



Curramulka Primary School Newsletter

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'Promoting Innovative Thinking
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RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, TRUST

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon-Fri	19 th -23 rd Mar	SAPSASA District Softball
Thursday	22 nd March	Interschool Sport Day – Maitland AS
Tuesday	27 th March	Governing Council meeting 8:00pm
Wednesday	4 th April	SAPSASA Basketball
Thursday	5 th April	Term 1 ends 2:30pm dismissal

SPELLING

"Our focus at Curramulka PS is that all students become fluent readers and competent spellers."

Standard Australian English spelling is considered important in our society. Spelling is included in both the national curriculum and national testing. The Australian Curriculum English content is organised into three interrelated strands of Language, Literature and Literacy. Spelling is included in both the Language and Literacy strands – so learning the strategies to become a successful speller is an important part of children's Literacy skills.

Proficient spellers use a variety of strategies when spelling. They have highly developed visual and auditory skills that allow them to say, "that word doesn't look or sound right", as they look for patterns in words or look at word parts. They often try spelling a word several ways to see which way looks correct and can apply, from their knowledge of the English spelling system, a range of strategies to correct a word. Proficient spellers recognise difference and similarities between words and establish categories of word types.

In addition, proficient spellers:

- Have developed memory joggers to use when writing words that might cause them some problems
- Use appropriate resources to check the spelling of words e.g. dictionaries, atlases, wall charts, magazines and spell checkers
- Have a large bank of words that they can spell accurately and automatically
- Will try several ways to write a word which they are unsure about
- Think about what words mean
- Display curiosity about words and check the environment for words
- Recognise words that are "problem" words and identify the parts which cause difficulty.
- Have a personal list of words they misspell and refer to the list when writing

SPORTS DAY THANKYOU



We would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who helped in any way, by contributing to the smooth running of our combined Sports Day with Port Vincent. It was a superb effort by everyone!

- CANTEEN – Thanks to Sally Emery and Kirsty Short ably assisted by Susan Pointon and Emma Reade. Great food!
- SET-UP TEAM – Thanks to everyone who came out at 4pm the night before Sports Day to set up the Track and Field event. Amazing effort!
- PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS – Thanks to everyone who ran an event, measured distances, recorded results, cheered their children on and encouraged our student on the day. They certainly appreciated it!
- STUDENTS – For giving your best and having a go at everything you tried. Super effort!
- STAFF – For helping to organise equipment, name badges, programs, ribbons and stickers, rules and so on. A special thank you to our Groundsperson Tony Bates, for assisting with the setting up and packing up of his first Sports Day.
Well done to all!

ICAS COMPETITIONS 2012



The school has received information about the 2012 University of NSW Global - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). These competitions are open to Year 3-7 students and it the choice of families if they wish to enter any of the individual subjects offered. The ICAS offers the opportunity for students to test their knowledge and skills against other students from around the world and receive a result that compares their performance internationally. Students who participate in one or more tests are normally presented with their achievement certificates as part of the presentations at our Annual Concert in Term Four. It should be noted that any family who wishes to gain a result for Spelling, will need to enter their own child(ren) in the Spelling. The school is not entering all 3-7s as has been the practice for the last 2 years.

Entry Fees in 2012 are as follows:

- **\$7.70 each for Computer Skills, English, Mathematics and Science**
- **\$11.00 for Spelling**
- **\$16.50 for Writing**

The ICAS Writing Task will focus on an aspect of narrative.

Parents who wish to enter their child(ren) in the tests will need to indicate which tests and return the appropriate entry fees as they apply with their entry form. Please use the tear off slip below and return with your child(ren)'s payment for chosen tests as required.

TEAR OFF:

2012 ENTRY FORM

NAME OF STUDENT:.....

YEAR LEVEL:.....

COMPUTER SKILLS:	YES/NO	\$7.70
ENGLISH:	YES/NO	\$7.70
MATHEMATICS:	YES/NO	\$7.70
SCIENCE:	YES/NO	\$7.70
SPELLING:	YES/NO	\$11.00
WRITING:	YES/NO	\$16.50

MONEY ENCLOSED - TOTAL: \$.....

**RETURN TO FRONT OFFICE WITH
PAYMENT ASAP and NO LATER THAN
THURSDAY 5th APRIL 2012 (Last Day
Term 1)**

CMS CROWS JUNIOR FOOTBALL



TRAININGS AT CURRAMULKA

AUSKICK - Under 10 & Under 12

First training Thursday 29/3 at 4pm

Second training Wednesday 4/4 (due to Easter) 4pm followed by a free sausage sizzle for players.

Information - contact Simon Pointon 0409 538 040

JUNIOR COLTS

First trainings Thursday March 22 and 29, Wednesday April 4. Information - contact Andrew Litster on 0408 869 240.

SENIOR COLTS

Contact Jason Aldenhoven 0418 829 980

CURRAMULKA NETBALL CLUB



AGM

TUESDAY 20th MARCH at 8:00pm

Venue: Curramulka Community Club

All Welcome

Any intending players, coaches etc. please attend or contact club

Secretary: Catherine Watters – 88542190

President: Karen Parsons – 88542226

Grades to be entered for 2012 will need to be finalised on the night.

MAITLAND HOCKEY CLUB

Registration Night for All Grades - Thursday 22nd March from 3.30pm at the Maitland Area School oval. All intending players and parents/guardians of junior players are required to attend to register your details. There will be no practice on this day - registration only. Enquiries to Tania Stock, Secretary, on 8839 2052.

Hockey SA Coaching Clinics - Tuesday 3rd April 2012

Maitland Area School Oval with Hockey SA State Coach Dale Stephen.

4.00pm Minis, 4.30pm Juniors, 5.15pm Senior Colts. Sessions are free, all welcome, bring your own sticks. Enquiries to Tania Stock 8839 2052

Umpiring and Coaching Information Sessions - Tuesday 3rd April 2012

Maitland Chatt Centre 7.30pm

Enquiries to Denise Hallion 8832 2820

SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2012



The school is looking for someone to publish our school magazine this year. If you have some artistic flair, have some time across the year (best done as a gradual process), a computer that will handle large number of photo files and a template for the magazine, we'd love to hear from you. If this sounds like you please let us know.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO



SAT. 31st MARCH - MINLATON TOWN HALL

Junior Session R-Yr.7 6:30-7:45pm

Senior Session Yr.8-Yr12 8-10pm

Entry \$5

Supper \$5 for Junior session only

Canteen Facilities available

Tickets at the door or at King's Fashions

Enquires Janet King 88532165

Lots of Prizes

This event is run by SA POLICE

HELP - OLD MAGAZINES WANTED

Does anyone have any old magazines suitable for cutting up in class? The Lower Primary class would appreciate any donations of suitable material. Please send along anything you wish to donate with your child(ren) or leave them for Lucy at the Front Office.

SAPSASA NEW NOMINATION PROCESS

IMPORTANT

Please note the following information about **trailing for a 12 and under state team**. Students turning 13 this year are not eligible unless the sport has an age dispensation (e.g. girls' cricket, boys' rugby league & touch football). The information for each sport can be found on the website: www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport **The nomination process is now on-line**. Each student seeking to trial for a 12 and under state team must complete and **submit their nomination by Monday 2nd April, 2012 OR EARLIER**. The above web address is where the nomination form can be accessed - then click on SAPSASA, then Interstate Nominations.

A list of sports is provided ON THE WEBSITE.

Students who have already nominated are asked to check the website for any updates to trial dates and venues. All trials information will be confirmed after April 2nd when nominations close.

Pam Marston

Primary School Sport Manager, SAPSASA, School Sport Unit Department for Education and Child Development (DECD)

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

A reminder of the remaining dates for Term 1. Taekwondo has proved to be very popular!

TAEKWONDO

(3 remaining sessions)

Coaches - Kathy and Leslie
Lund from YP Taekwondo
Centre

MONDAY'S DATES:

19th March

26th March

2nd April

IMAGES FROM SPORTS DAY

