



# Community Newsletter

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2025

WEEK 6	Monday 03 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Clean Up Australia Day for Schools</b></li><li>• Year 6 Student Leaders Excursion – Tallebudgera Rec Centre</li><li>• School Council Meeting 9:00am</li></ul>	
	Tuesday 04 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 2 Shake and Stir Incursion</li><li>• Year 5 PBC Outdoor Activities 2pm - oval</li></ul>	
	Wednesday 05 March		
	Thursday 06 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cruising to Currumbin Thursday</li></ul>	
	Friday 07 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 5 &amp; 6 Interschool Sport Training</li></ul>	
WEEK 7	Monday 10 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• South Coast Swimming Carnival</li></ul>	
	Tuesday 11 March		
	Wednesday 12 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Year 3 &amp; 5 NAPLAN</b> – Writing / Reading</li></ul>	
	Thursday 13 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cruising to Currumbin Thursday</li><li>• <b>Year 3 &amp; 5 NAPLAN</b> – Conventions of Language</li><li>• Prep 2026 Parent School Tour 4:00pm</li></ul>	
	Friday 14 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Year 3 &amp; 5 NAPLAN - Numeracy</b></li><li>• Year 5 &amp; 6 Interschool Sport Training</li></ul>	

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

To our Currumbin families,

### Thanks P&C

Thank you so much to our P&C for generously providing \$10 000 to the school to support our Year 5 & 6 interschool sports program. The funding will be used to offset the rising cost of bus hire meaning that there will be no increase to sports fees this semester. Our P&C have also incredibly donated \$410 000 to the school. These funds will be used to complete the first stage of our assembly hall upgrade. On behalf of the entire school community thank you Daniel, Devina, Brian and the team!

### Clean Up Australia Day for Schools

To align with Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 2 March, Currumbin SS students will be cleaning up, tidying or weeding designated areas of the school and Currumbin Creek on Monday 3 March. Thank you to our teachers Tegan Watkins and Devina Gleeson along with the Student Sustainability Committee for their dedication to environmental issues within our school community.

### NAPLAN - Why students benefit from increased participation

During Weeks 7 and 8 our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) online testing program to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN is a vital tool in assessing how students are progressing, how our educational programs are working and where we can improve. More students participating in NAPLAN gives us more accurate information so we can make better decisions. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail test, so students should be encouraged to simply do their best. They should not feel stressed or pressured to perform as the tests are based on the skills they are expected to have at a given age and stage of their education. Encourage your child to participate because every student counts.

### Active School Travel News

Thank you to all families who supported our AST events this week. The students enjoyed the many activities throughout the week, especially the parade and breakfast this morning. We have seen an increase in students actively travelling to school over recent weeks which contributes to the safety and wellbeing of our community. Thank you so much to our Deputy Principal Mary Hughes and the AST team for organising this important initiative.

## Westview Road Kiss and Go

Please note that the council have removed the Westview Road kiss and go zones to ease traffic congestion. Parents will need to use the Mitchell Avenue and Philip Street kiss and go zones. The council will commence work soon on upgrading the Philip Street kiss and go.

## Parking

A number of parents have been using the staff carparks for pick-ups and drop-offs. This is unsafe and is not permitted. Thank you for your support.

John Cattoni

Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS

### NAPLAN Online

During Weeks 7 and 8 (12-17 March) our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) online testing program to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

	Monday 10 March & Tuesday 11 March	Wednesday 12 March	Thursday 13 March	Friday 14 March
WEEK 7	Preparation Days	9:00am Year 3 Writing (paper) Year 5 Writing	9:00am Year 3 Conventions of Language  9:30am Year 5 Conventions of Language	9:00am Year 3 Numeracy 9:30am Year 5 Numeracy  *last day to catch up Year 3 writing
		11:30am Year 3 Reading  12:00pm Year 5 Reading	11:30am  Catch up	11:30am  Catch up
WEEK 8	Monday 17 March Year 3 and 5 Catch ups			

### Volunteers and Visitors Induction Training

If you volunteer at Currumbin SS it is Education Qld policy that you are required to complete the annual mandatory training (links below) for visitors/volunteers which covers; Code of Conduct, Student Protection, Health and Safety and Emergency Procedures.

- [Volunteer and Visitor Training 2025](#)
- [Key Messages Guide 2025](#)

Once you have read through and understood the information you will need to submit the declaration on the final page of the key messages guide 2025. This can then be emailed to [admin@currumbinss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@currumbinss.eq.edu.au) or dropped into the office. Spare copies of the declaration page can be obtained from the office. You can then commence volunteering. Volunteers must sign in/out at the office whenever volunteering on the school site. Volunteers who are not parents/carers of students at the school will be required to hold a current blue card.

## THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

Over the past fortnight we have been delving into our emotions. The students are learning about what emotional literacy is and its importance in everyday life. A simple way to explain to children about this subject is that in our everyday “we get to wear” a myriad of emotions. There are no “bad emotions”, they are all important it’s the way we respond using these emotions that are of highest importance. A great way we can unpack these, is to have conversations with our children about moments in your life where you have felt emotions and what you did in those situations.

Happy emotional conversations - Mr Malouf (5D)



Shout out to the 'Kindness Crew' for spreading joy around the school



## FINAL PAYMENT DATES

*Please note the payment due date - this is important as we have to finalise numbers with venues and buses prior to the excursion. Students may not be able to attend if payment is not made by this date.*

# Consent / Payment Due Dates

EXCURSION	YEAR	CONSENT DUE DATE	PAYMENT DUE DATE	AMOUNT	EXCURSION DATE
Jacob's Well Excursion	Year 3	Friday 7 February	Wednesday 19 March	\$37.00	Thurs 24 April – Wed 30 April
Shake N Stir Incursion	Year 2	Friday 7 February	Wednesday 19 Feb	\$9.00	Tues 4 March
Camp Goodenough	Year 6	Monday 17 February	Wednesday 12 March	\$100.00	Mon 28 April
Paradise Country Excursion	Prep	Friday 21 February	Wednesday 19 March	\$29.00	Wed 30 March & Thurs 1 May
Fleays Wildlife Excursion	Year 1	Friday 28 February	TBA	TBA	Tues 6 May – Thurs 8 May

\* From 2025 Consent must be received via QParents before parents/carers will be invoiced for payments



**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO QPARENTS YET?**  
**FROM 2025, ALL EXCURSION LETTERS**  
**WILL BE ONLINE VIA THE QPARENTS APP**



[Click here](#) for more information

## School Tours for Prep 2026 Parents/Carers

Families of children born 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

<b>9:00AM</b>	Friday 28 February, Friday 28 March, Friday 16 May or Friday 13 June 2025
<b>4:00PM</b>	Thursday 13 March, Thursday 27 March, Thursday 1 May or Thursday 17 July 2025.



To book visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/emaqd>

Harmony Day recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.  
 It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Tuesday 18 March

# HARMONY DAY



Students are invited to wear **traditional clothing that represents their culture**

OR

they can **wear orange** to show their support.

*NO GOLD COIN  
REQUIRED*



## CAUGHT BEING A GEM

*weekly winners receive an iceblock voucher*

PREP	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Taj - PE Harry - PE	River T – 1A Eva – 1A Koa – 1E Gravity – 1G Matyus – 1G	Carter – 2A Koa – 2B	Charlie – 3A Lachlan – 3E Taedom – 3E Leo N – 3E Efreem – 3G	Freddy – 4A Emily – 4B Cherish – 4C Kienle – 4C Beau B – 4G	Tilly B – 5A Sophia – 5A Flynn – 5B Angus I – 5B	Baylei – 6C Ava S – 6C Nellie – 6C



**Creekside Canteen – Volunteers Needed**

We are currently seeking volunteers for the canteen. Volunteering an hour or two can make a significant difference. Feel free to pop by and have a chat with someone from our friendly team to learn more about how you can contribute. Your help is greatly appreciated.



**CURRUMBIN KIDS CLUB NEWS**

Lately at Kids Club we have been seeing a huge interest in all things bracelets and beading! We have been making beaded lizard pets, beaded wands, beaded snakes and more. We've seen some super creative ways to make bracelets including using cups and turning them into superhero cuffs, mixing pipe cleaners and beads into patterns, paper bracelets, loom band bracelets, crepe paper bracelets and craft mesh bracelets. It's been amazing to see these two concepts turn into so many new ideas and projects run by the children. We can't wait to keep following these ideas and see what else the children can come up with!



**COMMUNITY NEWS**



**Currumbin State School Students  
are invited to access the**

**CURRUMBIN COMMUNITY  
SPECIAL SCHOOL GP CLINIC**

**OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR  
BULK BILLED GP APPOINTMENTS**

Appointments with Dr Veronica will be available every Wednesday during school term, starting from the 13th of February 2025. The clinic is located on the grounds of Currumbin Special School, with easy access and plentiful parking.

**HOW TO BOOK**

- ✉ GP@currumbinspecs.eq.edu.au
- ☎ 07 5559 9333



A GPs in Schools  
Pilot school



**Do you have a health care card?  
You could be eligible for Saver Plus.**

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



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COMMUNITY  
BOARD**



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COMMUNITY  
NOTICEBOARD