



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I extend a warm welcome back to all members of the school community to what I am sure will be an exciting and educative year at Currambine Primary School. Our students have settled quickly into the routines of school which is a positive start for all.

A very special welcome is extended to new staff, or re-joining staff, Miss Finch, Mrs West, Ms Nguyen, Mrs Patel, and Mrs Leverett.

The first Chronicle newsletter of the year always contains a great deal of information regarding the policies and procedures that operate within the school on matters such as arrival, removing a child from school early, use of mobile phones, arrangements for holidays and parking etc. I urge all parents/carers to make themselves familiar with these matters.

There is always a lot of activity at the start of the school year and if parents are unsure of how a particular process or policy works in the school, I urge you to contact one of my Associate Principals, a member of the office administration team or myself to seek clarity.

Parent Information Evenings

Parent information evenings are hosted each year to provide an opportunity for parents to meet their child's new teachers and to learn about the routines and practices that occur in the new year level. The times and dates of the meetings are as follows;

Pre-Primary Wed 8th Feb, 5-6pm

Year One Wed 8th Feb, 5-6pm

Year Two Tues 7th Feb, 5-6pm

Year Three Tues 7th Feb, 5-6pm

Year Four Thurs 9th Feb, 5.30-6.30pm

Year Five Thurs 16th Feb, 5-6pm

Year Six Thurs 16th Feb, 5.30-6.30pm



Year Five & Six Swimming

Students in Year Five and Six have swimming for the first two weeks of school. Information regarding swimming lessons was sent home last term.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken from Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd February. Further information will be sent home soon.

Kind regards,

Geoff Smith
Principal



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Calendar Snapshot

Wed 1st – Fri 10th Feb	Year Five & Six Beach Swimming Lessons at Mullaloo.
Tues 7th Feb	Year Two Information Night. 5–6pm. Classrooms TA22 & TA23.
Tues 7th Feb	Year Three Information Night. 5–6pm. Library.
Wed 8th Feb	Pre-Primary Information Night. 5–6pm. Library.
Wed 8th Feb	Year One Information Night. 5–6pm. Undercover Area.
Thurs 9th Feb	Year Four Information Night. 5.30–6.30pm. Library.
Mon 13th Feb	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0–4 year olds. 8.45–10.30am. Undercover Area.
Mon 13th Feb	P&C Meeting. 7pm.
Wed 15th Feb	Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Thurs 16th Feb	Year Five Information Night. 5–6pm. Library.
Thurs 16th Feb	Year Six Information Night. 5.30–6.30pm. Classroom TA34.
Fri 17th Feb	Assembly A (TA24)
Mon 20th Feb	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0–4 year olds. 8.45–10.30am. Undercover Area.
Tues 21st – Thurs 23rd Feb	School Photos
Wed 22nd Feb	Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Fri 24th Feb	Assembly B (TA TBC)
Mon 27th Feb	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0–4 year olds. 8.45–10.30am. Undercover Area.
Wed 1st Mar	Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Fri 3rd Mar	Staff Development Day (No students)
Mon 6th Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 8th Mar	Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Fri 10th Mar	Assembly B (TA TBC)
Fri 10th Mar	Faction Jumps & Throws
Mon 13th Mar	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0–4 year olds. 8.45–10.30am. Undercover Area.
Mon 13th Mar	P&C Meeting. 7pm.
Wed 15th Mar	Waste Free Lunch Day
Wed 15th Mar	Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Wed 15th – Mon 27th Mar	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Fri 17th Mar	Faction Sports Carnival



View the full Term One Planner on our [website](#)

Covid-19 Update

We are committed to ensuring our school remains safe for students, staff and families as we learn to live with COVID-19.

Anyone who is COVID-19 positive and experiencing symptoms is strongly encouraged to stay home until they have recovered and register their positive RAT with WA Health.

COVID-19 positive cases and close contacts cannot visit public hospitals for 7 days to protect the more vulnerable people.

Anyone who is a close contact is encouraged to test daily for 5 days and only attend school following a negative RAT result.

Masks are no longer required on public and passenger transport, including school buses and vehicles. Staff and students can wear a mask at school if they choose to.

Students, staff and visitors are required to comply with all venue specific requirements.

Thank you to all students and parents for your continued understanding and support during these times.

Parent COVID-19 helpline

For further advice or support you can call the WA Department of Education's Parent COVID-19 Helpline on 1800 882 345 between 8am and 4pm weekdays.

Connect App



Our school regularly communicates important information with families via 'Connect Now', a free app developed by the Department of Education WA that can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store.

It will enable you to receive Connect Notices as push notifications. We strongly encourage all families to download the app to ensure you receive all important communication from our school.

Please note: to view some attachments and posts in the Library section within Connect, you will need to log in via your Internet browser rather than via the app.

ChatGPT

As you may be aware of, a new artificial intelligence application called ChatGPT is being used by some students to create content for assessments and assignments as part of their school work. After careful consideration, the Education Department has blocked access to this application on all public-school networks. This decision has been made with the best interest of students and staff in mind.

While technology continues to develop and evolve, and plays a critical part in every child's learning, we need to ensure students can demonstrate and be assessed on what they learn and know. Users of this technology also need to be 18 years and over.

The Department will monitor this application, as well as other new technology available to staff and students and will respond to any that do not meet the best interests of our students.

School Policies

Mobile Devices Policy

Primary school students in Western Australian public schools are not permitted a mobile device at school. We do acknowledge and understand that parents will wish to communicate with their children at the end of the school day regarding transport arrangements or monitoring children who are walking home.

The following steps are in place to manage all forms of mobile digital devices in the school including phones, smart watches and tablets;

1. The school does not encourage students to have digital devices at school. Such devices are expensive, often have unfiltered access to the internet, and allow for the unsupervised capture of digital images.
2. In order for a student to bring a mobile device to school, parents/carers need to write to the Principal, requesting permission for the child to have a mobile device at school.
3. The letter must be cited and signed by the Principal.
4. The letter will be handed to the classroom teacher to be filed as evidence of permission.
5. Mobile devices should be clearly labelled with the student's name.
6. Devices will be handed to the classroom teacher at the start of the day and stored securely at school. The device will be returned at the end of the school day.
7. The device must be turned off when entering the school site and remain off all day. The device may be turned back on at 2.40pm, after the final school siren, but only to contact parents/carers.
8. No student may use a personal digital device to take or record images of any person on the school grounds.
9. Students who do not comply with the requirements of this policy will have their device confiscated. The child will lose one good standing point. A member of the School Executive will contact the parent/carer, who will be asked to collect the phone.

Mobile Devices Policy continued...

A copy of the Mobile Devices Policy can be viewed on the school [website](#) and in the Student Diary. We very much appreciate your support with this matter.



Facebook Code of Conduct

A copy of the school's Facebook Code of Conduct can be viewed on our [website](#). Our school hosts a [Facebook page](#) to share with you the many events, activities and experiences our students enjoy, as well as using it as a tool to communicate information about school processes and programs. It is also a wonderful way for families to share their children's school experience with their extended families, particularly if grandparents live interstate or overseas.

Our school supports the Facebook Policy that no child under the age of 13 years old should have access to this social media site or, for that matter, any other forms of social media. We are keen for our Facebook page to be a positive experience for all members of our school community, and a place to celebrate the successes of our school and our students.

If you have a concern or issue that is affecting your child adversely, please make contact with the school via phone contact, email or a face to face meeting. This allows for more detailed discussion than that which can be conducted online, and ensures the best outcomes for our students and your children. The support of the community with this policy is much appreciated.

School Policies continued

Arrival at School

May we remind you that children are not expected to arrive on the school site prior to 8am. When children arrive after 8am and prior to 8.15am they should wait on the Astroturf area near the office, and not outside classrooms. This includes parents of Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students, who are asked to stay with their children and escort them to class.

At 8.15am a siren will ring, signalling that classes are open, and students can move to their class. Lessons begin at 8.30am, however arriving at 8.15am allows the students time to settle in.

Parents of young children (Kindergarten and Pre-Primary) may also wish to play a game or puzzle with their child during this time. While on the school site, all students are to be in the designated area even if their parents are with them. We ask all parents to please support us with these arrangements to ensure we can manage appropriate supervision of students prior to the start of the school day.

Late Arrivals/Early Collection from School

If you need to collect your child during the school day, please visit the front office to complete the appropriate processes before collecting your child from their classroom. This ensures that we can track which students are in the school at any given moment and important matters, such as court orders regarding access, are managed appropriately.

When children arrive after the 8.30am siren, they are required to report to the front office and will receive a late note. Please note that teachers mark their roll straight after the siren has rung.



Mobile Text Message Service (SMS) for Absences

If your child will not be attending school due to illness or an appointment, please send a short SMS text message (including student name and TA number) explaining the absence to:
0408 934 134.

The front office will then update the student's record. Our text message system automatically generates and sends text messages to parents/carers of those students who are marked absent by their teacher.

Texts are sent out twice a day at 10am and 2pm. You may reply to this text with a short explanation of your child's absence. Please note that this text message service may only be used for absences.

Vacations during the School Term

If children are going to be absent for vacations during the school term, parents/carers are asked to email our Principal directly at:
Geoffrey.Smith@education.wa.edu.au

Please note that vacation arrangements need to be signed off by a school Principal. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Traffic, Parking & Kiss 'n' Drop

Traffic & Parking Management

Parking is always a challenge at Currambine Primary School, particularly in the afternoons. We have a Kiss 'n' Drop at the front of the school off Ambassador Drive plus a second on Moore Drive.

Please also consider using the car park on Christchurch Terrace, which is just a short walk from the school. This would reduce the traffic directly around the school and increase safety for our children. Children are able to cross Moore Drive safely at the school crossing and parents/carers can also park there and walk down to school to collect their children.



Traffic Warden Job Vacancies

We have been informed by the Western Australia Police Force Children's Crossing Unit that there is currently an urgent need for Traffic Wardens to operate school crossings.

If you, or a friend or relative are interested in becoming a Traffic Warden, please contact the Children's Crossings Unit directly on 08 6274 8731. An application pack will then be sent to you.

It is a paid position, for two hours per day, five days per week. To become a Traffic Warden, applicants will need an email address, a full driver's license with access to a vehicle and be able to work the full 10 shifts per week – one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. Applicants must also reside within a 10km radius of their crossing/school.

Kiss 'n' Drop

In the mornings there is only one Kiss 'n' Drop lane active in front of the school Administration building (off Ambassador Drive). To use the Kiss 'n' Drop, please stay in the right hand lane to enter the Kiss 'n' Drop, leaving the left lane free for Kindy and Pre-Primary parents/carers to access the parking bays. Please do not let your child(ren) exit your car in the lane adjacent to the orange cones.

In the afternoons, the Kiss 'n' Drop operates in two lanes, with traffic then merging to a single lane. If you are in the left lane, please give way to Kindy and Pre-Primary parents backing out of the parking spaces.

Often, vehicles waiting to enter the Kiss 'n' Drop can cause traffic to come to a standstill at the roundabout at Ambassador Drive and Paddington Avenue, causing unnecessary, and sometimes dangerous, congestion. This is inconvenient for residents and there have been reports of dangerous driving to overtake stationary vehicles.

Please note:

- If you cannot turn into the car park because it is full, please continue through the roundabout and circle back a few minutes later. Please do not stop and block traffic from entering the roundabout.
- If there is traffic stopped at the roundabout, please do not overtake.



**Moore Drive Kiss 'n' Drop information
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Traffic, Parking & Kiss 'n' Drop continued



Moore Drive Kiss 'n' Drop

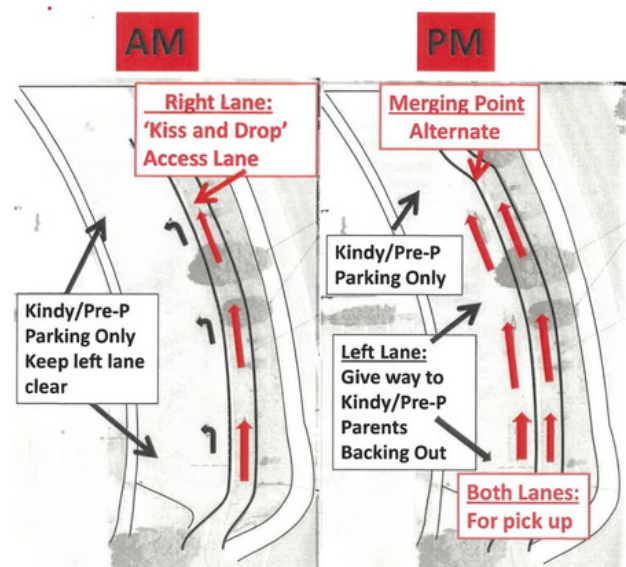
The bus bay on Moore Drive adjacent to the school is a Kiss 'n' Drop facility in the mornings and afternoons. Whilst this has greatly assisted traffic flow around the school, it is essential that we abide by the rules below to avoid causing unnecessary congestion and to maintain the support of the City of Joondalup with this arrangement.

1. Parents/carers must stay in their car.
2. Parents/carers should park at the eastern-most point of the bay, so other cars can move into the Kiss 'n' Drop behind them.
3. While waiting, if you can move your vehicle further up the bay, please do so. This will allow vehicles behind to move up and others can move into the bay.
4. If you have been at the Kiss 'n' Drop for a few minutes and your child has not arrived, please exit the bay, complete a U-turn at the Christchurch Avenue exit, drive down Moore Drive to the Connolly Drive roundabout and return to the Kiss 'n' Drop (see map above). This allows parents waiting to enter the bay and pick up their children if they are already waiting. Take extra care around the pedestrian crossing.

These arrangements (particularly point no.4) allow children to be picked up in a timely manner and for the flow of traffic to continue unimpeded, which is essential to maintain the City of Joondalup's support.

Your assistance in creating a safe environment for our students, and preventing dangerous situations for other motorists, is very much appreciated.

If you have any questions please email our Principal: Geoffrey.Smith@education.wa.edu.au



School Uniform & Canteen



School Uniform Shop

The School Uniform Shop is located by the canteen/undercover area and usually opens during the school term at the following times:

- Tuesday: 2pm – 3pm
- Thursday: 8am – 9am

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Visa or Mastercard.

You are also able to place Uniform orders by completing an order form (available on our [website](#) or from the school office) and posting it into the P&C box in the office. Orders will be processed twice per week and delivered to your child's class.

New School Uniform

As you may be aware, a new school uniform has been introduced over the past year (pictured above).

Please note that this year will be the final transitional period towards everyone wearing the new school uniform next year.

Therefore it is not essential that students wear the new school uniform yet, and both the new uniform and second-hand old school uniform are currently available to buy from the Uniform Shop.



School Canteen

The Cockatoo Cafe school canteen opens every day during the school term and is run by our P&C and its volunteers.

Online Ordering

The canteen uses School24 Online Ordering Facilities. This system can be used on smartphones and tablets. You can order lunch specials up until 9am on the day. To view the menu online and place an order, please follow these steps:

Step 1: Create an account

- Go to www.school24.com.au/register
- Click on Create Account
- Fill in your details and submit
- Please note: School Registration ID is **25191963**
- If you need help call 1300 067 337

Step 2: Before you order

- Login to your secure portal www.school24.com.au/login
- Add student(s)
- Top up your account

Step 3: Placing an order

- Select a student
- Enter or select the lunch order date
- Click on Start Order and follow the prompt

You can view a menu via our [website](#).

Currambine Primary P&C



**CURRAMBINE PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS AND CITIZEN'S
ASSOCIATION**

Many hands make light work

**Seeking 10 – 15 people to form
a Fundraising Committee for
2023**

- Must have an ability to share and delegate tasks
- Mentoring available from Kerry French

Contact:
Kerry French 0418 926 054
Claire Ihlein 0431 789 094 or currambinepcpresident@gmail.com

How You Can Get Involved

Currambine Primary School's Parents & Citizens (P&C) Association consists of enthusiastic parents, teachers and other interested community members who contribute their ideas and skills to help support our school.

Our P&C provides a forum for parents/carers to discuss important matters relating to our school and its community. Read more about the fantastic work of our P&C on our [website](#).

The P&C fundraises through various activities, including school discos, Colour Runs, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day Gift stalls etc. to help provide our students and school with valuable resources, beyond those provided by Government budgets.

Please see the above call for volunteers to join the P&C Fundraising Committee, can you help?

Keep your eyes open for numerous other volunteer roles that will come up throughout the year and follow [Currambine PS P&C](#) on Facebook to stay up to date.

All are welcome to attend the first P&C meeting of 2023 on Monday 13th February at 7pm. We would love to see some new faces.





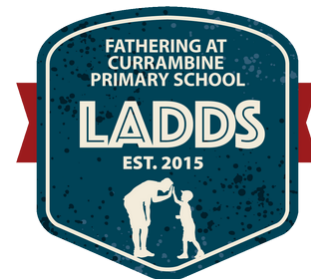
Currambine Primary LADDs (Loving and Devoted Dads)



Currambine Primary School is home to the LADDs (Loving and Devoted Dads) Fathering Project, which aims to improve child development outcomes by inspiring and equipping fathers and father figures to engage positively with their kids.

Run by volunteer fathers, the LADDs organise activities to encourage greater involvement by the fathering cohort within the school community and, in doing so, strengthen links and relationships with like-minded men to the benefit and for better outcomes for our children.

Past activities have included camp-outs at school, fundraising at Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, dads helping in the canteen, beach safety days, a Lawn Bowls evening plus special excursions to Gingin Discovery Centre and the Pearce Airforce base.



Join the LADD's Fathering CPS group on Facebook to find out more about upcoming events and how you can get involved.

Vote for us at Grill'd Currambine



We are delighted to have been chosen to participate in Grill'd Currambine's community support and donation program, Local Matters, this month.

With every purchase made at the recently opened Grill'd Currambine this month, customers will receive a token to place in one of three jars. The group/organisation with the most amount of tokens at the end of the month receives a donation of \$300, and the other two receive \$100 each. If you visit Grill'd this month, **please give us your token vote**, so that we can raise as much as possible for the benefit of our students!

Rhyme Time, Story Time and P.A.L.S for 0-4 Year Olds



Story Time, Rhyme Time and P.A.L.S.

Free sessions for 0-4 year olds



PRIMARY SCHOOL

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

Currambine Primary School's Rhyme Time, Story Time, and Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) free sessions for 0-4 year olds, are returning for Term One, starting from Week Three!

Children do not need to have a sibling attending our school, all children (aged 0-4) and their parents/carers are welcome to attend. These community programs are designed for pre-school children and are a wonderful way for you to support your child's early learning and acclimatise them to a school environment.

- **Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.)** - Includes outside play, indoor activities, singing and music to enhance fine/gross motor skills, develop social skills and provide engaging learning experiences to enhance his/her readiness for kindergarten.
- **Rhyme Time** - A fun session of nursery rhymes and singing aimed at supporting the phonic awareness skills.
- **Story Time** - An enjoyable and relaxing way to spend time with your child, while developing your child's pre-literacy and social skills through stories.

Upcoming Sessions:

Week Three

- Mon 13th Feb: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.
- Wed 15th Feb: Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Week Four

- Mon 20th Feb: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.
- Wed 22nd Feb: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Week Five

- Mon 27th Feb: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.
- Wed 1st Mar: Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

No need to pre-register, simply come along to a session. We hope to see you soon!

You can find out more about the free sessions at our [website](http://www.currambineps.wa.edu.au).



Community Notices

Creative Kids Art Club

Come join us and have fun creating!

After School Art Classes
8 week term, all materials provided
Holiday Workshops and Art Parties
For Kids from 4 to 14 years



**Ph 93677618 or visit the website
for more information or to book!**



www.creativekidsartclub.com.au

NOW ENROLLING

Come and join us for exciting art and craft! Enrol your child in our Term 1 & holiday program classes in Currambine and get your child creating! Suitable for children from 4 to 14yrs. To book online please visit www.creativekidsartclub.com.au or call 0476149696

Community Notices

*Join a group of like-minded people who
inspire, challenge and uplift you to
become the very best version of yourself.*

Heart²Heart

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

Do you feel a call to work on your self-development, heal the past, and embrace the process of aligning to your highest, clearest, brightest potential?

Are you looking for heart-based connections with like-minded, kindred spirits?

If this is you, we welcome you to join us for classes that will give you clear, grounded, practical, psychospiritual tools to empower you to grow and consciously choose how you'd like to show up in the world....

Are you ready to take this next step in investing in YOU?

Join Peta, Deb and Michelle

Sunday mornings 10:30-11:30am in Currambine

Bookings are essential. Contact us for bookings or more information:

All welcome. Looking forward to meeting you!

Classes are also offered live on Zoom so you can join from anywhere.

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(WITH COMBINED QUALIFICATIONS IN TEACHING, COACHING, MENTORING,
MEDITATION, NATUROPATHY, COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOLOGY)

Community Notices



Want to prepare
your kids for a
healthier future?

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

Is your child...

- Aged 6-12 years old?
- Above a healthy weight?
- In need of support to improve eating and activity habits?

The *Better Health Program* is a **free**, 10-week healthy lifestyle program for you and your child. Weekly discussions include topics such as good nutrition, forming positive habits, becoming a healthier family and being physically active.

The program is available in **online** and **face-to-face** formats.

Both versions include a bunch of **great freebies**, and a **reward** at the end!

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Sign up today!

www.betterhealthprogram.org
1300 822 953



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Department of Health

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Participants receive
great freebies and
a reward at the end!

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

Available in two formats

Online – complete fun, online sessions with your child plus a weekly call with your own personal health coach.

In a group – attend 2-hour group sessions with your child, once a week in a local venue. Participate in family learning sessions, games and physical activity for your child.

Sign up today!

www.betterhealthprogram.org
1300 822 953



Community Notices

FRIENDS OF NORTH OCEAN REEF – ILUKA FORESHORE **FREE FAMILY DISCOVERY MORNING**



**Iluka
Foreshore
Park
South**
Follow the Signs

Join the Friends of Iluka Foreshore, WA Naturalists' Club, Birdlife WA, Artist and biodiversity educator Angela Rossen, Tessa's Reptiles and others for a morning of exciting displays and exploration to discover the living things of your own beach and foreshore.

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 8am to 11am

For more information contact ilukacoastcarejoondalup@gmail.com



Iluka Homeowners Association



**City of
Joondalup**

Community Notices

St Stephens School Pop-Up Cricket Program!



4 week Cricket Blast Clinic

Program for kids in Year 1 -6

The Pop-Up Blast program provides kids with the opportunity to come and sample the Woolworths Cricket Blast program delivered by WA Cricket coaches.

Cost - \$20, includes your very own Cricket Blast pack!

Where - St Stephens School (Carramar) Oval

When - Wednesdays Week 5-8 starting 1st March, 3.30pm-4.30pm

Register Here:



<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/6707c2>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Millie Monaghan
Millie.Monaghan@
wacricicket.com.au

**Register today to
avoid missing out!**

