



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Week 3 has flown by with our students being engaged in learning across the whole curriculum. As a part of our Sense of Wonder project, we had the pleasure of Professor Kingsley Dixon coming to speak to students and staff.

We learnt about a myriad of different things, all linked to the banksia. Different age groups discussed topics such as biodiversity and biodiversity hot spots, carnabys, macadamia trees, habitats and stromatolites. We were even lucky to be able to see a banksia fossil that is the oldest banksia fossil ever found, and other fossils that were as old as 250 million years old.

Both students and staff were enthralled and asked lots of questions. This knowledge will now be taken back to Coolangahs and classrooms to enrich our connected curriculums.

Teaching staff also expanded their botanical knowledge and learnt more outdoor learning in nature strategies in another amazing Educated by Nature workshop. We discussed using our different senses in nature, and looked at the different colours and shades found in nature. At the end, we were shown how to find out what species a plant is by using our phones - very useful!

The Commissioner for Children and Young People would like to hear about the experiences of children and families from overseas, and also who were born here but have parents from overseas. Please assist this valuable research by completing a survey at [Belonging across borders - Quick survey for children and you people from overseas \(confirmat.com.au\)](https://www.confirmat.com.au)



1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses:	1 DAY per fortnight	1 DAY per week	2 DAYS per week	3 DAYS per week
That equals...	20 DAYS per year	40 DAYS per year	80 DAYS per year	120 DAYS per year
Which is...	4 WEEKS per year	8 WEEKS per year	16 WEEKS per year	24 WEEKS per year
and over 13 years of schooling that's...	1.5 YEARS	2.5 YEARS	5 YEARS	8 YEARS

A reminder that attending school **every day is so important**, and that holidays should only be taken in the school holidays. Every day matters. If your child is unwell, please contact the school to let us know the reason so it is not recorded as an unknown reason. Thank you for your assistance in this.

I hope all of our school community has a wonderful weekend and is enjoying this cooler weather. We look forward to seeing everyone again next week.

BAKED GOODS DONATIONS

Please join us on Wednesday **15th May after assembly** for a cup of tea/coffee and a baked goods for a gold coin donation. There will be a bake sale afterwards for the students so please send your children in with some spare change to purchase some treats for their morning tea. Donations of baked goods would be much appreciated - please bring to the canteen in the **Undercover Area from 8.30am on 15th May.**



All proceeds to go towards The Cancer Council.
Thank you for your support,
Orlando Family 😊



 **Sarah Baden-Powell**

P&C UPDATE

Our meeting for term 2 is **Thursday 9 May**, commencing at 2.40PM, in the staffroom. As always, everyone is welcome to attend. Thank you to the families that have responded to our call outs for worm farms and phonebooks. They have been put to good use. Our request for term 2 is more specific and related to the Sense of Wonder project. We are seeking second hand books about WA flora, specifically those published around 1950 to early 2000s with a strong botanical focus (photographs, illustrations and explanatory text). Authors to look out for include Michael Morcombe, Kingsley Dixon, Ivan Holliday and Geoffrey Watton. A specific title we are looking for is 'The Field Guide to Banksias' (first or second edition).

These types of books are generally hidden in the back of a second hand bookshop, at the bottom of a box at a garage sale or on the shelf of elderly relatives with an interest in botany! Donated books will form part of library and classroom resources to support the Sense of Wonder project.

Please contact Rebecca Brockman (president@curtinprimarypandc.com.au) if you have books to donate or have any further questions.



Wed 8th: "Sense of Wonder" continues guest speaker Prof Kingsley Dixon

Thu 9th: P&C Meeting 2.40pm CPS Staff Room

REMINDERS:

WEEK 4