

CURRAMULKA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SMALL SCHOOL, STRONG TEAM

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From The Principal

As we navigate through another exciting term, I am pleased to share some wonderful initiatives and experiences that have unfolded within our school community.

We have introduced Community Circles into our daily routines in the mornings. These circles represent a commitment to creating a supportive, inclusive environment where every member of our community feels heard and valued. The purpose of Community Circles is to foster open communication, build strong relationships, and enhance the overall sense of belonging within our school community.

Recently, I had the privilege of attending the Nature Play Conference, that provided valuable insights into the benefits of nature-based activities for children. It highlighted the importance of creating opportunities for our students to explore the outdoors, take risks, and develop a deeper connection with the natural world. Research suggests these experiences contribute significantly to the overall wellbeing of our students and is a starting point for future discussions on the type of play area that could be developed at Curramulka.

Our students actively participated in a Restorative Practice Workshop. The approach focuses on resolving conflicts through open communication and understanding.

On World Teachers' Day, our school had the pleasure of taking part in a lovely morning tea provided by the United Church Guild. Their generosity and company added a special touch to the day, as we celebrated and recognized the dedicated efforts of our teaching staff. It was a heart-warming gesture that truly exemplifies the strong community spirit we have here at Curramulka.

As we embrace the transitional period for our Year 6 students heading to Minlaton and our Kindergarten students transitioning into school, we are committed to providing a supportive and nurturing environment. These transitions mark important milestones in the educational journey of our students, and we look forward to guiding and supporting them every step of the way.

Three students, Lexi, Zoe and Lila took part in the Hot Shots tennis day in Minlaton. Thank you to those whose assistance was needed for this to happen. Miss Premrl is also providing tennis lessons this term as part of the students' PE lessons, and has been supported by Lyndall Short. The students' engagement is shown at recess and lunch times when many are out with a racquet hitting a tennis ball.

Warm regards

Michelle Densley
Acting Principal



Upcoming Events - Term 4

- 4th Dec - Student Free Day
- 13th Dec - School Concert
- 15th Dec - Last Day of Term 4 (early dismissal)

Restorative Justice Workshops

Miss Amanda who presented the workshops wrote the following about the sessions.

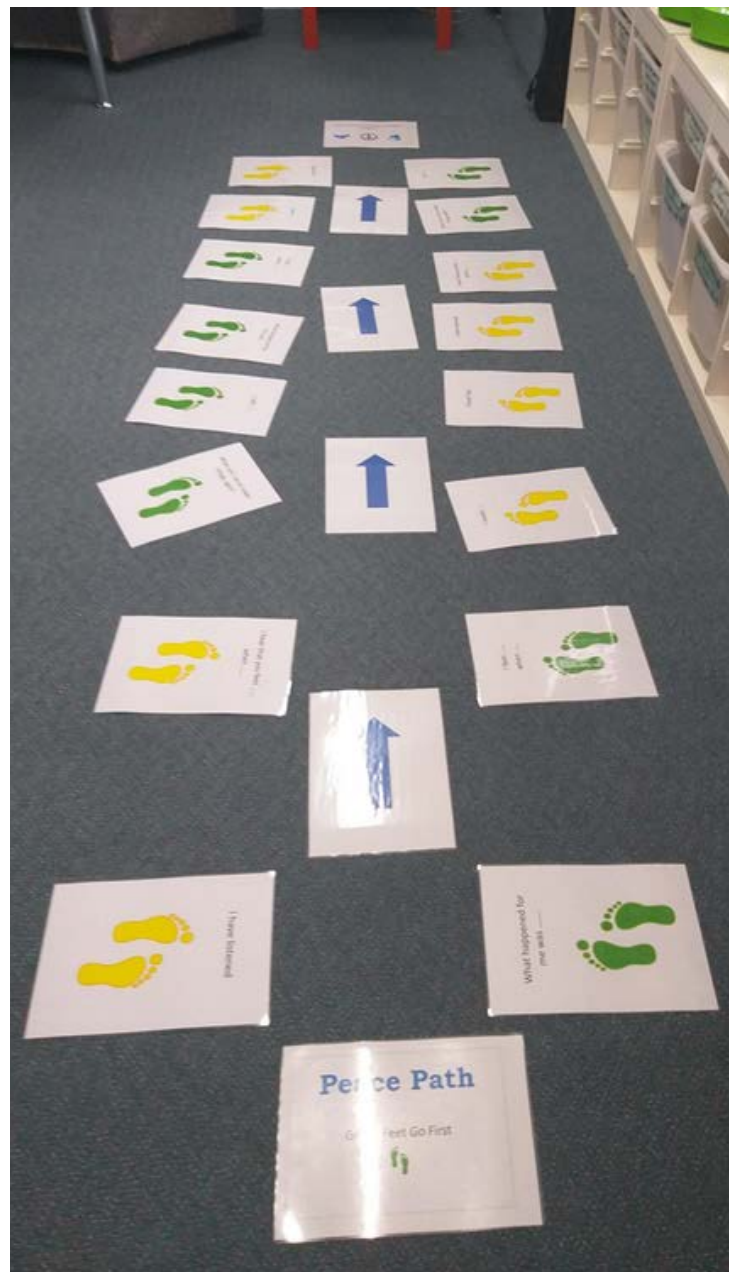
In the hour with your delightful JP students and Miss Lou we started out the day with an introduction circle. Our circle talking piece for the day was named "Bob" via a discussion and agreement circle. We then had a sequential circle that addressed, emotions, feelings and how these impact us, how we might look, act and speak to others when we are experiencing some of these feelings/emotions and we then discussed, when I feel....I can... sequence. Such as, when I feel angry, I can take 5 deep breaths, walk away and have some quiet time, try to work through my feelings or ask someone for help.

We discussed the importance a talking piece holds in a circle and how respect for the talking piece and the person with it is a very important circle guideline. Each student made a talking piece that could at some point be the talking piece you use for your community circles i.e.: there could be a roster for whose talking piece is used each community circle etc.

We finished the JP session with the students in pairs walking the Peace Path with a "made up" conflict/argument of their choosing they needed to work through.

In the 2 hours with your equally delightful UP student, we again started out with an introduction circle. We then embarked upon activities to "unwrap" how our feelings often lead to us not being our true selves, they cover us at times, and we might act in a way that we wish we hadn't or sometimes in a way we didn't even realise we were, as we were too "wrapped up" in the feelings. When we'd completed the ball/foil activity we had an inclusive discussion circle where we "unwrapped" those feelings and talked about how we like to be treated and spoken to and how when we tried to put the foil we'd wrapped our ball in back to its original state, we could not. Highlighting it is always better to address a conflict/argument early using restorative language and processes to work through, than it is to try to restore something that has way too many holes in it or is in pieces, as that is hard to do.

To address un-sportsman like behaviours, we played "Blanket Flip" to explore communication, cooperation, trust, leadership and dealing with exclusion from the team and failure of a task. There was some great leadership, cooperation and problem-solving skills shown here. And even a great restorative chat was had by two students when one felt she'd been pushed off the blanket by the other, which saw her out of the game. They addressed it well and I could not have scripted it into the game, even if I'd tried. They all then had a chance to walk the Peace Path as the JP students did.



Principal Announcement

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that we extend a warm welcome to our new principal for 2024, Mrs. Robbie Hering. With a wealth of experience in education and a passion for fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment, Mrs. Hering brings a fresh perspective to our school. Her dedication to student success, innovative teaching methods, and commitment to building strong connections within the community make her an excellent addition to our Curramulka Primary School family. We look forward to working collaboratively with Mrs. Hering to continue providing an outstanding educational experience for all our students. Please join us in welcoming her aboard and supporting the positive impact we know she will make in shaping the future of our school.

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World Teachers' Day Morning Tea



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UP Science Activities



Curramulka Light Up 2023

Saturday 2nd December - Curramulka Community Club

**Food, Drinks, Bar - Live Entertainment
Face Painting & Henna Tattoos - Giant Inflatable Slide
Bubble Disco - Glow Products
Markets - Train Rides
Photos with Santa in the Curry Cave
Town Light Display from 8:45 pm**

Street parade 6:30 pm from Hotel Corner

All participants welcome - Assemble on Third Street by 6:15 pm



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