

The Currambine Chronicle

Currambine Primary School's Fortnightly Newsletter



CURRAMBINE

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

Address from Veness

Dear Parents & Carers,

We trust that you have read the Connect Notice that was sent to the families of all our students last Friday, to inform you that our Principal Geoff Smith, sadly passed away peacefully in hospital last Thursday.

Mr Smith was a most loved and respected member of our school community and the inspirational leader of Currambine Primary School since 2013.

He worked with great skill, determination, and compassion, helping our students and staff, past and present, and touched so many hearts. Mr Smith will be greatly missed by our school community and everyone who knew him.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with Mr Smith's family and friends. **Please read the personal and special message from Mr Smith's wife and daughters to you the school community, over the page.**

Information has been sent to all families via Connect, on children's developmental understanding of death and how to support your child(ren), which you may find useful when communicating to them about Mr Smith passing.

Other community services that can provide support to you and your children may include:

1. Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 (24hrs)
www.kidshelpline.com.au
2. CAMHS Crisis Connect 1800 048 636
3. Your local or family General Practitioner or mental health provider



We appreciate your support and understanding at this difficult time while our staff are grieving the loss of our much-loved friend and colleague Mr Smith. In consideration of this, we ask that should you have any queries in relation to your child, please direct your communication to me or one of our Associate Principals on 6207 6100.

On Monday, the school psychology service and chaplaincy service were on-site to help support students and staff as required.

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Letter from Mrs Smith to our school community

Dear Currambine Primary School Community,

It is with a very broken heart that we inform you of Geoff's passing.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students, and parents for making his time at Currambine so special. We would also like to extend the greatest appreciation for the support shown to him and to us over the last year. Your generosity and kind words made us appreciate how deeply so many people cared of our Geoff.

Geoff loved the school and the community with such dedication and passion. We hope his legacy can live on through those, both students and staff, whom he assisted to grow and learn during his time.

It was our pleasure to share Geoff with you all. The hardest thing for him was not being able to continue his role. To the very end, Geoff would have loved at least one more day to be your leader; being a principal was everything to him.

We know Geoff would want the community to come together to use this as an opportunity to celebrate the school, its achievements, and to always strive for a bright future for all children.

Yours sincerely

Geoff's wife and daughters



Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with Mr Smith's family and friends, and we thank Mrs Smith for taking the time to communicate to our school community.

We will work with Mr Smith's family to provide an opportunity for our school to celebrate Geoff's life.



Address from Veness continued...

Beach Swimming

Students in Years Five and Six are currently enjoying daily swimming lessons at Mullaloo beach. I am sure they are enjoying the experience, particularly with the weather that we are having. My sincere thanks to all our staff for ensuring the children can have this important learning experience.

Assembly

TA23 will host our first Junior Assembly on Friday 23rd February. Families are welcome to attend.

Astro-Turf in the Mornings

The astro turf, in front of the administration building, is supervised from 8am each morning. Students are expected to wait in this space and not attend their classroom or play on any equipment on school grounds. Supervision remains until 8:15am, when classroom doors open.

At 8.15am the bell goes, indicating children should move to class. A second bell goes at 8.30am marking the start of the school day. Playgrounds are not to be used in the mornings prior to school commencing. The critical behaviours we teach the children around before and after school time are as follows:

- Supervision starts at 8am – students should not be at school before this time.
- When students arrive at school they are to stay sitting or standing quietly with their bags outside the administration block until the bell goes at 8.15am.
- Students are to walk promptly, quietly and sensibly when leaving the area.

Please discuss these expectations with your children.

School Photos

School photos will be taken from Monday 26th to Thursday 29th February. Separate communication will be sent home with details about the ordering process and your child's unique student shootkey to be used when ordering photos online.

Win your Voluntary Contribution back

Voluntary contributions represent an important source of income for our school and support the purchase of materials and programs that in turn support the learning of our students. The \$60 contribution per child is entirely voluntary but we are extremely grateful to families who make this contribution to our school.

We are very happy to negotiate payment schedules over time with families. Should you wish to arrange a payment schedule please contact our Manager, Corporate Services, Lorraine Popham.

If you pay Voluntary Contributions for your child(ren) by the end of this term (Thursday 28th March), the name of all students with Voluntary Contributions paid for, will be entered into a prize draw. One student from each year group will be selected to win their Voluntary Contribution back. The money can either be credited back to you or can be kept in your school account to use for future fees such as excursions. The winners will be announced at the start of Term Two which begins on Monday 15th April.

Nut Friendly School

We would like to make all families aware that the school is a nut friendly/nut aware school. We do have several children in our care who have allergies to nuts that can result in life threatening symptoms if exposed to nuts. We ask all parents to consider this and make safe choices when packing for recess and lunch and to try to avoid products with nuts.

Contributions and Charges

Please see page 13 of this newsletter for the Voluntary Charges and Contributions Schedule for the 2024 school year. Costs in this document represent a ceiling cost rather than what families will be charged.

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Traffic Safety

Traffic is always a challenge around our school; however, can I remind parents/carers that we have over 750 children arriving and leaving school each day in around 20 minute time slots which is a fantastic achievement, but safety is always of the highest importance. Information has been sent home in the last issue of The Chronicle and via Connect on the management of parking in the school and I ask parents to please review this material. May I also ask parents to not park on dual use paths as we have children riding and walking away from school which is preferred, as it reduces the amount of traffic around the school.

Positive Partnerships

Families who have a child in our care with a diagnosis of Autism will have received a communication around our Positive Partnerships program. The Positive Partnerships program ensures we engage with the parents of children with a diagnosis of autism and respond to their child's needs in productive ways. This includes an Information Evening being hosted on Wednesday 21st February in our school library from 5.30pm. Parent/Teacher meetings supported by our Autism Support Teachers will also be hosted from Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th February.

Oval

Families will have noted the poor state of the school oval. There has been on-going problems since the school bore broke down last year. I am pleased to inform you that our new school gardener is working on having some new sprinklers installed and we hope to have the matter resolved in the near future.

Kind regards,

Jess Veness
Acting Principal



Well Done Annie!



\$1,500 Raised!

A huge congratulations to Year Three student Annie H who recently completed the Sunsmart Kids Triathlon in Rockingham, to raise money for a cause very close to their family.

Thanks to her amazing efforts in completing a 100m swim, 3km cycle and 500m run, Annie raised a total of \$1,500 which she has donated to the son of her mum's best friend, who sadly passed away recently.

Inspired by another family friend who recently completed an ironman event, Annie said "I thought - I can do that!". It sounds as though Annie has well and truly caught the triathlon bug and is already planning to take part in an iron event for children in November!

Well done Annie for being a true 'ERIK', displaying Excellence, Respect, Integrity and Kindness. We are very proud of you.

Calendar Snapshot

Thurs 15th to Fri 23rd Feb	Year Five & Six Beach Swimming at Mullaloo continues.
Thurs 15th Feb	Year Five Information Night. 5-6pm. Library.
Thurs 15th Feb	Year Six Information Night. 5.30-6.30pm. Classroom TA34.
Mon 19th Feb	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am. Undercover Area.
Mon 19th Feb	Year Four Information Night. 5-6pm. Library.
Wed 21st Feb	Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Fri 23rd Feb	Assembly A (TA23)
Mon 26th - Thurs 29th Feb	School Photos
Wed 28th Feb	Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Fri 1st Mar	School Development Day (No students)
Mon 4th Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 6th Mar	Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Fri 8th Mar	Assembly A (TA22)
Fri 8th Mar	Faction Jumps & Throws (Years Three to Six)
Mon 11th Mar	Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S.) for 0-4 year olds. 8.45-10.30am. Undercover Area.
Mon 11th Mar	P&C AGM. 7pm. Staff Room.
Wed 13th Mar	Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am. Library.
Wed 13th Mar	Waste Free Lunch
Wed 13th to Mon 25th Mar	NAPLAN (Years Three & Five)



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

Waste Free Lunches

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported our school in reducing the amount of waste that we send to landfill, on our first Waste Free Wednesday of the year yesterday.

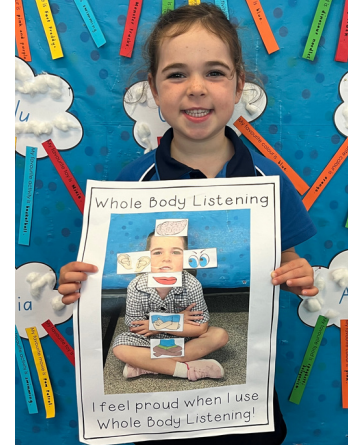
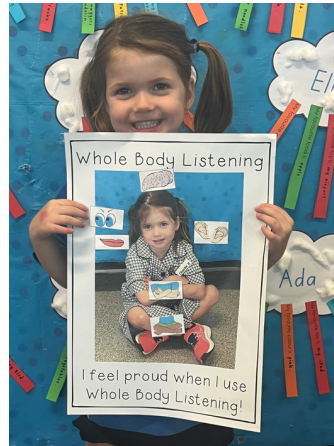
Pictured here are the fabulous carefully packed waste free lunches of Year Four class TA48. Well done!



Our next Waste Free Wednesday will be on Wednesday 13th March.



Kindy TA 18A & 18B Class Update



Settling into Kindy Life

In Kindy TA 18A and 18B, we have been SO busy settling into Kindy life! We have been learning the rules and routines at school and have become so clever at demonstrating Whole Body Listening. We have learnt to pay attention we have to listen with our ears, look with our eyes, fold our arms, cross our legs, zip our lips and switch our brains on! We labelled a picture of ourselves to show our understanding.

We used our fingertips to fingerprint and our hands to make butterflies. We learnt how to paint using paintbrushes. We practised this by remembering not to mix the colours and wiping the brush before using it. We enjoyed painting our first picture in Kindy.

We made crowns on our first day which we got to wear home. We learnt how to hold a pencil the correct way and tried our hardest to colour inside the lines. We used scissors and practised snipping on lines.

We made rainbow clouds to hang in our class and learnt the colour names. This was also a good way for Mrs Grace and Mrs Weston to get to know us, as we had to talk about all our favourite things.

We've played lots of getting to know you games and enjoyed making lots of new friends.

It's been a fun and fabulous start to Kindy!

**Mrs Grace
TA18A & 18B**



Famous Artists at Currambine Primary



2024 Student Diary

This year's student diary features some of the amazing artwork that our students created during their art classes last year, inspired by famous artists; Claude Monet, Paul Klee, Vincent van Gogh and George Rodrigue's.

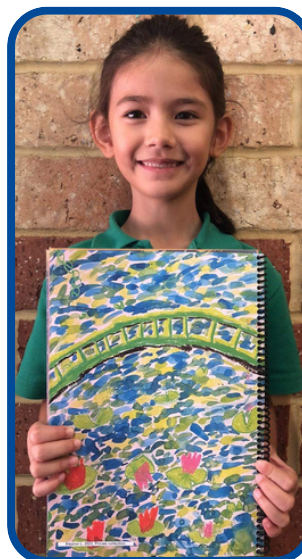
The diary design has been hugely popular amongst our students, who have already been doing their best work in the art room in the hopes that their artwork will be selected to feature in next year's student diary!



Mrs Heartcliffe commented; *"My favourite diary reveal moment was when one of the students saw one of my Starry Night inspired pieces in my room and thought I was inspired by the famous work on the front of the diary. They thought that was the famous piece itself and their jaw dropped when I told them that was student work. Also, each time I say the student artist's name, children who know them excitedly call out as if they are famous by association!"*

Well done to all of the budding artists whose artwork has featured in this year's diary. A special thank you to Mrs Heartcliffe for all of her support with designing the 2024 student diary.

Watch this space for plans to incorporate student artwork in next year's diary!





Year Five & Six Beach Swimming

ERIKs at the beach!

Our Year Five and Year Six students have had great fun cooling off in the heat at their beach swimming lessons at Mullaloo beach this week.

We have received feedback on how well behaved all of our students have been during their beach visits.

Well done everyone; great to hear you've been demonstrating our school values of Excellence, Respect, Integrity and Kindness (ERIK) whilst learning life-long skills.

Beach swimming lessons will continue next week until Friday 23rd February.





Year Four iPad Program Launched



New 1:1 iPad Program

This year we are excited to provide Year Four students with the opportunity to trial a new 1:1 iPad Program; offering students a different approach to producing their work.

Yesterday, iPad expert Shane McGurk from Next Learning came to visit some of our Year Four students to upskill both teachers and students on using iPads in the classroom.

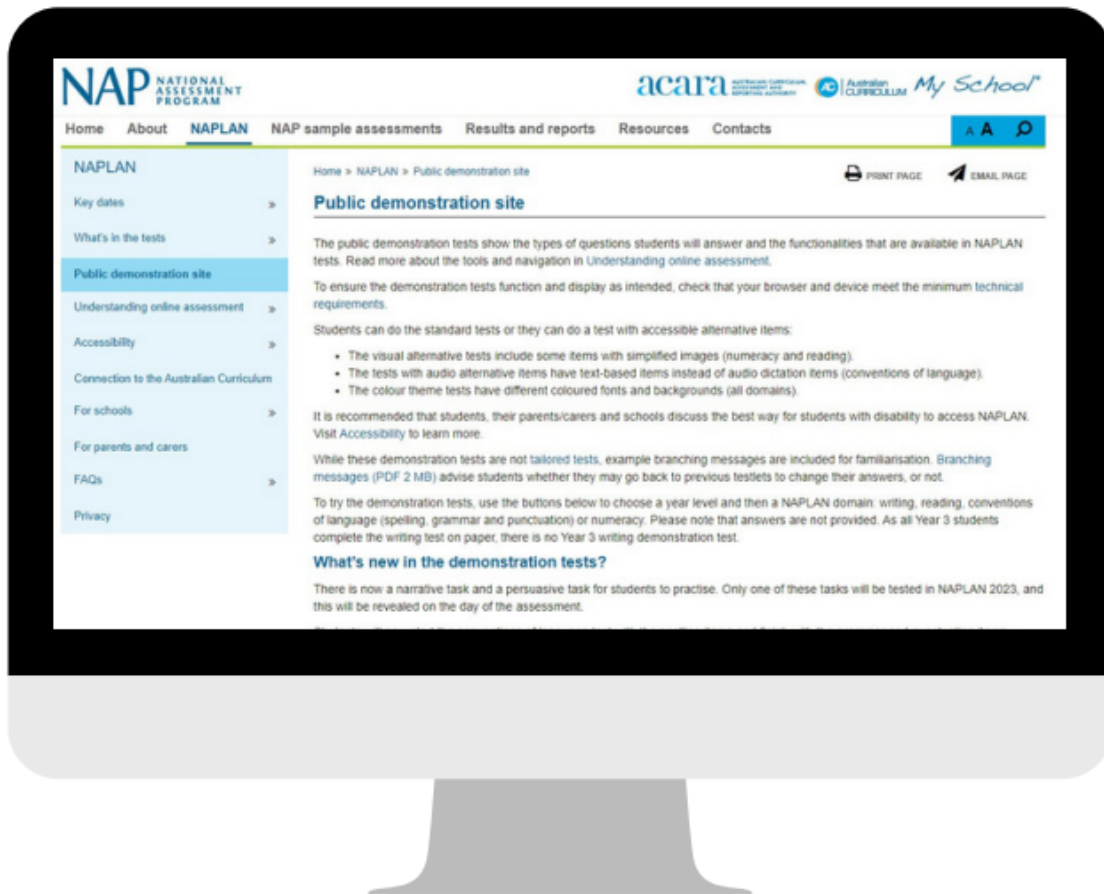
Our task was to create a self-portrait. Firstly, using the camera we took a selfie and saved the image. We then pasted the image into an app called Keynote. From there, Shane showed us how to use various tools in Keynote to outline, shade and colour our portrait. Over the next fortnight we will be adding background and animations to our portraits.

We will provide updates about the new program in each newsletter, watch this space!

Mrs Dubrich
TA48



NAPLAN - Years Three & Five



Wed 13th to Mon 25th March

The annual NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) assessments will take place for all students in Years Three and Five from Wednesday 13th to Monday 25th March.

It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

Year Three students will complete the writing assessment on paper and all other assessments online.

Year Five students will complete all assessments online. All students will require headphones to use in school, as listed in their Booklists for this year.

Sample Tests Online

To help students prepare for NAPLAN, families may access the public demonstration site: www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site

Accessing this site will offer sample tests for each assessment and provide opportunities for you and your child to see what the assessments look like.

In order to participate in NAPLAN, all parents/carers must have completed an online services agreement for their child. If you are unsure whether you have done this, please speak to your child's teacher.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please contact Tanya van der Walt who is our NAPLAN co-ordinator, at: tanya.vanderwalt@education.wa.edu.au



P&C and LADDs Updates



Funds raised in 2023

On Monday night the P&C held their first meeting of the year. We are excited to share the following:

- The Canteen total sales for 2023 was \$103,412.
- The total amount raised through fundraising was \$19,773.78.
- We were able to donate \$13,000 to Currambine Primary School to put towards the new playground (pictured above) and book awards.

Do you have a hidden talent?

If you have a hidden talent or are fantastic at event organising, we would love to invite you to join our Fundraising Committee.

We are hoping to create a group of enthusiastic parents/carers to share the workload of organising fundraising drives throughout this year. As the saying goes; 'many hands make light work' and any help would be much appreciated.

The **P&C AGM will be held on Monday 11th March** at 7pm. We invite you to join us and to get involved in your child's education whilst still having fun and meeting new people!

2024 LADDs Planning Session

The Currambine Primary LADDs (Loving and Devoted Dads) Fathering Project are holding a quick 2024 Events planning session at Currambine Dome at 9am this Saturday 17th February.

If you have any event ideas or would like to support an event or become more involved with the LADDs Fathering Project in general, please pop down and enjoy and coffee and a chat. There is no need to book in, just simply turn up. The catch up should take less than an hour.

We hope to see you there!



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



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 Four

- Mon 19th Feb: P.A.L.S. 8.45am to 10.30am, Currambine Primary School Undercover Area.
- Wed 21st Feb: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Week Five

- *Mon 26th Feb: **No P.A.L.S.** due to Undercover Area being used for school photos.*
- Wed 28th Feb: Rhyme Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Week Six

- *Mon 4th Mar: **No P.A.L.S.** due to Labour Day Public Holiday.*
- Wed 6th Mar: Story Time. 8.45am to 9.15am, Currambine Primary School Library.

Find out more about the free sessions at our [website](#).



2024 Voluntary Contributions & Charges

CURRAMBINE PRIMARY SCHOOL Schedule of Voluntary Contributions & Charges for 2024

Charges are additional costs that students *may* be charged to participate in a range of specific programs and activities throughout the school year.

	Kindergarten	Pre-Primary	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION: (To our educational program)	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
CHARGES:								
Name Badge	\$12 (per badge)	\$12 (new student)						
Kindergarten OT Screening	\$50							
Excursions	\$50	\$50	\$60	\$60	\$30	\$80	\$80	\$80
Incursions	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55
Year Five/Six Dance Lessons							\$30	\$30
Year Three Camp					\$180			
Year Six Graduation								\$60
Year Six Graduation Shirt								\$40
Year Six Camp								\$350
In-Term Swimming		\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Interschool Sport		\$15	\$15	\$15	\$30	\$30	\$50	\$50
PEAC		\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$20	\$15-\$200	\$30-\$300
School of Instrumental Music Program (\$110 for rental or cost of instrument purchase)							\$110	\$110
Special Days Cooking Activities (Mother's Day, Christmas etc.)	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20

Community Notices

SELF AWARENESS AND MINDFULNESS
CLASSES FOR CHILDREN 5-12 YEARS

COURAGEOUS hearts

Unlock your child's inner confidence!

Our engaging and innovative programs are designed to empower children as they develop emotional intelligence, nurture their self-esteem, and foster a sense of unwavering courage. Join us on the journey to building resilient, confident young individuals!

**Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm,
Currambine**

**Email Peta:
peta@courageoushearts.com.au**



Community Notices



Currambine Primary School provides onsite speech pathology services for students on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Perth Speech Pathology. Families at our school are offered a discount on services.

Please contact Jenny Edgar, Director, to enquire about session availability and pricing:

info@perthspeechtherapy.com.au
0412 256 656

View information about Perth Speech Therapy at their website: www.perthspeechtherapy.com.au



Currambine
NETBALL CLUB (INC)

**EAT
SLEEP
NETBALL
REPEAT**

Registrations are **OPEN** for the 2024 season!

All ages 7U through to Opens.

Register via PlayHQ. Links in description.

Community Notices



GET TO KNOW US 2025 ENROLMENTS

Events

WEDNESDAY
27 MARCH
REGISTER YOUR
PLACE NOW!



OPEN DAY - PARENT TOURS

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH - 9.00AM

Parents, view our college in action and learn about our comprehensive Year 7 to 12 programs. Tour duration approximately one hour.

MORNING EVENTS
REGISTER HERE

Book @ www.schoolinterviews.com.au - event code: **mc4dx**

COURSE TASTERS FOR YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH - 9AM TO 12 NOON

Year 4, 5 and 6 students are invited to come and try one of our following programs; STEM Enrichment, Specialist Cricket, Specialist Fashion Design, Specialist Netball, Elite Music or Elite Dance Academy.

Book @ www.schoolinterviews.com.au - event code: **mc4dx**



TWILIGHT TOURS

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH - 5:15PM

Book @ www.schoolinterviews.com.au - event code: **zfpjr**

EVENING EVENTS
REGISTER HERE

ENROLMENT INFO NIGHT

6PM TO 7PM - AUDITORIUM

Parents of prospective students are invited to our information evening where you will learn more about the enrolment process, our high quality education, life in secondary school and our specialist and school-based programs on offer. Meet with the Principal and Program Coordinators. Note: Tours conducted prior to this event at 5:15pm.

Book @ www.schoolinterviews.com.au - event code **zfpjr**



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KEY DATES

APPLICATION CLOSING
DATES AND/OR TRIALS:

SPECIALIST CRICKET
TRIALS FRIDAY 22 MARCH

SPECIALIST FASHION DESIGN
APPLY BY FRIDAY 3 MAY

**ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT
PROGRAM IN STEM**
APPLY BY FRIDAY 3 MAY
TESTING TUESDAY 16 MAY

ELITE NETBALL TRIALS
REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY 1 MAY
TRIALS THURSDAY 2 MAY

ELITE MUSIC
APPLY BY FRIDAY 3 MAY

ELITE DANCE
APPLY BY FRIDAY 3 MAY

FIND OUT MORE [HERE](#)



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
FOR ALL EVENTS

Community Notices



SCHOOL SPORT WA STATE TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

**Do you love to play sport??
Would you like to represent WA??**

If you are turning 11 or 12 years of age in 2024 and would like to trial for one of our School Sport WA **State Teams**, please see the links below to find out more information on how to nominate OR go to the School Sport WA website (www.schoolsportwa.com.au) .

AFL	https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/afl/
Basketball	https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/basketball/
Cricket	https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/cricket-12s/
Cross Country	https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/cross-country/
Diving	https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/diving/
Football (Soccer)	https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/football-soccer/boys-girls-12-under/
Golf	https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/golf/boys-girls-12-and-under/
Hockey	https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/hockey/boys-girls-12s/
Netball	https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/netball/12s/
Swimming	https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/swimming-10-12-years/
Tennis	https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/tennis/boys-girls-12s/
Touch Football	https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/touch-football/
Triathlon	https://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/interstate/triathlon/

Community Notices



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our
FEBRUARY OPEN DAY



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