Dear Parents,

The teachers of the Southern Yorke Peninsula Partnership of schools and preschools met on Monday for a day of learning at the CYC Cougars Clubrooms at Maitland. The facilitator for the day (Karen Cornelius) challenged teachers in a range of ways around the topic of Powerful Learners. What does powerful learning look like? What does deep learning look like in our classrooms? Karen challenged us and gave us lots of opportunities to share our understandings. We learnt that metacognition is a key to powerful learning. We demonstrated on the day how the use of digital technologies gives evidence of powerful learning. We look forward to the second of our days on this topic of Powerful Learners on September 2nd. Our camp to Adelaide is fast approaching and we ask that all payments be finalised by Friday please. If your child is not attending camp, please understand that the school will not be open for Thursday and Friday next week.

Until next Time

Rosie Harden

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MERIT AWARDS

From time to time we acknowledge and celebrate success of students at Curramulka. Last Friday the following students were presented with awards:

**Tara Easther** - great work in reading

**Georgina Hickman** - great work in reading

**John Walsh** - excellent organisational skills during literacy block

**Emma Easther** - excellent organisational skills during literacy block

**William Pointon** - outstanding application to the photographic workshop

**Maggie Pointon** - consistently working hard to complete work tasks to a high standard

**Tommylee Osborne** - always going above and beyond when it comes to doing daily chores

**Clara Pointon** - consistently demonstrating the characteristics of a great classmate.

Congratulations to all award winners this week.
The years 3-7 students were treated to a day’s learning about photography and how to get the most out of your digital camera. The students listened attentively to the tips that Jim Filmer, the instructor gave them and then went out into the field to take some shots. Then came the hard part, choosing their best 5 shots, printing them and then choosing one to frame and use to enter a national photographic competition. Student engagement was high and here are some examples of the high quality of work the children produced. Well done to all the students. We sincerely thank the Moran Arts Foundation for giving us this valuable learning opportunity and hope to continue in the years to come.

A display of the children’s work is in the front office. Come in and have a look. You will be impressed.

Examples of excellent digital photography from William, Milly, Ava and Elle.

As a class, the Years 4-7’s brainstormed ideas about what a great classmate is. Their chart is impressive. The Year’s R-3 students discussed these aspects in detail and then drew a picture showing one of these qualities. They were able to clearly articulate their ideas by telling me what their picture stories were all about.

We have also been focussing on TEAM – with the mantra

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