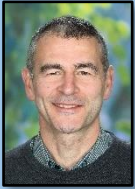


Currimundi Special School Administration Newsletter 2022

Issue Three



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to Term 3 administration newsletter. Students have settled back into school routines quickly this term and tackling new units of work with enthusiasm. I have visited all classrooms this term and it is always inspiring to see students engaging with their learning in so many different ways.

D Block refurbishment – We have received a grant to refurbish the classrooms in D Block. D Block is our Prep – Year 2 space. With the funding, we will aim to paint throughout, create vibrant colourful spaces, develop a learning wall with increased storage and wall space, purchase and incorporate new and accessible interactive technology in each classroom (including technology for students requiring support for hearing). Along with this we will purchase new outdoor equipment and classroom furniture to ensure that our environment fully supports and stimulates student engagement and learning. I will advise our school community timelines for this, but I hope to complete this project at the beginning of Term 4 so that our students and staff can enjoy these new facilities in Term 4 and we are ready for our new students in 2023.

SOLA Playground – I have been liaising with outdoor play specialists regarding upgrading the SOLA playground in our Primary school. Play times play such an important part in the social and physical development of students and I want to ensure that students have access to the very best outdoor resources. Currimundi Special School P & C Association continue to support the school with this venture and we certainly appreciate their ongoing support

School Opinion Survey – Many thanks to all parents and carers who have completed the School opinion Survey (parents/carers) for 2022. We have 93 (53% of families) who have responded so far. If you have not yet completed the survey, it will remain open until Friday 12th August. You will have received your survey link via email (if you have not, please check your junk email). Your opinion is important and the School Opinion Survey results will be used to celebrate the things we are doing well and set goals for the things we need to continue to work on, in 2023 and beyond. Once again, many thanks for your time in completing this survey.

School communication – Currimundi Special School students do amazing things and we want to celebrate this whenever we

can. Just a reminder that the school's website has up to date information about the school (<https://currimundispecs.eq.edu.au/>) and we have developed a new Facebook page, created to celebrate and share student achievement (<https://www.facebook.com/Currimundispecialschool>).

Staff and student absences – As you would be aware, the impact of COVID and seasonal flu, continues to impact us all. We will endeavour to replace absent staff, but please be advised that on occasions some staff cannot be replaced. We aim to provide consistency of teachers and teacher aides where possible to ensure students are engaged in learning. I would like to thank our school community for your ongoing support during this challenging time for everybody.

Semester overview – All families should have received your child's semester overview which outlines subjects and topics and some key dates for the semester. In addition, you will have received your weekly timetable. If you have not yet received these, please liaise directly with your class teacher.

Parent and community engagement – It has been fantastic to catch up with many parents/carers so far this year. As part of our Parent and community engagement framework, we will provide opportunities for parents and our community to engage in student learning, both formally and informally. We have a number of events this term, which are identified on your semester overview. If you have not received this yet, please contact your class teacher.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) review – we have been busy reviewing our PBL framework this year. This will be ready to implement for the start of Term 4 and will include a clear formal acknowledgement system for our students who are safe, successful and caring learners at Currimundi Special School. We will be excited to share the new PBL matrix and systems with our students and school community once we have completed the finishing touches to this process.

Parent sessions – During Semester 2, I will be inviting parents/carers to attend parent sessions as we start to plan for 2023 and beyond. This is another way to engage and provide feedback so could I encourage you to please keep your eyes open for these invites.

I am really looking forward to working with students and families this term and I hope to catch up with parents/carers individually throughout the Semester.

Kind Regards

Richard Fisher
Principal



MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

Welcome to Term 3. We have started with some rainy weather, but this hasn't dampened the spirits of our students who are all enjoying their new learning topics.

By now you should have received a Term Overview and a weekly timetable from your child's teacher letting you know all that is happening this term. If you haven't received this, please let your child's teacher know.

This term the Secondary students in Yrs 7-10 have started a new play roster with some new play areas and clubs being offered at playtime. Students are loving playing and engaging in new spaces with new equipment at break times.

Our Year 12 students all received their Senior shirts at a special assembly held at the end of last term and look magnificent around school in their shirts. There has been a change with assembly times this term: P-10 assembly is on Friday afternoon at 2:00pm and Year 11 & 12 assembly is on Monday morning at 9:15am.

Report cards were emailed to all parents at the end of last term and in the coming weeks, you will be provided an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their report card and new learning goals for this semester. We encourage all parents to take the opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss progress and goals for this semester.



Kind Regards

Tracy Turner
Acting Deputy Principal – Secondary



A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Hello to our incredible Currimundi families, If you would like some support with accessing the NDIS here are two dates coming up at the Caloundra Community Centre – 5th of August and 2nd of September. A Local Area Coordinator will be available to assist you between 9:00 am and 3:45 pm. The address is 58a Queen Street, Caloundra.

In other news, the August edition of the Carers Queensland calendar has been released. You can find a copy below. Of particular note is the Chenrezig Institute tour and lunch on Friday 12th August.

Once again, please accept my heartfelt thanks for the way you honour your children and young people. Your dedication takes my breath away. Thank you for your commitment, care and love.

Yours in deep admiration,

Jane Bradshaw
Guidance Officer

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Teaching and Learning)

Semester Two already! It's been another unusual year so far, but the school continues to move ahead, with so many of our priorities on target for completion this year.

PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope) meetings start in August for our year 10 students. Parents/carers have already received their dates and times for these meetings. These are facilitated by Parent2Parent with the cost this year covered through the school. At the same time SET plans will be completed. Both of these plans help inform what senior schooling will look like for students in their final two years of school, as well as what will be happening outside of school in preparation for post-school life.

This term we have two of our senior school staff completing their training in readiness for us to begin delivering Certificate 1 courses in 2023. This is another exciting opportunity to be able to develop and celebrate the skills and abilities of our students and set them up with more opportunities for post-school life. The new senior school units of work are underway, with more links to topics and skills that students will use when they transition out of school. We have also established a data collection system so that all of our evidence for QCIA (Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement) is readily accessible.

We are continuing to move forward too with our PBL targets. Following feedback last term from families, students and staff, we have the basis for our whole school acknowledgment system which will be trialled in term 4. The updated matrix will be sent out this term. We have also developed a bus / transport matrix which we have shared with BlueGum buses.

It's been very encouraging to see the way that our whole school and community work together, with high expectations, towards the best possible outcomes for our students. As our motto says 'Together We Grow'.

Adrienne Ford
Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning



MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT – CURRICULUM

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities happening this term:

Wednesday 10th August - Musica Viva performance at school

Monday 15th August – Starlab Cosmodome experience at school

Wednesday 24th August – Bookweek parade in the hall

Monday 22nd August – Thursday 25th August – Bookfair at school

There are only 3 weeks until our Bookweek parade. Is your costume ready?? The theme is Dreaming with Eyes Open, but students can come dressed as any character related to a favourite book.

Also in this week, we will be holding a BOOKFAIR at school where you can come and purchase some great books. All purchases help fund books for our school. More information about this will be coming home shortly.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 10th August

- Musica Viva Performance

Monda 15th August

- Starlab Cosmodome Experience

Wednesday 24th August

- Bookweek Parade

Monday 22nd August – Thursday 25th August

- Bookfair

Friday 2nd September

- Student Free Day

Friday 16th September

- Last Day of Term 3



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF STUDENT SERVICES



Last term we had the pleasure of spending three days at our National **Positive Behaviour for Learning** Conference. As the Head of Student Services, it is our job to lead the PBL program at our school. PBL is the framework for aligning all of our practices to outcomes through focused improvement. The theme of the conference was, “**Equity, It’s Everybody’s Business.**” Even Special Schools need to ask themselves the question, “How inclusive are

we?” Throughout the conference we reflected on how we can make sure that Currimundi Special School is providing equity for all. Our roles allow us to spend time in the classroom supporting teachers and students. Some of the time that support is with students struggling for a variety of reasons. We know we cannot make students learn or behave, so our goal is to support teachers to create environments that increase the likelihood of students engaging and learning. Environments that increase the likelihood are guided by a core curriculum and disability specific strategies with consistency. Another key factor is you. We know that when parents and school staff work together, student outcomes are improved. Studies have shown that to be true. You can support the PBL implementation in many ways. You can create a matrix for expected behaviours at home aligning with the school’s expectations. Families and carers have the best knowledge of their child and are therefore important partners in the development and implementation of our PBL practices. You will hear more about this process as we move ahead with the implementation of Positive Behaviour for Learning this year.

We look forward to creating environments across the school that provide equity for all of our students. If you have questions about our PBL process and where we are headed, please feel free to contact any of us from the admin team. Make sure to like our new Facebook page. We will share our PBL journey with you. I look forward to meeting more families as the opportunities arise. Call or email anytime.

Carlie Craig and Hayley Pine
Head of Student Services

Drop off / Pick up

Students not accessing contract buses may be dropped off from 8.30am at the parent drop off zone (via Stanley St). Staff are present for assistance. Students arriving after 9.00am must present through the front office.

Students not accessing contract buses may be picked up from 2.30pm at the parent pick up zone (via Stanley St). Please note that school finishes at 2.30pm and prompt collection of students is appreciated. Please contact the office if you are delayed.

Parents/Carers collecting students prior to 2.30pm, must do so via the front office. It is essential that all persons entering the school grounds present at the office.

Absence Line – 5491 0266

School Times - 8.30am–2.30pm.

Please note supervision is not available
until 8.30am

Afterschool care is available through:

Inclusion Plus

5441 6600

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P & C UPDATES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 5th August – Community Workshop: 'Planning for Future Care – Wills, Powers of Attorney and Disability'

Sunday 14th August – Volunteers Needed for Sunshine Coast Marathon Medal Handouts

Sunday 28th August – Blue Moon Property Charity Race Day for Currimundi Special School

'Workshops For Our Community' – Planning For Future Care: Wills, Powers of Attorney and Disability



Currimundi P&C Association
present...

'Workshops For Our Community'

PLANNING FOR FUTURE CARE

WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND DISABILITY

FRIDAY, 5 AUGUST 2022 | TIME 9:00AM - 10:00AM

CURRIMUNDI SPECIAL SCHOOL | HOST INSIGHT DISABILITY LAW

RSVP to pres.currimundi@gmail.com

The Currimundi Special School P&C present this free information session presented by lawyers!

Date: **Friday 5th August**

Time: **9:00am – 10:00am**

Cost: **Free**

Place: **Currimundi Special School**
(see Admin for location within the school)

A properly drafted Will and carefully considered Enduring Power of Attorney are some of the most important documents that every adult needs in their life. This information session is presented by Tony Hunkin, (Currimundi Special School dad) and his colleague Annelie Hovler. Both are solicitors with family experience of the unique circumstances, worries and concerns faced by disabled clients, and parents of disabled children, in particular when considering the future care of a dependent child, and how to incorporate that care into an estate plan. There will be time for Q&A, so bring your questions along! Please RSVP to pres.currimundi@gmail.com to secure your place.

Sunshine Coast Marathon Volunteers Needed



Volunteers Needed

Currimundi Special School

14 August

Medal Handouts

Two Sessions –
6:30am to 9:00am
9:00am – 11:30am

Register for yourself and
bring your child along
to assist you!

Volunteer funds go to our P&C
\$30 per registration

Volunteer and join the fun of the Sunshine Coast Marathon and raise money for our P&C! Our volunteer job is a superb one to include our awesome children - handing out the medals to the race finishers! SO.. We are looking for 12 volunteer spots to be filled.

Date: **Sunday 14th August**

Times: **6:30am - 9:00am OR 9:00am - 11:30am**
(Two sessions to choose from)

Register yourself and then it's your choice to bring along your child to help you with the volunteer role if they are up for it!

Register on this link:

<https://vmodcui.active.com/volunteer/jobs?eventGroupId=2263533&jobGroupId=392733>

or email pres.currimundi@gmail.com for more details.

\$30 per registration goes to the school P&C. Come on down and enjoy the morning and congratulate all of those runners as they cross the finish line! The kids will love it!

Blue Moon Property Charity Race Day for Currimundi Special School



On behalf of the Currimundi Special School P&C Association, I would like to invite you to attend our Charity Race Day sponsored by Blue Moon Property.

On Sunday 28th August, the Sunshine Coast Turf Club will present the 'Blue Moon Property Charity Race Day for Currimundi Special School'. There will be eight horse races throughout the afternoon. A charity luncheon has been organised in The Champagne Garden, a beautiful marquee set up trackside and next to the finish line and winning circle. We would really love to sell out this function and need to sell 220 tickets to do. The more people attending the function, the more money we raise for the school.

The cost of the Charity Race Day function is \$175 per person and includes entrance to The Champagne Garden marquee function, a gourmet two-course lunch, a four-hour premium drinks package and an afternoon of fun, friends, fashion, fine dining, a flutter on the horses and fundraising for a worthy cause.

You can book your tickets online via Try Booking. Simply go to the 'Try Booking' website, click on 'Buy Tickets' and type in 'Currimundi Special School' in the Search event name or venue. You can also click on this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CAEOB>

The seating arrangements are in groups of ten. You can purchase single tickets or tables of 10. Why not organise a table of 10 with a bunch of friends? We can make sure that you are seated together. All you need to do is email me at pres.currimundi@gmail.com and let me know who you have organised to sit with.

We also welcome any Sunshine Coast businesses to book a table of 10 and have their business receive a thanks and a plug throughout the afternoon. If you know of a business who would support this cause, can you please give them a call and get them to book a table of 10 or call me for more information on 0422652200.

The P&C are working to raise funds to contribute towards renovations to the school playgrounds and the purchase of important resources for Currimundi Special School. I would really love your support to help sell out this event and would love to see you there or see that you are able to help by getting a business on board.

Date: **Sunday 28th August**

Time: **12pm – 5pm**

Place: **The Champagne Garden Marquee, Sunshine Coast Turf Club**

Cost: **\$175 pp**

Thanks so much for your support in making this charity event successful.

Next P&C General Meeting

We welcome all parents, caregivers and community members to join us in attending the next P&C meeting. We NEED more people who have an interest in the future of our school and I invite you to attend in person or via zoom.

Date: **Thursday 18th August**

Time: **4pm**

Place: **Currimundi Special School Admin Building AND via Zoom**

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8472838050?pwd=Tk1OcDVFMRrYmtUZ3pNTmFtdldHZz09>

Meeting ID: **847 283 8050**

Passcode: **123654**

Thanks so much for your support and enthusiasm for our upcoming events!

Kind Regards,

Kirsten Bowman

President, Currimundi Special School P&C Association

Carer Program Calendar

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We know how incredible carers are. You do so much for others and now it's time to do something for you! Join us as we laugh, connect with other carers, learn something new and have the chance to press pause on life's pressures. There are so many opportunities to recharge your batteries with our wide range of monthly events. We hope to see you soon!

All activities are **FREE** for carers. Register, find out more and check out all our events at Eventbrite:

<https://carers-queensland.eventbrite.com.au/>

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Online

MOVES FOR ALL BY DAISIE CHAIN

Monday, 1 August
12.00 pm - 1.00 pm

Shake off the stress, have a laugh and get some healthy movement in your day! This class is perfect for all abilities.

To register visit Eventbrite.

For more information contact Tamsyn on 07 3384 1613.



North Lakes

KOKEDAMA WORKSHOP

Thursday, 4 August
10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Get creative as we make our own Kokedamas. This ornamental plant originates from Japan and will be a beautiful addition to your home.

To register visit Eventbrite.

For more information contact Tamsyn on 07 3384 1613.



Online

CHAIR YOGA

Thursday, 11 August
12.00 pm - 1.00 pm

This gentle class adapts yoga poses while being seated. Experience deep relaxation through meditation, breath work, and gentle stretches all without leaving your chair. To register visit Eventbrite. For more information

contact Tamsyn on 07 3384 1613



Sunshine Coast

CHENREZIG INSTITUTE TOUR AND LUNCH

Friday, 12 August
11.00 am - 2.00 pm

Join us for a tour of the tranquil gardens of Chenrezig Institute in the hinterland of the Sunshine Coast.

Lunch and Guided Meditation are also included. To register visit Eventbrite.

For more information contact Krista on 07 3384 1600.



Newmarket

MASTER YOUR MONEY WORKSHOP

Tuesday, 16 August
10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Take charge of your finances with this introductory Master Your Money workshop. You will also be treated to morning tea and connection with local carers. To register visit Eventbrite.

For more information contact Tamsyn on 07 3384 1625.



NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME

In partnership with Good Shepherd Microfinance, we offer No Interest Loans up to \$2000 to eligible carers, for the purchase of essential items such as white goods, medical services, vehicle expenses and much more. For more information contact

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Gold Coast

FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND ELDER ABUSE SUPPORT

Tuesday, 16 August
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Connect with local carers for morning tea on the Gold Coast and learn about Seniors Financial Protections Services and Elder Abuse Support.

To register visit Eventbrite. For more information contact Natalie on 07 5671 7600.



Springfield

CARERS SOCIAL

Wednesday, 17 August
11.00 am - 12.30 pm

Take a lakeside stroll, make new friends and enjoy morning tea overlooking the idyllic Springfield Lakes at Moselles Café.

To register visit Eventbrite. For more information contact Janice on 07 3384 1625.



Online

RELAXATION BREATHING WORKSHOP

Thursday, 18 August
10.30 am - 11.15 am

Did you know that breathing exercises can reduce stress and promote relaxation? Join our online workshop for greater wellbeing.

To register visit Eventbrite. For more information contact Janice on 07 3384 1625.



Rockhampton

DREAMTIME CULTURAL CENTRE TOUR AND MORNING TEA

Friday, 19 August
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Immerse yourself in the culture and history of the local indigenous community and socialise over morning tea at the Dreamtime Cultural Centre.

To register visit Eventbrite. For more information contact Belinda on 074994 1645.



Online

LAUGHTER CLUB

Wednesday, 24 August
1.00 pm - 1.45 pm

Laugh, recharge your batteries and improve your wellbeing with Heather from The HappyDemic.

To register visit Eventbrite. For more information contact Janice on 07 3384 1625.



JOIN OUR "CARER HEALTH AND WELLBEING" GROUP

Get connected with our new "Carer Health and Wellbeing" Facebook group.

Create new connections, stay up-to-date with our services and share your experiences and photos from our Carer Health and Wellbeing events. Be part of a caring community and join today!

For more information, connect with us
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Online

VALUING & SUPPORTING OUR CARERS SESSION

Monday, 29 August
10.00 am - 11.00 am

1 in 10 Queenslanders identify as a carer. Join our online information session to increase your awareness of carers and the supports available.

To register visit Eventbrite.
For more information contact Kirsten on 07 3384 1614.



Online

PALLIATIVE CARE PRESENTATION

Tuesday, 30 August
11.00 am - 12.00 pm

Learn all about palliative care and how families and carers for people entering palliative care are supported.

To register visit Eventbrite. For more information contact Janice on 07 3384 1625.



Online

ONLINE SKETCHING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, 31 August
6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Get creative with our Sketching Workshop, where you'll be guided by a trained artist to create beautiful drawings using just a pencil and paper.

To register visit Eventbrite. For more information contact Tamsyn on 07 3385 1613.

It's All About Me - A program for young carers

For some young people, life entails going to school or going out with friends, but we understand that for others, it could be different. If a young person's daily life involves caring for a family member or friend with a disability or illness, they are a young carer.

The FRIENDS programs are designed to build life-long resilience in individuals, families, schools, and communities. Each program can help children to improve their confidence, social and emotional skills as well as improve their self-esteem and identify personal strengths and supportive networks.

Carers Queensland facilitates two of the FRIENDS programs within the Capricorn region (Rockhampton Regional and Livingstone Shire Council areas):

- Fun Friends (Year 1 to 3) – positive social and emotional development
- Friends for Life (Year 4 to 6) – inspiring confidence and emotional strength

Each session is delivered weekly for two-hours (facilitated during school term), in groups of six children.

We're here for young carers

To learn more or to submit an expression of interest visit our website - <https://bit.ly/3nTgGrY>



For more information on the FRIENDS Resilience program visit friendsresilience.org/

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