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NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY

It was great to see our Education Director Joann Weckert, supporting our National Tree Planting Day and the Youth Environment Leaders (YEL) program on 25th July here at Curramulka. Pictured here with Fabienne Dee (left) from the NRM and Ed Satanek from Warooka PS (right), Joann assisted our lower primary group as they planted in the Aboriginal food and medicine section of the parklands.

Students representing Port Vincent, Stansbury, Edithburgh, Minlaton and Warooka formed groups led by Curramulka students for the tree planting. We were grateful to so many of the adult helpers who came on the day to assist us plant 100 special sedges and grasses as well as quandong trees and other natives. It was wonderful to have the assistance of the NRM, YP Council, Trees For Life, Toyota Kadina and Planet Ark. National Landcare have also provided us with a grant for additional activities in the Parklands which is great.

As part of the youth creating habitat workshop, students were guided through an identification process for the grasses they planted by Max Barr from the NRM. They used a dichotomous key to identify the native grasses and learned the literacy of grass parts – seedhead, spikelet, ligule, auricles, sheath, node, blade, midrib, tiller, collar, stolon, leafbud and rhizome. By using measurement and observation, students could identify the different grass types.

Carol Rance from the CSIRO, had students carrying out a CO2 experiments in the activity hall. Students learnt about the importance of the balance in CO2 levels and the impact this has on the environment. Trees are the heroes in helping to maintain this balance – hence the importance of our tree planting efforts and developing the parklands.
The final workshop featured a talk about possums native to YP and the importance of monitoring bush condition – a critical role for our students to continue.

A special thankyou to Peter Rigg and Tony Bates who set up all the equipment we needed. We appreciate the time and effort they put into assisting us on days like this. Thanks Peter and Tony! Thanks also to Jenny Hansen for her tireless efforts on the parklands project over a number of years. Super job Jenny!

**RETELLING THE STORY – LP WRITING**

Arthur lived in a shop. It was very boring. He wanted a home. One day he had a home.

*By Emma*

![Image of a drawing with a fox and flowers]

Arthur was an ordinary dog in the shop. Arthur tried to be a rabbit. No-one got Arthur. Arthur tried to be a snake. No-one got Arthur. Arthur tried to be a fish.

*By Ava*

![Image of a drawing with a dog and a fish]

Arthur lived in a pet shop. Arthur tired his best to be like all the other animals in the pet shop.

*By John*

![Image of a drawing with a dog and a house]

The brown dog is called Arthur. He is not sold yet. He made out to be a rabbit. Arthur made out to be a snake and made out to be a fish. He made out to be a cat.

*By Milly*
KNOCKOUT BASKETBALL

Well done to our upper primary students who participated in the SAPSASA knockout basketball tournament at Minlaton last week. The boys’ team combined with students from Port Vincent and Stansbury and came 3rd in their event. The girls combined with students from Stansbury and finished 4th.

We would like to thank all our adult helpers on the day that made it possible for students to compete. Thank you to Denise, Emma, Laura, Susan, Jackie, Matt and Ally for giving of your time. We really appreciate it.

FROSTY MORNING

Coldest morning in 126 years! I’ll say. It was 2° in the Curry school yard when students arrived the other morning to find the tables covered in a thick frost.

JUMP ROPE

JUMP ROPE – FRIDAY 15th AUGUST 11:10am – 12:30pm

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are looking for helpers to assist with the HEALTHY LUNCH to be prepared on that day.

ALSO: We would like donations of fruit for a healthy recess snack on this day, so if you have trees and spare fruit, please send donations along to school either the day before or on the day.

A reminder to get sponsorship forms back to the school. Students were asked to seek sponsors – either by cash donation, or online sponsorship, or both. Information was sent home previously including a sponsorship form for 2014. Online sponsorship is at: www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope

PARENTS AND FRIENDS WELCOME HELP US TO MAKE THIS DAY A SUCCESS

PARKLANDS - JUMPING JACK

What a bonus to see the success of past plantings in the parklands when we were up at the parklands. It’s a wonderfully heartening feeling to see endangered plants such as the Jumping Jack Wattle flowering rather brilliantly in the top of the park. The original 5 Jumping Jacks that are there have been joined by others in successive plantings. They seem to be enjoying each other’s company!

SUSTAINABILITY

Education for Sustainability, not education about sustainability

Learning to know

Learning to do

Learning to be

Learning to live together

Learning to transform