looked at two books during Geography that have supported our understanding of tropical weather and seasonal patterns: 'Dry to Dry' about Kakadu's flora and fauna and 'Big Rain Coming' by Katrina Germein and Bronwyn Bancroft. In Visual Arts we have closely explored Bronwyn Bancroft's unique line drawn landscapes and we have been creating our very own interpretations of these.



We've also just completed a Maths unit on 2D shape. One of the highlights has been the opportunity to explore lines of symmetry and demonstrate our understanding using pattern blocks.



Check out our amazing ant learning wall! Our curled paper ant artworks are really unique and a sight to behold, while our informative posters all about ants are filled with fabulous facts. What's even better? We worked so well in small groups to complete them!



Around our classrooms: 3-6

It was such a pleasure to host Duri Public School for our debate last Thursday with the topic being, 'We really do need homework'. The four students from each team acquitted themselves admirably in their very first debate. In a close decision, the winning team was Currabubula. Both teams enjoyed morning tea together following the debate. We will now begin finalising our team and working on our next debate which is against Attunga in Week 9. The topic will be the same, but the students are excited to be arguing the negative this time.

Spelling Bee trials have begun in 3-6 this week to choose representatives in both the Premier's and Blackville Small Schools' Spelling Bees. Students will compete in three rounds using the Junior and Senior Spelling Lists. Two students from each year group will be chosen to compete at Blackville, while just one Stage Two and one Stage Three student will be eligible to compete in the Premier's Spelling Bee.

In Mathematics, we have finished our unit on multiplicative strategies and are now working on Data.



Art Show 2025

Award
WINNERS

Photography

Stage 2: 2nd Prize- Amelia Smith



Landscape

Stage 1: Encouragement- Howard Sims

Stage 2: Highly Commended- Ryan Corr

Stage 3: Encouragement- Jorja Nicholls

Stage 3: Highly Commended- Kallum Germon



Proud artists pictured with their certificates, ribbons and award-winning artworks!



Thank you to our families who visited the Art Show and supported the local Red Cross!

CARE & Reading Award Winners

More Amazing CARE Award winners!

Our next reward day will be Thursday of Week 9. It's wonderful to see so many of our students achieving these milestones



\$25/\$250 a lolly lucky dip
\$50/\$500 a pub lunch order
\$75/\$750 a hot chip picnic
\$100/\$1000 an ice cream 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



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