



Curramulka Primary School Newsletter

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Small School, Strong Team

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	24 th October	Years 4-7 Beach Volleyball competition @ Wallaroo
Friday	26 th October	World Teachers' Day
Monday	29th October	Student Free Day – Data Day
Tuesday	30th October	Student Free Day – Site Improvement Planning Day
Tuesday	6 th November	Lawn Bowls 1:30pm
Wednesday	7 th November	Kindy Transition to Recess & Kindy Families morning tea
Tuesday	13 th November	Lawn Bowls 1:30pm
Wednesday	14 th November	YEL @ St Columbas
Wednesday	14 th November	Kindy Transition to Lunch
Thursday	15 th November	Superhero Day for Muscular Dystrophy
Thursday	15 th November	Assembly @ 9:00am
Tuesday	20 th November	Lawn Bowls 1:30pm
Wednesday	21 st November	Kindy Transition to Lunch
Tuesday	27 th November	NAPLAN ONLINE Trial
Wednesday	28 th November	Kindy Transition - all day
Tuesday	4 th December	Governing Council Meeting @ 7:30pm
Wednesday	12 th December	End of Year Concert
Thursday	13 th December	Beach Day
Friday	14 th December	End of Year Reports sent home
Friday	14 th December	Last day of term 4 – early dismissal 2:15pm

ATTACHMENTS

- Parent Opinion Survey

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term 4 2018. I hope that over the recent two week break families had the opportunity to spend some quality time together. We would like to farewell Kira, Kyle, Tyra and Kaylee, who have relocated during the term 3 holidays, and wish them all the best for the remainder of the 2018 school year.

Looking at the planner for this term, it is clear to see that we have a busy time ahead. One of the first major items on the planner is our annual Data Day. Staff will be reviewing the teaching and learning that has happened in 2018 and analysing student data to identify our focus for school improvement in 2019. Some of the data sets that staff will be looking at include NAPLAN, PAT-R, PAT-M, phonics screenings, running records, attendance, class test results and teachers anecdotal notes.

Attached to this newsletter you will find the 2018 Parent Opinion Survey. Please take some time to complete the survey and return it to us at school, as your feedback is a valuable tool that assists our improvement planning for 2019.

Congratulations to Ben Braund, who has won a position at Maitland Lutheran School in 2019. Thank you for all the work that you have done with the staff and students of CPS over the past two years. You will be missed in 2019.

- Brooke Tilbrook

NAPLAN ONLINE

In South Australia, we want to build the best education system in Australia – one that is truly world class.

To get there within 10 years we need to speed up the growth of every child, in every class, in every government school.

NAPLAN testing helps parents, carers and teachers to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards. It contributes to school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor their students' progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

Online NAPLAN testing was introduced in 2018 across Australia and most schools will offer online testing by 2020.

One hundred government schools in South Australia successfully offered NAPLAN tests online in May this year. Next year our school is expected to join others from across Australia in moving to online testing for NAPLAN.

Online testing uses a tailored test that asks questions that match a student's achievement level, providing teachers with better information on a student's performance.

Most schools in Australia are expected to be conducting NAPLAN online by 2020.

We are undertaking a significant amount of planning to ensure a smooth transition to NAPLAN Online next year and will participate in a number of readiness activities in term 4. A focus will be on keeping our school community updated during this time.

Students will participate in readiness activities in term 4. These activities will be an opportunity for staff and students to become familiar with how online testing is run and the type of questions asked.

YEAR 3-7 Nesting Boxes Project

The main focus of our project is to promote biodiversity of plant and animal species in our local Parklands following the bushfire in January. In consultation with Fabienne Dee from Natural Resource Management, we identified pest control as an issue that impacts directly on our local environment.

For 13 years students from Curramulka Primary School have been involved in planting trees, weed removal and conservation of plant species such as the 'Jumping Jack Wattle' and 'Silver Daisy'. Jenny Hansen has lead students in the monitoring of data points after the bushfire and the implementation of Tree Planting days as part of the Youth Environmental Leaders Program.

In STEM lessons with Mrs Clifford, students have been exploring ways to solve 'real world' problems. After observing the damage to crops caused by mice, we discovered that a pair of barn owls can eat approximately 3000 mice per year!

In Term 2, we visited Minlaton Leisure Options to observe the construction of the owl nesting boxes. Students have studied the biological features of owls and mice and their habitats. We are focused on

improving biodiversity and natural pest control by encouraging re-wilding of native owl species the the Curramulka Parklands.

Students have designed and constructed prototypes and on Tuesday, the 16th of October, constructed two fully functional nesting boxes with kits kindly provided by The SYP District Council and Leisure Options. During the visit on Tuesday Tanya, Brian, Barry, Rochelle, Emily and Wayne kindly assisted us in the construction of these boxes to be placed in the Parklands and monitored by students.

Parents have commented on the importance of such a worthwhile project, both for the students in understanding diversity and the conservation of their local environment together with the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical skills required.



William Pointon and Ava Vass observe and take notes on an excursion to Minlaton Leisure Options earlier this year.



Brian and the team at Leisure Options assist CPS Students to install an interior wall which will protect the owlets from predators. Pictured also : Tanya Walsh (SYP Council) and Olivia Clifford.



Ayden Hickman, Ava Vass, Jacob Hickman and Emma Easter with the nesting boxes constructed by Year 3-7 students and the team at Minlaton Leisure Options.

CONGRATULATIONS

Christian was part of the U13's Upper Northern and Yorke team that competed at Berri on the 2-5th of October. Over the 4 days he competed against kids from all over the state. He was competitive in his matches, winning some. He had a great 4 days, mixing with other kids and making great friends.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Golden Harvest Quilters
present

A Patchwork Garden

Quilting and Patchwork Display



Minlaton Senior Citizens' Rooms
Main Street, Minlaton

Friday November 9 9:30am – 5:00pm

Saturday November 10 9:00am – 2:00pm

Admission \$2:00

'Golden Pins' handicraft stall, refreshments etc

Quilt Shop; 'The Patchy Affair'

*Proudly supported by Heart'nSoul Patchwork, Port Vincent
Opening hours; Fri. 10.00am-4:00pm, Sat. 10:00am-2:00pm*

All Welcome

Curramulka Primary School

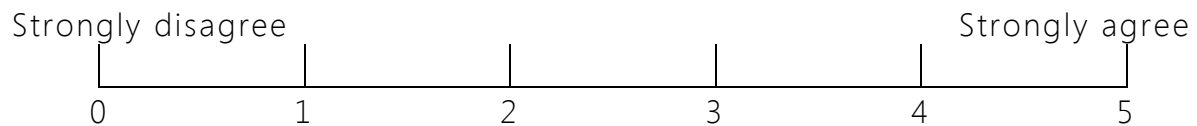


Parent / Caregiver Opinion Survey

Name (Optional): _____

Your feedback and suggestion are valued. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete the following survey and return to the school by Friday 9th of November.

Listed below are a number of statements that could be used to describe some aspects of professional relationships in our school. Please indicate the extent to which you **AGREE** that the statement actually applies to our school by circling the appropriate number on the following scale.



1	The school promotes a respectful and positive learning environment	0	1	2	3	4	5
2	The school encourage students to be responsible	0	1	2	3	4	5
3	My child feels safe at school	0	1	2	3	4	5
4	The school caters for my child's learning needs	0	1	2	3	4	5
5	Teachers at this school expect my child to do his/her best	0	1	2	3	4	5
6	I am well informed of my child's progress	0	1	2	3	4	5
7	Students can have a say at school	0	1	2	3	4	5
8	The school supports the pursuit of excellence	0	1	2	3	4	5
9	I feel I am listened to with regards to my conversations with staff	0	1	2	3	4	5
10	Communication is effective – I am well informed of happenings	0	1	2	3	4	5

The school's main priority for 2018 (as identified in the school's Site Improvement Plan) for student learning has been focussing on literacy and numeracy, with the other priority being Well Being.

1. Do you agree Literacy is the most important aspect of learning for the school.
YES / NO

Comment:

2. Do you think student WELL BEING is important for learning success?
YES / NO

Comment:

3. Do you think NUMERACY is important for learning success?
YES/NO

Comment:

4. Are there other priorities you see as more important for 2018 and beyond? If so, what are they?

