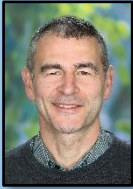


Currimundi Special School Administration Newsletter 2022

Issue Three



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our final ADMIN newsletter for the 2022 school year. It has been great to get back to regular schooling after the start to the year and we have seen students progressing in their learning in all areas of the school.

Term 4 is another busy term with lots happening

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) relaunch – we have re-launched our Tier 1 PBL framework this term, after much collaboration and consultation with our school community. We have introduced a formal acknowledgement system for students called ‘high-flyer’ awards. Students receive a high-flyer award for following school rules of being safe, caring and successful learners. This is documented and shared with families at home. Students are further acknowledged during assembly each Friday. In addition, students who have received 15 and then 30 high flyer awards will receive a letter from the principal and students who receive 50 awards for the term will be invited to a ‘Giraman celebration’, which will be decided on through the student council. It has been great to see so many students receiving awards in the first three weeks of term and we look forward to celebrate this as we move forward this term.

World teachers Day – World teachers’ day is Friday 28th October. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all our teaching staff here at Currimundi Special School and thank them for their ongoing commitment to supporting student learning here at Currimundi Special School.

Student transitions – We are looking forward to supporting student transitions as we approach the end of the Term, in preparation for 2023. Year 6 students will have the opportunity to engage in secondary activities later in the term, to support familiarisation of new blocks, playgrounds and facilities for 2023. We will also be welcoming our new families to our school throughout the term and will be farewelling our Year 12 students at their formal on Tuesday 15th November and their final assembly and clap out on Friday 18th November.

School Opinion Survey – Many thanks to all our families who completed the School opinion survey for 2022. This data will continue to inform our planning into 2023 and beyond. We had close to 40% of families respond to the survey and your opinion is very important to us. I have outlined some of the parent/carer responses below

School opinion survey question	%
My child likes being at this school	96.6
This school celebrates student achievement	100
This school looks for ways to improve	100
This is a good school	96.7
Staff at this school are responsive to my enquiries	100
This school takes parent opinions seriously	98.3

We will continue to work with our school community to listen to and respond to feedback to continue our school improvement journey. Many thanks again for your feedback.

Christmas Concert 2022 – The school Christmas concert will be held at school again this year on Tuesday 10th December. The format will be split into a primary and secondary event with the focus on providing opportunities for students and families to engage in the concert and promote social engagement with students and families. There will be the opportunity for students to visit Father Christmas and a sausage sizzle and drinks will be provided. Students will have the opportunity to perform with their class or cohort on the night. More information regarding times and format to be sent closer to the date.

Reports and 2023 information – Reports will be sent out in week 10 via email. Please ensure that if you have any changes to your personal information, that you contact the school administration office to update this information. In addition, all information regarding classes and information packs for 2023 will be sent during week 10.

I am looking forward to catching up personally with our parents and carers throughout the term.

Many thanks

Richard Fisher
Principal



MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (PRIMARY)

We always enjoy celebrating our students' successes – and I would like to take this opportunity to remind families that we have our P-10 Assembly every Friday afternoon in the school hall at 2pm. All families are welcome to attend.

We have a number of new families that will be joining the Currimundi community from next year, and we will be welcoming the new students through our transition program this term. These students will have the opportunity to participate in class activities, start to familiarise themselves with our school campus, and of course, start to make connections with peers.

Our Primary Graduation will celebrate the completion of primary school for year 6 students. This event is an annual event, for our year 6 students and their families to attend. Students are acknowledged for their development and successes throughout the primary school years. I am very much looking forward to this evening.

I understand that coming to the end of yet another year can bring on some concerns for our students and families; new classes and teachers and rooms etc for the following year. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any pressing concerns. End of year packs will go out in the last week of term with all necessary information (e.g. parent handbook, booklist, class teacher / aide, permissions etc).

Kind Regards

Sam Heymel
Deputy Principal (Primary)



MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

Welcome to Term 4. This term is always a busy one for our staff and students with lots of learning, assessing, reporting and of course, celebrating.

From Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October, we celebrate Education Week. On Friday 28th October, we will celebrate World Teacher's Day. This is a great opportunity to celebrate, recognise and say "Thank you" for the important role our teachers play in the lives of our students and for the amazing work our teachers do each and every day.

We will celebrate the great swimming abilities of our students in a couple of weeks with our Yr 5-10 swimming carnival. There will be fun pool activities for all students to participate in as well as races that are bound to be highly contested.

In the coming weeks, we will welcome new students for 2023, as well as our Year 6 students, into some of our secondary classrooms. These transition sessions will help students prepare for secondary school. They will have the opportunity to experience a little bit of what Secondary School is like before next year.

A very special event on Tuesday 15th November will be our Year 12 Formal. The Formal is a momentous event for our Year 12 students and they are looking forward to spending a celebratory evening with friends, family members and staff. Following this, on Friday 18th November we celebrate the end of the schooling journey for our Year 12s with a special assembly and 'clapout'. The final day of school for our Year 12 students and families is always a special time where we acknowledge, congratulate and wish our school leavers all the best for the future.

More information will be coming home to parents about the above events closer to the dates. There will also be packs sent home in the last week of school regarding teachers for 2023, booklists and permission forms. Please keep an eye on our school Facebook page for information, photos and news of great things happening at school.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to personally say "Thank you" for all of the support that you have given me whilst I have been in the Secondary Deputy Principal position. I have enjoyed getting to meet many families and working with the Secondary students. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Concert and wish you all the best for the rest of the school year and holidays beyond.

Kind Regards

Tracy Turner
Acting Deputy Principal – Secondary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 28th October

- Day for Daniel

Tuesday 15th November

- Year 12 Formal

Friday 18th November

- Last Day for Year 12's. Final Assembly 1:45pm
- Clap Out 2:15pm

Wednesday 23rd November

- Information session for Year 10 families

Thursday 1st December

- Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 6th December

- Primary Concert – 5:00 to 5:45pm
- Secondary Concert – 6:30 to 7:30pm

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PARENT'S NOTICEBOARD



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Teaching and Learning)

PBL: This term we have launched our new whole-school acknowledgement system for PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning). No doubt by now you have seen Giraman tickets coming home. Students receive a Giraman 'High Flyer' ticket when they are following the school rules 'caring, safe, successful learners'. When students reach 15 and 30 tickets they will get a letter home from the Principal. Half way through term, there will be a small acknowledgement of all students who have reached 20 or more tickets, and then at the end of term we will have our Giraman celebration day for all students when they reach 50 tickets. Student council are currently deciding what this will look like.

In reviewing our PBL systems and practices, it's been important to ensure that we have input from our students and families. Our PBL mascot Giraman (pronounced 'gurrumun') is a flying fox. Currimundi means 'place of the flying fox'. Thank you to everyone who responded surveys to inform our process.

This week we hosted the regional special schools PBL Community of Practice. This was a great opportunity for us to share our new practices, and network and gain knowledge from other special schools in terms of best practice in implementation of PBL.

Collegial Engagement: This term we also started our collegial engagement implementation. Collegial engagement gives staff opportunity to be part of observation and feedback processes to further develop professional capacity. Over time this will include learning from colleagues who are 'lead teachers' in different areas. It means our professional development can be explicitly linked to our school data and needs.

QCIA: At the end of year 12, students achieve their QCIA. This will be mailed to homes, so for our school leavers, keep an eye out towards the end of December/early January for this.

Year 10 into Senior Secondary Information Session: We will be holding an information session for our parents and carers of our year 10 students about what senior secondary looks like at Currimundi Special School, including the opportunity to complete our first Cert 1 course in Active Volunteering. Over the next few years we will be introducing more Cert 1 opportunities for our senior secondary students. 'Save the date' information was sent home this week, and a formal invitation will be sent home towards the end of the month.

Christmas Concert: We're starting to prepare for

our concert. The theme is 'Summer'. More information will be coming home soon – but save the date for Tuesday of week 10 (6th December).

It's hard to believe the year is almost over. I'm looking forward to catching up with families at our events this term.

Adrienne Ford
Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning



A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Hello to our Incredible Currimundi Families,

We have had several visits from Wellways Carer Gateway this year. Wellways Carer Gateway is a service that can assist families in many ways, including access to free local services and supports. Wellways will next be here on the 25th of October and 3rd of November from 9:00 – 11:00 am. If you can, please come and visit us or contact me if you would like to book in at a preferred time.

In addition, there are some free programs currently running at the Caloundra Community Centre located at 58A Queen Street, Caloundra.

- **Hour of Wellness** – yoga and meditation – Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:30 pm – please call 5491 4000 to book.
- **The Thursday Cosmopolitan Club** – coffee and chat – 10:00 – 11:30 am - 10th and 24th November.
- **Playgroup** – Mondays – 9:30 – 11:30 am – call Vanessa on 0493 261 334 if you would like more information.
- **Caloundra Boomerang Bags** – sewing and connection group – 11:00 am – 3:00 pm – 9th and 23rd of November.

Once again, please accept my heartfelt thanks for the way your 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

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

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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.

P & C UPDATES

P&C Meetings in Term 4

This term we will be holding two P&C meetings. Everyone is welcome to come to the staffroom or join via zoom and contribute to the meeting.

Dates:

Thursday 27th October 1pm – 2:15pm

Thursday 1st December 1pm – 2:15pm

Zoom Details:

Meeting ID: 847 283 8050

Passcode: 123654

Email: pres.currimundi@gmail.com to RSVP to either of the Term 4 P&C meetings so we can give you all the documents before the meeting.

Uniform Shop News

Uniform Day Term 4 Opening Days and Times

Uniform Shop will be open every Thursday morning from 8:30am – 9:00am in Term 4. I apologise to everyone for needing to change the date and times that the uniform shop is open in term 4. I have recently started a new job so need to volunteer around work hours.

Second-hand Uniforms

When your children have outgrown their school uniforms, please send them in to the office. Our P&C sort them and give them to families in need.

We are always looking for:

- Polo Shirts
- Jumpers
- Shorts
- Shoes

Please only hand in items that are in good condition.

Term 4 Trial for Uniform Shop Online Ordering is Coming!

Stay tuned for a letter welcoming you to try out our new online ordering system of all school uniforms. We are finalising the program to be ready for you to try in two weeks.

Term 3 Disco

Thank you to all families who attended and volunteered at our Term 3 Disco. It is great to see so many parents and students attend this event raising much needed funds for Chappy Mel and the Chaplaincy program.

WE NEED YOU - Executive Positions in our P&C Needed!

I need parents within our school community to step and take on an Executive role in our P&C. We need to fill these two positions as soon as possible to ease the workload for Robyn (our current Secretary) and myself.

These positions are currently vacant and NEED people within our school community to fill them:

Vice President (supporting my role as the President)

Treasurer

Assistant Secretary (taking minutes for meetings when Robyn cannot attend meetings). Please consider stepping up to take on one of these roles. A few people doing all of the roles is not sustainable so please HELP!

Parent Information Sessions

'Planning for Future Care: Wills, Powers of Attorney and Disability'

The P&C have asked Tony Hunkin and Annelie Hovler from Insight Law to present the same Wills and Enduring Power of Attorney talk for all community members who missed it in Term 3.

Have a read to see if this Information Session interests you.

'Welcome to a free information session presented by lawyers! 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!'

Here are the details:

Date: Wednesday 26th October, 2022

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Currimundi Special School and via Zoom

Please RSVP to pres.currimundi@gmail.com so we can gauge attendances and tell us if you are joining in person or via zoom.

Fundraising Events

Currimundi Special School Race Day

A massive thanks to everyone who supported the Currimundi Special School Charity Race Day on Sunday 28th August. The day was a huge success raising over \$14,000 which can now go towards projects around our school.

I would like to give a special thank you to Steve Venn and Cheryl Johnston from Blue Moon Property, Golden Beach. These two amazing people were our major sponsors of the day, sponsoring every race, brought along 40 guests and assisted the P&C in organising auction items and raffle prizes. They went over and above to help the school and I am forever grateful to them for their efforts. If you are looking to buy or sell your property, give Steve a call at Blue Moon Property Golden Beach! Steve and Cheryl have supported our school for the last two years and are happy to assist you!

Thanks so much and have a great Term 4!
Kirsten Bowman - **President**