Curramulka Primary School Newsletter

‘Promoting Innovative Thinking and Positive Partnerships’
RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, TRUST

NEWSLETTER DATE: - June 27th 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

| Tuesday      | 1st July | Active After School Socrosse |
| Thursday     | 3rd July | NAIDOC Celebration day at Point Pearce – Whole School |
| Friday       | 4th July | Cookout – Please note change of date |
| Friday       | 4th July | Term 2 ends – Reports home – Early dismissal 2:15pm |
| Monday       | 21st July | Term 3 commences |
| Tuesday      | 22nd July | Playgroup commences 9:00 – 10:30am |
| Wednesday    | 23rd July | Interviews |
| Friday       | 27th July | National Tree Planting Day/NRM Event – Whole School – Parklands |
| Mon/Tues     | 28th/29th July | Footsteps Dance Workshops @ Edithburgh PS – Whole School |
| Tuesday      | 29th July | ICAS English |
| Wednesday    | 30th July | SAPSASA Knockout Basketball – Years 5-7 |
| Tuesday      | 5th August | Active After School Basketball |

LUNCHTIME – CREATIVE PLAY

It’s great to see the variety of student initiated activities and play our students participate in at lunch times. Their creativity is endless.

CURRAMULKA PLAYGROUP

Playgroups in Schools (PinS)
PLAYGROUP - COMMENCING at CURRAMULKA P.S.
for 0-5 year olds

TUESDAY 22nd JULY
9:00 – 10:30am

Using the “Learning Together” approach
This approach uses the six dispositions – Being Curious, Being Confident, Being a Communicator, Being Resourceful, Being Cooperative and Being Purposeful and Persistent as a basis for play and interacting with others. Participants are asked to bring a fruit snack (or other age appropriate snack) for their child(ren) on the day and $1 donation towards art and craft materials. Come and play with your child.

ALL WELCOME

ENROLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE GENERAL STORE OR THE SCHOOL. PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO THE SCHOOL.

😊 Come and Join in the fun 😊
PATH UPGRADE IN PARKLANDS

Thanks to our Governing Councillors Matt and Kym and Groundsperson Tony, for the wonderful work they did last week on the pathway in the Parklands laying metal. This will help with the preparations for Tree Planting Day and Cookout. Great job guys!

CSIRO VISIT

Carol Rance from the CSIRO delivered two brilliant Science workshops for R-3s “Push and Pull” and 4-7s “Energy” on 18th June. Students became scientists and did real experiments, recording and discussing their results. It was wonderful to see all students totally engaged in their Science and thoroughly enjoying the processes of observing, learning and discovering.

NAIDOC EXCURSION

Accompanying today’s newsletter is information and an excursion consent form for next week’s whole school excursion to Point Pearce for NAIDOC celebrations. Our students are very excited about the activities that will be offered on the day which include basketball clinics with National basketballer Jordan Wanganene. Please ensure consent forms are returned to school NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 1st JULY. We will use the existing Health Forms as usual. Please let us know if there are any updates needed for your child(ren)’s Health Form.

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY

Are you able to put aside some time on Friday 25th July (Term 3 Week 1) between 10.00am and 2:00pm for our Annual Tree Planting Day? This year’s event involves students in the Youth Environment Leaders group (YEL) participating in a number of activities during the day in the Parklands as well as tree planting. Additional YEL students will be visiting from other schools to join us on the day. The R-3s will also participate for part of the session.

Please help us to dig and plant.

We really need a hand on these days so that we can have students from all schools working in smaller groups, supported by adults. If you can help that would be great. Please send a note in your child(ren)’s diary OR phone the school to let us know. Bring gloves, tools and shovels and help the students to further develop our wonderful Parklands Project.

All helpers welcome

IMPORTANT: Students need to be dressed in sturdy shoes, jeans and have a warm top, preferably a waterproof, as they will be outside for extended periods. All students need gloves (gardening) and hand tools if possible, preferably CLEARLY NAMED.

PLEASE BRING TOOLS ON THE DAY

NEW BASKETBALL RING

One of the basketball rings had a facelift last week with a new ring, complete with net, replacing the old broken one. Thanks to Tony and Kym for putting it up for us. It has proved an instant hit with students and it only took a few seconds as students came out to recess for it to be noticed and goals to be thrown! We were also impressed that the blue colour matches the sky colour on the ball wall. It looks great and students of all ages are using it regularly.
POEM by INDIANA

We wake up every day and we have lots of fun,
    But today will be the best day of our lives.
I said this will be the best day of our lives.
Our friends will come too and I hope they will
    have lots of fun with us.
Will have lots of fun with us.

COOKOUT 4-7s

The 4-7 Cookout has been postponed to the last day of term due to the inclement weather. A reminder to families to send along food and utensils on the last day of term. It will be important for all involved students to dress warmly with boots, jeans and waterproof jacket. Students will be doing some work in preparation for our Tree Planting Day as well as the Cookout. (N.B. The cookout will be in lieu of a class party.)

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our school has registered to be involved in the Heart Foundation’s “Jump Rope for Heart” which is scheduled for Friday 15th August. Jenny Hansen will be coordinating the event. Students will become more active through skipping, learning new skills and raising vital funds for heart research and community health programs. Students are asked to seek sponsors – either by cash donation, or online sponsorship, or both. 50% of this year’s fundraising for Jump Rope will go towards the school. Further information is contained in the information sent home with today’s newsletter.

TERM 3 INTERVIEWS

At the end of this term, detailed reports will be sent home for every student. Parents/caregivers will have the opportunity to meet with teaching staff on Wednesday 23rd July (Term 3 Week 1) by request if you would like a follow up conversation about your child(ren)’s progress. Detailed information will be sent home with reports. Families who are unavailable on that date can make an appointment at another mutually convenient time.

SAPSASA KNOCKOUT BASKETBALL

Students from Years 5-7 will join students from Port Vincent and Stansbury Primary Schools to make teams for this tournament on Wednesday 30th July. Notes will go out in Week 1 next term. Thanks to parents who have offered to help on the day.

READING MILEAGE

With school holidays just around the corner and winter well and truly with us, it’s a great time for families and kids to share a good book, snuggle up around the fire or in a warm room and enjoy reading with their children or to their children. A visit to the local Library is another great activity for children to enjoy.

It’s during holiday breaks that our students can notch up their reading mileage.

Why is reading so important? Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don’t, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

What can parents do? You can play an important role in helping to keep your child(ren) interested in books, finding out what interests them and helping them to find books that will be engaging and fun for them. Give time to help them practise reading the books they bring home from school. Read yourself: Children who see adults reading and enjoying reading, are much more likely to want to read themselves. Making sure your child is surrounded by books: You don’t need hundreds of books at home, but make regular trips to the library or bookshop, not just to borrow books but to spend time together browsing and learning to make choices about reading material. In this way, reading becomes a habit.

MAITLAND JUNIOR OPEN

Maitland Junior Open/YPGGA Junior Open
Incorporating YP SAPSASA Qualifying
Monday 7th July 2014
Maitland Golf Club
COST $10.00 PER CHILD

18 Hole Players: 9am Register 9.30am Tee off

9 Hole Players: 9.30am Register
10am – 11am Coaching with Nick McCormack & Jan Douglas 11.30am Tee Off
(Open to all golfers under 18 years. No experience necessary).

Pies, Pasties and Sausage Rolls will be available on the day.
All enquiries: Ali Jacobs (YP Junior Golf Co-ordinator) 0439807952
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