Welcome to the Summer edition of the School’s newsletter. Being new to Australia, the concept of welcoming you to a “summer edition” of the newsletter as we enter the Christmas holiday season is something I will need time to embrace.

The School had the accreditation site visit for the Master of Clinical Exercise Physiology (MCEP) program in November. We received positive feedback and have only three recommendations to address (all related to units yet to be taught) prior to the graduation of the first MCEP cohort. We also received official notification that the School was given a full five years of accreditation for the Bachelor’s and Honours programs in physiotherapy, and a full five years accreditation of our new Doctor of Physiotherapy program (with conditions that relate to this being a new program that has not had a cohort graduate).

Congratulations to Drs Di Dennis, Sharon Parry, Simon Rosalie, and Amity Campbell who received academic promotions this year. Our School received a number of teaching as well as research and engagement awards, and several Honours students received scholarships. Congratulations all on a job well done!!

As Peter Gardner transitions into his new role as a doctoral student in the new year, we are pleased to announce that Professor Tony Wright will be assuming the role as Deputy Head of School and Dr Robyn Fary will move into the role as Discipline Lead for Physiotherapy. Congratulations Tony and Robyn, we look forward to working with you in your new roles………and good luck Peter on your new endeavour!!

The School would like to thank Vice Chancellor Deborah Terry for her outstanding leadership – especially for the vision and values that she talked, walked and made so endemic to the fabric and culture at Curtin University. We wish you well as you transition to your new role as Vice Chancellor at the University of Queensland and will work to keep your commitment to the Curtin values alive and well.

On behalf of the School, wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!!
We said goodbye to a couple of staff members in December:

Judy Campbell - With 13 years at Curtin under her belt, Judy has decided it’s now time for the next phase in her life … a very much anticipated retirement. A farewell afternoon tea was held for Judy on Monday, 9 December to celebrate her time with and contribution to the School.

Alan Reubenson gave a heartfelt speech reminding us of Judy’s many qualities and how much she will be missed. And Judy’s memories of her start at Curtin had us laughing and wiping away the odd tear in equal measure. Judy will be making the most of her retirement to spend more time with her family, dancing and generally leading a stress free life.

Thanks for all your hard work over the years Judy, you will be missed!
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STAFF NEWS—FAREWELLS

Andrew Lavender - Started with the School in 2012 and his farewell afternoon tea was held on Friday, 12 December.

Thanks Andrew for your work setting up and helping to establish the ESRS course, your role as Course Coordinator and leadership in establishing the Exercise Science Alumni. Andrew has also been recognised for his contributions to The Conversation — the highest downloads of any article by a Curtin staff member (see page 5). Andrew will continue his association with Curtin and the School in his capacity as an Adjunct Research Fellow.

We’re sorry to see you go, don’t worry, we’ll keep any eye on your rats for you.

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Staff Promotions

We are pleased to announce four staff were successful in the latest round of promotions:

Dr Sharon Parry, Dr Simon Rosalie and Dr Diane Dennis have been promoted to level C.

Associate Professor Amity Campbell was promoted to level D.

Congratulations everyone on this important recognition of your contribution to service, leadership, teaching and research.

Tim Mitchell does an Elvis

Dr Tim Mitchell has resigned his position as Senior Lecturer to further his work in the private sector taking on new challenges and experiences.

Tim started at Curtin in February 2012 and over the years we have enjoyed and benefited from his unique insights and progressive thinking. He taught on the Masters of Clinical Physiotherapy and undergraduate Physiotherapy program and his input has helped keep our programs contemporary and evidence based. One of the schools great strengths has always been its culture of progressive clinical reasoning and Tim has made a major contribution with his role in co-developing the great resource of the Musculoskeletal Clinical Translation Framework. The framework has been used worldwide to assist the development of clinical reasoning. https://www.musculoskeletalframework.net/

Shunning the limelight (and farewells), Tim chose to advise everyone by email that he had “left the building” on Tuesday, 10 December.

Thanks for your years of service to Curtin Tim. We look forward to seeing you back at Curtin for the occasional lecture.

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New Clinical Placement Officer

We are happy to welcome Mandy Robinson who commenced as Clinical Placement Officer on Monday, 9 December.

Mandy has considerable experience with clinical placements and we are very fortunate to have her join our Clinical Education team. Mandy joins us from the UWA, where she held the role of Academic Services Officer (Field Education) at the School of Allied Health.

In addition, Mandy previously spent six years as Fieldwork Administrative Support Officer at the School of Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology and Social Work at Curtin University. Welcome back to Curtin Mandy!
STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Faculty Excellence and Innovation in Teaching Awards

Several of our School staff received awards in the Faculty Excellence and Innovation in Teaching Awards:

Anne Furness received the Lifetime Achievement Award

Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Team: Michelle Kendell, Evan Coopes, David Sainsbury, Tanis Kelly, Karen Richards, Julie Bayliss, Bronwyn Smith, Sonia Ranelli, Alan Reubenson received the Teaching Award, Teaching Team

Alan Reubenson received a Citation for sustained and outstanding contribution to physiotherapy education for supporting students and educators through leadership of high quality, industry-engaged and innovative work-integrated learning.

Dr Diane Dennis received a Citation for enhancing physiotherapy students' clinical, professional and employability skills through design and implementation of immersive and work-integrated simulation-based learning activities.

Higher Education Academy Fellowships

Dr Di Dennis received a Higher Education Academy Fellowship

Curtin University now has more than 100 Higher Education Academy (HEA) Fellows after 70 Curtin academics and researchers were announced as recipients of the prestigious international award. HEA Fellowships are awarded through the UK-based Advance Higher Education to champion teaching and learning within the tertiary sector globally

Research and Engagement Awards

Dr Andrew Lavender was the recipient of one of the Media Awards, Highest readership of an article on The Conversation

Dr Sue Morris (as part of the Curtin Autism Group) received the Research Team Award

These awards recognise the achievements of our excellent researchers and research teams and acknowledge academics who are making a positive contribution to raising the University’s research profile in the media.

2019 / 2020 Summer Scholarship Initiative

Seven staff (out of 16 applications from our School, 46 received in total) were awarded a Summer Scholarship. This scheme is aimed to facilitate as a pathway for undergraduate students to move towards studies into Higher Degree by Research. Congratulations to:

Professor Anne-Marie Hill
Professor Graham Hall
Dr Susan Morris
Dr Vin Cavalheri
Dr Kagan Ducker
Dr Meg Harrold
Dr Angela Spence

Their nominated students will receive $500.00 per week to work on the approved project over a four week period.

Well done!
SCHOOL NEWS - ACCREDITATION

MCEP Course Accreditation

Site Visit

The site visit for accreditation of our new course, Master of Clinical Exercise Physiology (MCEP) was held on 18 and 19 November.

The review panel consisted:

Ms Rachel Holmes, NUCAP Manager
Associate Professor Anthony Leicht, (Chair) – James Cook University (Cardiovascular physiology)
Dr Peter Sinclair, Sydney University (Biomechanics)
Ms Rachel Venn, University of Canberra (AEP, student lead clinic)

We would like to thank the current MCEP students and Clinical Supervisors who took part in process:

Students:
Shanae Malpass (Year representative)
Julie Doyle (Year representative)
Stephanie Sulidis
Emily Shields
Giorgia Neill
Taylor Paterson
Ryan Chay
Ben Ave

Clinical Supervisors:
Mr. Matthew Harris, Exercise for Life
Ms Jennifer Woodhouse, HFRC (Hollywood Functional Rehabilitation Clinic)
Mr Aaron Franse, Curtin Stadium
Ms Zoe Huitenga, Guardian Exercise Rehabilitation
Mr Ashley Gilbert, Form and Functional Fitness
Ms Elise Gorman, CVS (Cardiovascular Services)

Physiotherapy Course Accreditation

On 8 November the School received official notification of the accreditation for both our entry level Physiotherapy courses. The BSc (Physiotherapy) and BSc (Physiotherapy) Honours programs have received the full five years accreditation without conditions.

Our new Doctor of Physiotherapy course has also been accredited for a full five years with conditions, which is completely normal for a new program. Another positive is that the new DPT course was given a full five year accreditation, in line with our existing course (typically three years is given for new courses).

The accreditation report was received on Thursday, 28 November and we are delighted to advise that the course has been highly commended on all aspects of curriculum, practicum and stakeholder engagement.

The course has also satisfied all accreditation requirements in regards to general requirements, resources and practicum with only three recommendations to satisfy prior to the end of the first cohort – those being in the units that are yet to be taught in semester one, 2020 and a final meeting with graduating students.

The next stage in the accreditation process will be provisional accreditation. Once we have satisfactorily addressed all recommendations, we anticipate receiving full accreditation around the end of Semester 1, 2020.
Australian Society for Performing Arts Healthcare (ASPAH)  
Conference in Melbourne  
By Isaac Campbell

The annual ASPAH conference took place in the Melbourne Arts Centre on 30 November and 1 December. The keynote speaker was Dr Sue Mayes, leading physiotherapist and Director of the artistic health team at the Australian Ballet Company.

The 25 presentations and eight workshops provided insight and tools for health professionals to aid in the treatment of all types of performing artists. Specialists from the UK, Spain, Australia and New Zealand came together to exchange research and discussion for the health and wellbeing of our population of interest. I was lucky enough to be invited to present a self-reflective case study on the second day of the conference and, through popular vote, won the Delegates Choice award.

It was a thrill and inspiring experience to be with likeminded people who were extremely supportive and welcoming. I hope to attend again next year.

Multi-skilled Lecturer  
Leo Ng Plays Matchmaker

In November Leo Ng attended the wedding between Nicole Sim and KC Seow, two of his previous students.

They (finally) admitted that Leo got an invitation to their big day because it was he who jokingly suggested they should be together when they were in their first semester of the Physiotherapy course. Leo obviously planted the seed as they were an item by second semester ……… although they were still denying it a year later!

Leo is more than happy to take the credit for their wedding seven years later. even asking them to name their first child after him, so we’ll have to wait and see if he still has any influence over this young couple.

Congratulations Nicole and KC.
Olympic News

Karri Somerville will represent Australia as a member of the Hockeyroos and Jake Harvie has made the Kookaburra Squad.

Congratulations Jake and Karri

Brazilian Researcher Visits School

Associate Professor Alessandro Ferrari Jacinto (MD, PhD) from the Federal University of São Paulo (UNIFESP) visited Dr Elissa Burton in the School from 11 to 15 November.

Alessandro’s visit was part of a successful grant which has included conducting a number of research projects on health literacy in Australia and Brazil. It is planned to get two or three papers from this new collaboration.

The research project is in collaboration with Associate Professor Chris Toye from the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine, Professor Keith Hill at Monash University and Associate Professor Sue Slatyer from Murdoch University.

Fiona Stanley Hospital Research Showcase

Three of our PhD students, Nacho Suarez, Anna Scheer and Nicole Chen, presented at the Fiona Stanley Hospital Research Showcase in November.

Nicole won an award for Best e-poster and Anna received the runner-up prize in the Three Minute Project competition.

Congratulations everyone.

Clinical Placement Performance

Congratulations to Hifzhan Mohd Hayazi for his outstanding performance on clinical placement with the Thrive Clinic and for receiving their annual practicum student internship!

This internship is only offered to one student each year and students from each of the five WA universities are considered, so we are very proud of Hif.

Hif now has the opportunity to continue gaining work experience with Thrive, and the possibility of future employment once he is accredited. Feedback from Thrive …..“We are very pleased and look forward to seeing Hif’s continued desire to learn and grow as an Exercise Physiologist.”

Well done Hif and congratulations on your internship.

From left: Alessandro Ferrari Jacinto, Elissa Burton, Sue Slatyer and Kim Slatyer
The School was very well represented by staff, students, alumni and adjuncts at the APA Transform 2019 conference held in Adelaide on 16 to 19 October.

Leon Straker was a national keynote speaker in Occupational Health.

Helen Slater was an invited speaker in Pain.

Linda Woodhouse, Andrew Briggs, Darren Beales, Ivan Lin and Laura Worthing presented in Pain / Musculoskeletal.

Tim Mitchell, with Anne Daly and David Elvish, provided a mini keynote on “Demystifying Musculoskeletal pain management.”

Andrew Briggs and JP Caneiro, along with Ewa Roos and Christian Barton, provided a mini keynote on “How can we bridge the gap between what we know and what we do in clinical practice?”

Leanda McKenna and Tim Mitchell presented in Sports and Exercise

Penny Moss presented on Managing Complexity

Anne-Marie Hill, Vanessa Jessup and Chiara Naseri presented in Gerontology.

Doug Cary was a keynote speaker in Acupuncture and Dry Needling.

Leo Ng was invited to the Physio Pitchfest for his new web app that can analyse thousands of academic papers with greater speed and accuracy. The Research Screener and won the People’s Choice Award.

Emma Heron (above) a Women’s Health Masters by Coursework student presented “Determining clinicians’ definition and diagnosis of Inflammatory Conditions of the Lactating Breast (ICLB): A mixed methods study”. Leanda McKenna and Bea De Oliveira, supervised the study and also attended the conference.

Grace Currie, a 4th year physiotherapy student, presented her oral abstract at the 2019 ACTA International Clinical Trials Conference held in Sydney on 2 to 5 October. Grace presented on educational materials she developed about adaptive clinical trials. These materials (a website and video series) were aimed at clinicians and researchers to explain adaptive trial methods and features.

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CONFERENCE NEWS

VC 2018 Excellence in Collaboration Award
By Kathryn Malley and John Watson

The VC’s 2018 Excellence in Collaboration Award provided the opportunity for four Professional staff members to attend the 2019 APA Transform Conference in Adelaide and site visits to two of Adelaide’s University clinics. The award recognised collaboration between the Curtin Wellness Team and the staff and students within the Curtin Health and Wellness Centre for the ergonomic assessment project. Two staff members from Curtin’s Wellness Team (Sean Ralph and Troy Campbell) and two staff members from the Health and Wellness Centre (Kathryn Malley and John Watson) attended.

John attended a variety of musculoskeletal presentations at the conference. Topic areas included:

- Conservative ACL management.
- Patellofemoral pain management
- 11 Best Practice Recommendations for Musculoskeletal Practice
- The Pain Revolution, a community education project.
- Changes to the Health System with a “top down” and “bottom up” approach. The GLAD program for osteoarthritis management that commenced in Denmark is an example of “bottom up” success.
- Strength Training
- Pain Sensitisation

Kathryn attended site visits to both Flinders University and UniSA student clinics, with staff at both sites being generous with their time and experience. Discussions were had about the challenges of interprofessional clinics, student-led versus clinician-led models, funding arrangements and systems to support student learning (including IT infrastructure and clinical software). While Flinders University is establishing a relatively new physiotherapy service similar to the current Curtin model, UniSA have a strong established program which includes undergraduate and postgraduate student-led clinics, in addition to clinician-led neuro and paeds services and NDIS services. It was particularly helpful to understand shared challenges and also bring back ideas for future development.

The staff at the Health and Wellness Centre would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support of the clinics in 2019. We will be closed from Wednesday, 18 December for a little R&R but will re-open on Tuesday, 7 January 2020. Merry Christmas from the admin team – Kathryn, Carol, Pam, Michelle and Suzanne.

Troy Campbell, Sean Ralph and John Watson at the conference

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Australian Council for Educational Leaders Conference

John Curtin Distinguished Professor Leon Straker was an invited speaker at the "Digital Environments and Developing Minds" conference held in Sydney in October.

The conference was hosted by the Australian Council for Educational Leaders and the Australian Council on Children and Media. The topic of his talk was "Children's screen use and development of muscles, bones and motor coordination."

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28th National Conference on Incontinence

The School’s Continence and Women’s Health team attended the 2019 National Conference on Incontinence from 13 to 16 November in Melbourne.

Curtin was well represented at the conference with 28 current and previous Curtin staff and students, and at the conference

Donna Green (one of our Clinical Supervisors for post grad CWH Clinics, and previous student) presented on “Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injury and Sexual Dysfunction”.

Above: Wan Hui Yip (current Curtin CWH Clinical Masters student and Senior CWH Physiotherapist, from Singapore), Dr Judith Thompson, Professor John DeLancey and Emma Wise.

Below: Continence & Women’s Health Physios - Curtin past and present, with Dr Margaret Sherburn and Elise Fraser, (University of Melbourne)
I attended the Paris Shoulder Summit on 4 and 5 October in France. There were 19 international speakers from seven different countries who presented the latest scientific and clinical advances in the understanding and management of shoulder disorders. A recent Curtin Master of Clinical Physiotherapy graduate, Celine Labie from Belgium, conducted the workshop titled ‘A cognitive functional approach for the targeted management of shoulder pain in swimmers’.

600 delegates, mainly physiotherapists, attended the Paris Shoulder Summit. Podium presentations and workshops, led by key international shoulder researchers, provided the opportunity for interactive and stimulating discussion amongst the presenters and delegates.

The biopsychosocial model of shoulder pain and disability was a primary area of discussion. The current shoulder research landscape provides a focus on patient-centred care and shared decision-making, active exercise and addressing multidimensional factors including patient expectations, self-efficacy and fear of movement.

Shoulder pain is a prevalent musculoskeletal disorder managed by physiotherapists on a daily basis. With an ageing population who wish to live independently and maintain activity into older age, physiotherapists are well placed to be leaders of patient-centred care in the management of shoulder disorders. There are many exciting Masters or PhD research opportunities in this area.
WORKSHOPS AND MEDIA

Women in Research Workshop

A number of School staff attended the inaugural Women in Research Workshop on Thursday, 5 December on campus.

Linda Woodhouse, Sue Morris, Sonia Ranelli, Karen Richards, Alison Thorpe and Emma Wise attended the workshop organised by the Centre for Transformative Work Design in conjunction with Curtin University and the Australian Research Council.

Facilitated by Laureate Fellow, Sharon Parker, Director of The Centre of Transformative Work Design, with keynote address by VC, Professor Deborah Terry, the workshop was designed to help women in their research careers and included activities covering three areas:

- Managing You
- Managing Careers
- Managing and Mentoring

Participants were involved in group discussions on various topics including resilience and bouncing back, mental health, time management, work life balance and innovation.

Pragmatic advice on managing one’s research career as a female academic was appreciated by all participants.

John Curtin Distinguished Peter O’Sullivan and Nic Saraceni Research finds you can put your back into it Article in Men’s Health and Executive Career on 4 December

Research has dispelled the myth that injuries can be avoided if we keep our backs straight—neither lifting with a straight or bent back results in a higher chance of injury.

You can read the article in full on: Men’s Health Executive Career

They bent the truth about lifting with a straight back Additional articles in The Age, Sydney Morning Herald, Brisbane Times and WA Today. The Age The Sydney Morning Herald Brisbane Times WA Today

Curtin University researchers have found no evidence that lifting with a rounded back causes pain Additional articles in Medical Xpress, Scimex, 2HD, Mirage News, Medical Xpress Scimex 2HD Mirage News

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MEDIA

Dr Andrew Maiorana
Study finds WeChat program helps recovery of heart disease patients
*Articles in National Tribune, Mirage News and Medical Xpress on 14 October*

Coronary heart disease is increasing in developing countries, but access to effective cardiac rehabilitation programs remains low.

Andrew is the co-author of a paper that found patients who followed a rehabilitation and secondary prevention program delivered through WeChat experienced a better recovery following their discharge from hospital compared to patients who had received standard care.

You can read the article in full on: National Tribune, Mirage News, Medical Xpress, Western Independent

John Curtin Distinguished Professor Leon Straker
What do we learn from longitudinal studies?
*Interview on Radio National on 21 October*

Leon spoke on the Raine Study, now in its 30th year involving 3,000 women in early pregnancy was one of the largest longitudinal studies on children worldwide and one of few to start during pregnancy.

You can listen to the interview in full on: ABC Online

Robert Waller
Early life stress tied to increased pain sensitivity later
*Articles in Netscape, International Business Times, EMTV, Vaaju, Yahoo News, Physician’s Weekly, Channel News Asia and London Free Press on 21 October*

A recent study suggests that people with exposure to stressors while in the womb and early childhood may be more sensitive to pain by early adulthood.

You can read this article in full on: Netscape, Vaaju, International Business Times, EMTV, Yahoo News, Physician’s Weekly, Channel News Asia, London Free Press

Dr Andrew Lavender
Why people grunt while playing sport
*Interview with ABC on 27 and 28 November*

Andrew discusses the purpose and effect of grunting during sport and exercise.

You can read the article in full on: ABC Riverland SA, ABC Central Victoria

Dr Leo Ng
Physio Pitchfest picks Pronosupinator as winner
*Article in the Health Times on 28 October*

The Physiotherapy Research Foundation, funds Physio Pitchfest to foster innovation and identify an unmet clinical need in the field of physiotherapy. Out of 20 applications Leo won the People’s Choice Award for the Research Screener — Making Science Smarter,

You can read the article in full on: Health Times
John Curtin Distinguished Professor Leon Straker is a Chief Investigator on two projects: **ARC Centre of Excellence for the Digital Child**, funded through the Australian Research Council for seven years for $35 million. *‘Just right’ job design: a new model using the Goldilocks paradigm*, funded through the Australian Research Council over four years for $425,000

Leon is also an Associate Investigator on *“Optimising time use for health and wellbeing.”* The National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia is funding this project over four years for $952,000.

Dr Elissa Burton is a Chief Investigator on *Facilitating best practice dementia care in hospitals: Evaluation of the Dementia Change Champions Project*, funded by Alzheimer’s Western Australia for $34,478 in 2020, and *Is there a role for gait aids to improve stability and reduce falls for older people with dementia?* This project is funded by the Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) for $82,500 over three years.

Associate Professor Kylie Hill and her team (Vin Cavalieri, Daniel Gucciardi, and Richard Norman) on her successful grant application which has received Research Translation Project funding of $233,363 for their project *“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much - optimising access to pulmonary rehabilitation in Perth.”*

Professor Luke Haseler is a Chief Investigator on two projects in collaboration with Fiona Stanley Hospital:

Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists has provided $150,000 in funding for the *Preservation of hearts donated after circulatory death using gaseous persufflation*, and National Blood Authority, National Blood Sector Research and Development Program is funding *“Intravenous iron for treatment of sub-optimal iron stores in non-anaemic patients presenting for major surgery (ISNAPS): a protocol for a pilot randomised control trial”* for $31,600

Associate Professor Daniel Gucciardi was successful with his application for a Defence Science Centre (WA) Collaborative Research Grant. The project, *Optimising team development and performance via team reflection protocols* is being funded for $144,303 and will run over two years.

He is also a Chief Investigator, in collaboration with the School of Psychology, on *Facilitating the attainment of difficult goals: From theory to intervention* being funded through ARC, Discovery Projects from 2020 to 2022 for $365,068.

Professor Anne Smith is the Chief Investigator on a project in collaboration with colleagues from La Trobe University. *Keeping Australians out of Hospital. Reducing inappropriate knee joint replacement surgery and hospital burden* is being funded by the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) for $1,337,750.

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RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS BY STAFF AND ADJUNCTS


Spencer L, Fary R, McKenna L, Briffa N. The health burden of large breasts in women aged over 40 years. No DOI Available


Mascarenhas M, Hill KD, Barker A, Burton E. Validity of the Falls Risk of Older People in the Community (FROP-Com) tool to predict falls and fall injuries for older people presenting to the emergency department after falling, *European Journal of Ageing,* 16(3); 377-386. DOI: 10.1007/s10433-018-0496-x.


**RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED**


Winter L, Zalpour C, Ranelli S. Selected Physical Characteristics and Playing-Related Musculoskeletal Problems in German Adolescent String Instrumentalists, *MEDICAL PROBLEMS OF PERFORMING ARTISTS* 34 Pages 120-128 No DOI Available

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RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED


Curtin held its End of Year event for all staff on Thursday, 12 December with 35 School staff attending. The School staff also got together on Tuesday, 17 December to take a breath and recover after another challenging, but very successful year.

Our new Head of School introduced us to the Canadian version of Secret Santa, with some staff resorting to all forms of skulduggery to obtain coveted presents. You know who you are and should be ashamed of yourselves! See the back page for more on that ……… A great time was had by all and it was just the thing we needed to go into our holiday break.

Linda enlisted the help of School enforcer, Bea De Oliveira to help call out the numbers and keep record of the number of “steals” - everyone got to pick a present but then anyone could choose to steal that one (up to three times), leaving the original owner to choose another gift from the table or steal one from a colleague.

Kerry was first off the bat in what started as a pretty tame event. If only she knew the drama that would unfold…….
END OF YEAR EVENTS

The most coveted gift of the day was the “Whisky Rocks”, closely followed by the wine. Not sure what that says about us but…….

Needless to say, the stealing tactics were in full force for the elusive Whisky Rocks. Toni chose to steal the set that Linda got in the draw only to have them stolen back by Linda. Then, as luck would have it, when Toni went to choose her replacement gift, she picked up…… more Whisky Rocks. A happier SBM you have never seen, not even a balanced budget has produced such a sense of elation! Fear not, Tracy Redwood, made sure that happiness was short lived and Toni ended up with Belgian chocolate and a reusable shopping bag. At time of print, SBM is still very unhappy.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season

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