Craigburn Primary School
Annual General Meeting Reports - 2011

The following reports were presented to the Annual General Meeting in November 2011. This information complements other data presented in the 2011 Annual Report. Reports include:
- Principal
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**General**
2011 presented as a year of great promise. Our new buildings were completed. Staff had been appointed. A new Site Learning Improvement Plan was in place. Exciting plans for community involvement had been laid and there was plenty of community support for our school. For these reasons alone, 2011 has been a very successful year. In this report I intend to briefly address some key achievements and factors contributing to this success.

**Students**
We began the year with 494 students and in Term 4 this had increased to 538. These enrolment numbers are lower than we had had for many years. A drop in kindergarten enrolments, some shifts to private schools at Year 5,6 and 7 and a reduced influx of families from overseas all contributed to this. This year’s student body have proved to be a very self motivated and personable group with many individual qualities, abilities and characteristics being demonstrated. The reducing enrolment trend will reverse in 2012 with very strong numbers coming from the pre-schools. This should continue for the next few years as we strive to maintain a school population of between 550-570 students.

**Facilities/Resources**
Our new buildings have come on line this year and have had a very positive impact on school life. The Middle School have occupied the new unit and build a strong foundation on which to further develop a strong and effective learning environment for our older students. These students have thrived and been challenged in this environment. Congratulations to all involved. Elsewhere teachers have been placed in close proximity to their colleagues with similar year levels. This has supported collegiate and collaborative planning and built a strong learning culture R-7. Our new Hall and Activity Area has proved to be a real
bonus providing a base for our OSHC and Vacation Care programs and also our school choirs, bands and other musical and dramatic endeavours. This year was highlighted by our whole school performance of Aladdin. We staged 8 performances and entertained very large crowds. A credit to the planning of our facilities but mostly to the work and commitment of our staff and students. Such a production is a massive undertaking and is only possible because of the team work and mutual support provided by so many people.

Full credit also to Teresa Langham for leading out with ideas for the remodelling of our Resource Centre. The end result is a great support to our focus on effective learning and Craigburn’s LIP priorities. Our grounds have also benefitted a great deal from the efforts of our environmental group and community support. Work is underway currently on replacing the lower court area and when completed, will allow the final stages of our Environmental Learning Centre to be finalised.

**Learning Improvement Plan**
From the start of this year we have implemented a new Learning Improvement Plan (LIP). This focus on ‘agreed and guaranteed’ curriculum will continue in the next years and we will now be focusing more closely on intervention – what we do to support students who don’t yet have this learning and just as importantly how we support students who do have this learning and need enrichment and extension. This will be an extensive focus in 2012.

Our ongoing work as a Professional Learning Community (PLC) has been further recognised this year. Craigburn was selected by DECD to be the focus of a professionally made ‘Webisode’ to be used by DECD for marketing and an example of excellent school practice. I have seen the final product and as soon as all permissions have been gained, this production will be available for all to see.

In 2010 we have reviewed and re-aligned our whole school program of Inquiry Units to the new Australian curriculum. There is an expectation that all classes will undertake a minimum of 4 units per year. Assessment is once again a focus and teams of teachers have worked extremely hard to establish common assessments and involving students in assessing and developing their work. Karen Gillespie has provided real leadership in this area.

Learning Technologies (ICT) continue to be a prominent part of our LIP. All staff have been encouraged and supported to try new technologies in their classrooms, to program and access different and diverse learning opportunities and to build global networks. This learning curve has been steep for us all but by working together there have been many amazing achievements. Many of you would have noticed the implementation of class Blogs and even the use of students’ personal devices in their learning. Congratulations to Paul Luke for his leadership in this area.

**NAPLAN**
This years NAPLAN results are once again very positive and demonstrate student’s achievement of high standards and specific learning outcomes. More specific data will be published in our Annual Report. However I do want to highlight that this data has supported our recognised need to support greater levels of growth from year to year, in particular around higher level thinking and more sophisticated application of learning. Interventions – enrichment and support – will be a high priority in our planning in 2012 as I have already highlighted.

**Community Building**
This year with our school grounds once again accessible to many more people we have seen and supported re-surgence of community involvement. Thanks to the many parents who regularly support in classrooms
and with excursions, camps and inquiry units. Thanks also to those who have been members of various school committees and supported the sports, music and Pedal Prix activities. This year we held a very successful Quiz Night in our new Hall and will be staging our Graduation Night here for the first time in many years. Special thanks to our dedicated and extremely hard working Fundraising Committee. There are not enough superlatives to praise their hard work and success. All these are pointers of the very strong community support that makes Craigburn Primary School such a special place.

**Staff**

A new DECD recruitment policy was implemented this year and as a result all permanent teaching staff are now guaranteed to be able to remain at Craigburn indefinitely. Previous to this all teachers had a 10 year tenure. This new policy therefore has implications for our ongoing Human Resources planning and professional development. Staff in leadership positions remain on tenures. At Craigburn we are fortunate to have a very experienced and professional staff. Our work on building a professional learning culture based on shared values and vision and a commitment to working collaboratively and focussing on learning remain as a high priority. I thank all staff – classroom specialists and support, for their hard work and commitment to providing the best learning opportunities possible for all students at this school.

Throughout 2011 our school has once again benefitted greatly from other services. This includes our Canteen, under the management of the 2 Sues and also Out of School Hours Care and Vacation Care programs under the leadership of Jo and Kylie.

A special mention to our Christian Pastoral Support Worker, Joy Saba. This is Joy’s 4th year in this role and her achievements have been considerable as has the positive impact of her work. Unfortunately Joy is leaving at the end of 2011 to pursue other challenges. I wish her all the best and sincerely thank her for her wonderful work with our school and community.

**Governing Council / Sub Committees**

Craigburn is fortunate to have support from parents to enable a highly functioning Council and Committee Structure to operate. Thanks to all those who have been involved and offered time, expertise and experience. This year our Governing Council Chairperson, Jacci Templeton, will be leaving the school after an involvement spanning many years. She has given of her time and expertise very generously and I acknowledge and thank her sincerely for everything she has contributed. Thanks also to the other members of Governing Council for their great support and contribution to the school. This year Sandy Hathaway, Lyndall Pratt, Sue Hoppo, Deb Percey, Allison Cale and Kym Costello complete their tenure. Many thanks to these people and I hope they consider renominating.

**Farewells**

As always a number of staff are leaving this year due to their own circumstances or the current HR policies in place. Thanks to Carly Smith (LOTE) who is starting her family. Judee Hiern, Joy Saba, Emma Harry, Anita Pinkster, Simon Mueller and Renee Hunt also finish their tenures. Jenny van Riet, who has worked tirelessly in our Resource Centre for many years has also chosen to retire. All the best to these people in their future endeavours.

**Leadership**

I feel very fortunate indeed to work with a leadership team of the quality that I do. Paul Luke has had a shared Principal role with me this year as I have undertaken a 1 day a week role with the South Australian State School Leaders Association. I can only do this because I am confident that our school will continue to
run effectively and productively under his leadership. Karen Gillespie is also a key member of the team and has led out with many curriculum and learning projects this year. I thank these people most sincerely. The future at Craigburn continues to look very positive. We will continue to have an uncompromising focus on learning and continual improvement. I look forward to my role in this most important work.

Thank You
Jeff Wait – Principal
November 2011

Governing Council Chairperson Report

General
2011 has been another fantastic year at Craigburn Primary School. Our year started on a very positive note with a whole of school assembly in our new hall. This was a positive culmination of all the building work and enduring the cramped conditions and it was fantastic to see all the school together under one roof. Bringing the whole school together at these events, without consideration of the weather is a great bonus to our community.

It was also great to see the Year 6 and 7 students settle into their new space and I know from conversations with the teachers that the additional space and versatility offered by the new building has enhanced the learning activities. I believe its benefits will be fully realised in coming years as each new group of students move into this space.

Our musical production of Aladdin was a highlight of 2011 and displayed the talents not only of all of our children but also of staff and parents. The leadership team and the staff at Craigburn are to be commended on their support of this huge event. The Aladdin performances are an example of yet another opportunity provided to our children to be involved and experience something new. The spirit of cooperation and collaboration so prominent in our school community was very much in evidence. There was obvious delight from both children and parents in both participating and watching the performance. My thanks to the tremendous effort and support of all staff, parents, and friends that contributed to its success.

The investment and commitment to new technology by staff and Governing Council over the previous few years is now coming to fruition. Visiting any class in the school will reveal just how well the new technology is being integrated alongside the traditional tools of teaching to support the collaborative and inquiry learning approach employed at Craigburn. Teachers and children alike have embraced new opportunities to learn. Blogs from various groups and classes across the school are beginning to spring up to enhance sharing and communication and the portability of the technology allows students to utilise the many learning spaces now available in the school.

Our library has also had a much awaited face lift this year providing more space for our large school community and also offering additional learning spaces.
Early this year Craigburn was asked to participate in some webisodes for DECD website. The short films focused on ‘Professional Learning Community’ and the fact that Craigburn was asked to participate is a testament to the excellence of the school, its work and commitment to learning.

Education
The Education committee commenced under new leadership this year, with Deb Percey volunteering to be the convenor. Once again the committee provided insight into the ongoing teaching and learning
environment at Craigburn. Discussions around the new Australian curriculum, NAPLAN and reporting have provided lively discussion as staff and parents share their ideas. During term 3 the committee organised a parent education session with the assistance of Paul Luke called ‘Raising a Digital Child’. This very interesting evening gave the parents and staff who attended a greater understanding of the digital world our children are growing up in and highlighted some of the challenges and opportunities they can experience. Thank you to Deb and other committee members for your contribution.

**Sport**
Craigburn has always been very fortunate to have a large number of students participating in school based sport and 2011 has been no exception. In addition to our regular weekly sport many of our children have also participated in a wide variety of SAPSASA sports; diving, swimming, cross country, athletics, basketball, golf, football, soccer, netball, tennis and softball.
Sport is an important element in the education and community at Craigburn but could not happen without the support of a great number of parents and staff and in particular the convenors of each sport. Thank you all for your time and contribution, particularly Paul Luke and Karen Pettman for their commitment.

**OSHC**
OSHC has had a busy year with settling into their new home in the hall, a change of leadership and the introduction of numerous new policies and regulations. Jo Long (OSHC Director) and Kylie Preece (Assistant Director) commenced their new positions in Term 2 after the resignation of Cheree. Both are to be commended for the speed at which they adopted their roles amidst the preparations for Aladdin, the resignation Anne-Marie and the many new government directives and policy changes. There are still many challenges ahead with the adoption of the National Quality Framework. My thanks also to Toni Brown in her role of convenor of this committee and the great job she has done in communicating the many issues and challenges to Governing Council.

**Canteen**
Once again Sue and Sue, along with their group of willing volunteers, have done a wonderful job feeding our children this year. I have enjoyed my time working in the canteen and have an appreciation for all the hardwork it takes behind the scenes to provide this fantastic service. It has been a quiet year for Canteen particularly in Term 3 however both Sues are always looking for new ideas for 2012. Thank you to Sandy for her work as the convenor of the Canteen Committee.

**Fundraising**
Our dedicated fundraising team have once again had a busy year organising events for the school. The kids were very happy to see the return of the school disco and parents enjoyed the Quiz Night. In addition to these larger events the fundraising group have also run Mother and Father’s Day stalls at schools to enable children to purchase gifts for their parents. The Coles Sport for Schools was also successful in getting new sports equipment for the school. The money raised by this hardworking group of people provides additional funds for extras around the school and is a very important. Congratulations and thanks to Lyndall, Kim and the rest of the team.

**Environment**
Another hardworking group of people in our school is the Environmental Committee. After all the building around the school last year, the Environmental Committee have done a wonderful job filling in new gardens and making the school look great. A Garden Buddies system has been a great success with some of the younger classes in the school working with older children on particular areas of the school. You may also have noticed that a lot of planting and tidying has been done around the entrance of our school to improve
its look. The Environmental Learning Centre planning has commenced and I am sad that I won’t be around to see it up and running. Thank you to Allie for all of her organisation, her great team of workers and to Nathan for his support.

Finance
This is the first year I have really got involved in the nuts and bolts of school finance and it has been very enlightening. There are always a great number of demands placed on money in schools. Over the past few years the school has been lucky enough to be the recipient of a number of grants from the state and federal governments which have provide us with new buildings, improved learning spaces and some technology. These grants are no longer available and whilst we acknowledge that we have been able to achieve a lot to improve the school during this time we would like to continue to offer a high level of education and learning within Craigburn. I thank all members of the Finance Committee for their hard work this year and particularly Ashley and Vivienne for all the information and reports they put together.

Uniform
The Uniform Committee and particularly Carolyn Hewett has done a great job this year trying to ensure the availability of uniforms with the closure of one of the local uniform shops. The Second-hand Uniform Shop is also doing well and many thanks go to the group of volunteer parents who provide this service.

Staff
The core to the success of this school lies in the quality of our teachers, leadership team and support staff. The development of our inquiry units, our focus on being a Professional Learning Community and the general aim of all staff to provide great learning opportunities for our children are what raises our community above many others. One of the things I will miss most about Craigburn in the coming years is the quality of teaching this school provides, the overall attitude of staff to give their best, their friendliness and positiveness in their profession. It is not only the teaching staff that make this a great school, the support staff, many of whom operate quietly in the background also contribute to this school’s success. Nathan maintains our school so well and is always willing to put in the extra effort when a special event occurs. Heather in the front office is always friendly, pleasant and so very helpful. Library staff, Joy in her many projects, the finance staff, the teaching assistance, there is an endless list of people who contribute to this school’s success.

Leadership
As I said above the success of this school lies in its staff and this is very true of the Leadership Team. Jeff, Paul and Karen have the interests of this school and the education of our children very forefront in their minds and they not only aim for the highest levels of success but also encourage staff and parents to do the same. It has been a privilege to work with these three people and I thank them for all the support I have received.

Governing Council
To the members of Governing Council I thank you for your support this year. Particular thanks go to Carolyn Hewett as my deputy and Deb Percay who has done a wonderful job taking our minutes all year. The council will be somewhat diminished in numbers this year but I am sure that the remaining and new members will do a great job taking the school into 2012.

Farewell and Thanks
As with every year we have some farewells to make. Earlier this year Anne-Marie Simes left the school and has been greatly missed. Joy Saba our Christian Pastoral Worker is leaving the school at the end of this
term. Joy has been a fantastic asset to our community organising Café Craigburn (parent morning tea), various charity collections, information on parenting courses, inspiring newsletter articles and student activities. She has also provided a friend for many students, parents and teachers and offered an extra helping hand to those who need it. Thank you Joy. The school community will miss you.

Sadly this year ends my 13 years at Craigburn and 11 years as part of the various school committees. Whilst I have only had one year in the Chairperson’s role, I have enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the governance of the school and it has been a great learning experience for me. I have made many friends in my years at Craigburn and my children have all left this school well prepared for secondary school and beyond. With the celebration of the school’s 30th birthday in 2012 it is good to not only look back but also to the future. Craigburn is a fantastic school and community. With the new facilities and technology and great staff, the school is in a good position to continue to provide excellence in education. There are also exciting opportunities to continue to develop as a school and the commitment and collaboration of all members of the community will ensure this happens.

In closing I would also like to say thank you to my husband Lloyd and my three children. Without the support of my family my ability to contribute to Craigburn would not have been possible.

Jacci Templeton  
Chairperson - Governing Council 2011

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**Education Report 2011**

This year has been very busy for the Education Committee and with a combination of both Staff/Parent input, has meant that 2011 has been a very successful one. We (as a school) have been extremely lucky to have our beautiful new buildings all up and running and this has lifted both Students and Staff’s approach to their learning.

Our Digital Forum, “Raising a Child in the Digital Age” was held in September with over 30 parents and staff attending. Those who were able to attend found this information extremely valuable and completely necessary. I would stress to those who couldn’t make it, to ensure they try not to miss out next year.

Our Committee was involved in many discussions leading to positive outcomes. Here is a brief summary of some of the things that happened this year and were planned, explained and openly discussed at our meetings.

**Summary of events for 2011**

- The great benefits of ALL classes now with IWB (Jan)  
- The New Environment Learning Centre (Feb)  
- The New Year’s 6/7 Building (Feb)  
- The New Gym and OSHC Building (Feb)  
- SLIP (Site Learning Improvement Plan) (ongoing)  
- PLC (Professional Learning Communities) (May)  
- Formative Assessments (May)  
- Naplan Testing years 3/5/7 (May)
- Pupil Free Day for Staff (Term 2) Restructuring Inquiry Units (All staff having input) and working on SLIP objectives. (June)
- Our Family Life Education Evening (Aug)
- Aladdin (Major whole school production) (June)
- Open Night/Book Week (Sept)
- Digital Forum “Raising a Child in the Digital Age” for Students/Staff and Parents (Sept)
- Reviewing the Whole School Naplan Results (Oct)
- Pupil Free Day for Staff (Term 4) Learning with I pads and how to integrate digital devices into their teaching/learning programs. (Oct)

- New Layout of the Resource Centre. (Library) This allows additional space for lessons and work with inquiry.
- Fantastic Teacher Representation by L. Sporn and C. Murray, for the entire year. Providing excellent, informative explanations on what’s happening within the classroom.
- Our Leadership Team (Jeff, Paul & Karen) who provides our committee with endless interesting and valuable information and topics, open for detailed discussion.
- A small consistent and dedicated team of Parents who’s contributions, concerns and passion for learning, has been both interesting and met with great enthusiasm.

There are so many exciting things already on the drawing board for next year. These will be discussed at our very first meeting term 1, Week 3.

Our Education Committee’s focus for 2012

- Continuing with our SLIP.
- Extremely excited about celebrating the 30th Anniversary of our school’s opening.
- Possibly including it along with our very successful FUN FAIR.
- Including a (follow-up) visit from Tony Richards from Melbourne. A second Digital Forum planned for our students/staff and parents, to take place middle of next year.
- To plan more Parent Workshops and ways to increase participation.
- Also Noting Family Life S.A. Education Night should be booked for August 2013 (held every 2nd year)

Main focus for early 2012:
To encourage both old and new parents to come along and join The Education Committee. This will provide our school with more parent input, involvement and interest. A perfect scenario would be, if all year levels were well represented.

To see that being involved and coming to our meetings, will give them a huge input into their child’s education. It’s a great way to communicate with Staff (in person) and to create a 2-way communication line.
I hope you come along to find out more, of what we do. We meet twice a term, normally in weeks 3 & 7 on a Monday evening and I’m sure you will find it incredibly interesting and well worth it. Everyone’s welcome.

Finally, I would like to thank all the dedicated committee members for 2011. One of the most valuable attributes of this committee is the freedom of discussion and that everyone shares their views and ideas. I appreciate the support and enthusiasm in which committee members participate in our meetings. My
thanks to Jeff, Paul and Karen who are simply amazing and we’re so lucky to have such a great team of people leading the way.

It has been both a privilege and an education to be involved with this committee. Hopefully next year, along with some additional parents, we will be able to do some great things again.

Deb Percey
Convener Education Committee

Environment Report

Committee Members
Parents - Allison Cale, Anna Foale, Bronte Adey, Lolita Wegner, Trudi Kluge,
School Staff - Nathan Lee (Groundsman) and Paul Luke (Deputy Principal)

The Environment Committee has continued to provide strong community support for the ongoing development of the school grounds and environment through various environmental learning projects and initiatives. The efforts and work undertaken by our committed and dedicated committee members has been outstanding.

Highlights in 2011 include:

- Garden Buddies - Revegetation Projects
- Major plantings of the sloped banks adjacent to the retaining walls of the Year 6/7 block
- Soil stabilisation project to the sloped areas adjacent to the car park, CFS tanks & OSHC
- Over 400 students involved working in buddy classes with family support
- Over 600 native species planted - soil preparation and mulching undertaken
- Excellent community / student / teacher support and interaction
- Further projects and initiatives have been identified for 2012

Environmental Learning Centre
- Irrigation systems installed
- Purchase and installation of 6 x raised vegetable garden beds - galvanised colorbond
- Planting of 6 bare rooted fruit trees - apples, apricot, cherry, nectarine, peach and plum
- Further redevelopment of the grounds / garden beds / access paths
- Last remaining fencing panels installed this year

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD)
Once again WSTSD was well promoted and supported by students, parents and teachers
A fresh fruit recess was organised by the Environment Committee and well-received by students

Heath Lane Entrance
- Successful contact / links made with the Onkaparinga Council regarding the maintenance of the Heath Lane entrance and road verge to the school
- Council actions included - island mulched, additional trees planted, dead vegetation removed, the remaining vegetation pruned, and dead vegetation within the fenced area removed ongoing actions, grasses slashed at least six monthly
Groundsman- Nathan Lee
The Committee recognises the efforts of our school groundsman Nathan Lee. Nathan works to support our projects and other major events such as Sports Day and Gala Day.
Nathan closely monitors the oval health program as managed by Belair Turf Management.

Solar Schools Program
An application was lodged for the 2011-12 round of Federal Government funding under the National Solar Schools Program for LED lighting for the hall.

Plans for 2012
- The Environment Committee will be kept extremely busy well into 2011 and beyond.
Environment Learning Centre implementation of Kids Grow program - with focus on student involvement with the vegetable gardening
Garden Buddies Projects to be identified early with projects scoped, planned implemented
Links with the Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative in South Australia (AuSSI-SA) and the Natural Resource Management Board (NRM) to support and work with school-based environmental initiatives

Allison Cale
Environment Committee Convenor

Finance Report

The Role of the Treasurer and the Finance Committee is principally to:
- Assist the school’s executive fulfill its financial duties
- Make sure the schools remains in a sustainable financial position in both the short and longer term and that the goals set are achievable
- Assist in setting the budget each year
- Checks the budget against actual expenditure throughout the year
- Examine the information provided at finance meetings and ask questions until we are confident in reporting at the Governing Council meeting
- Submit a report of these finances to Governing Council
- Present an overall report at the Annual General Meeting

Materials & Services Charge 2012
The Finance Committee recommended to the Governing Council that the M&S for 2012 be set at $350. This is an increase of $20 from the $330 2010/2011 M&S. Governing Council approved this recommendation and the school community is currently being polled to make this amount legally recoverable. The results of the poll should be available tonight. It is worthwhile noting that the total M&S charge and School Card enrolments equates to approximately 75% of the Curriculum Maintenance budget and is therefore a critical component of school funding. The Finance Committee is committed to maintaining a fair and reasonable M&S charge taking account of the school’s situation and hopefully the views of all the parent community.

Major Works
This year the school has realised the full benefits of last year’s construction works with the new hall and classroom block being fully available. The school has also been fortunate to receive additional funding for
Furniture & Fittings (which has been spent across the school) and replacement of Heating & Cooling (yet to be done). The school previously received funding for repairs to the lower basketball court; I am pleased that this work has also begun.

Finance Report
Please refer to the attached summary. At the start of 2011 the school had just over $324,000 in unspent funds. At the end of 2011 this is budgeted to drop to around $77,000 as previously received grants are spent. The October finance report indicates that the final position may be around $525,000 in unspent funds. This reflects grants still unspent, this year’s fund raising efforts and camp expenses yet to be paid. At the end of 2011 unspent/uncommitted funds are likely to be approximately $165,000.

Both the Canteen and OSHC summaries reflect tight “operating” conditions. The finance committee is aware of certain factors behind this and is set to look closely at these factors early next year.

Conclusion
The finance committee is pleased that the school is being managed in a financially responsible and sustainable manner. It is achieving its goal to effectively spend its limited money in support of its educational objectives. Finally, I take this opportunity to thank the school’s staff and other committee members who have assisted in the finance function this year.

Ashley Krischock
Finance Committee Convenor

Sports Report

School sport is alive and well at Craigburn with students and parents enjoying another successful year of participation and competition. We especially thank and acknowledge our dedicated and committed group of parents and staff who have coordinated a wide range of sports programs and events.

After-hours Sports
Basketball        Kim and Simon Nash
Cricket           Simon and Kate Beenham
in2cricket        Mark Lemmey
Kids Sports       Darren and Cherie Waite
Netball           Christina Hvratin and Dina Dearden
Soccer            Jo and Paul Waring
Auskick           Mike Hanna

SAPSASA Sports
SAPSASA Coordinator - Karen Pettman
SAPSASA Basketball - Kim / Simon Nash, Adrian Adams
SAPSASA Football - Mark Lemmey
SAPSASA Soccer - Jo Waring
SAPSASA Girls Netball - Louise Gallant
SAPSASA Boys Netball - Karen Pettman
SAPSASA Swimming - Liesl Mounfield
SAPSASA Diving - Tracy Marshall
SAPSASA Cross Country - Karen Pettman
SAPSASA Boys Softball - Karen Pettman
SAPSASA Boys Tennis - James Chapman
SAPSASA Girls Tennis - Ann Sweet
SAPSASA District Athletics Sports Day - approximately 54 students involved - Karen Pettman
SAPSASA Golf managed by individual parents of 3 students.

We congratulate all coordinators for their outstanding efforts in coordinating their respective sports. Similarly, we acknowledge and recognise the efforts of all coaches / managers and volunteers who supported school sport at Craigburn in 2011. These efforts will be further celebrated at our annual ‘Thank You Sports Volunteers’ evening in early December.

We thank Karen Pettman for her excellent efforts as SAPSASA coordinator this year, where there have been many opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of individual and team sports.

Special thanks to our retiring coordinators - Simon and Kate Beenham (Cricket) and Jo and Paul Waring (Soccer). Simon and Kate have led the cricket program over many years with true dedication and professionalism. They have paid attention to detail in every aspect of their coordinator role, from organising and supporting parents in coaching to planning and running highly successful end of season cricket presentations. Jo and Paul took over the lead role in the soccer program this year and have done an excellent job in maintaining a quality high standard soccer program.

Thank you also to Heather McLean, Vivienne Menere and Sophia Graham, who from the front office of the school, have supported our sports programs - answering phone-calls, taking messages, distributing and processing registration forms.

We are fortunate to have many sports offerings for our students at Craigburn. We look forward to further community involvement in 2012.

Lyndall Pratt - Sports Convenor
Paul Luke - Deputy Principal

After-hours Sports Report Summary

Cricket
Craigburn Primary has 5 teams participating in the Sturt District Primary School competition this year with upwards of 50 students playing. We have 2 Kanga teams, a year 2 group and a year 3 group. Our C grade is a combined team of year 3, 4 and 5 students. The B Grade team is a group of year 6's and the A Grade is a group of 6's and 7's. Unfortunately our A Grade group missed out on playing in the SAPSASA knockout this year something we hope to rectify in 2012. As in previous years we have students who have gone on to join Local and District clubs due to their ability and desire to improve their game. We have lost a few students to other district sports in term 4 so we hope to be able to pull some back next year. This year has seen new parents join in and help manage and coach the students in the various grades and this has been very encouraging especially from a coordinator's point of view. Throughout the year I have had parents point
out the improvement they see in their child's cricketing skills and this is exactly what we are trying to achieve here at Craigburn, that and of course to have fun!

Coordinators - Simon and Kate Beenham

Basketball
- 70 students playing school basketball this year.
- 2 teams in the Year 2/3 competition
- 1 team in the Year 4 competition
- 2 teams in the Year 5 competition
- 2 teams in the Year 6 competition
- 1 team in the Year 7 competition

Basketball plays every night of the week at the Blackwood Community Recreation Centre and we play across all terms for the year. In SAPSASA – the school was represented with a Year 6/7 team and a Year 5/6 boys team in the one day competition held at Pasadena Stadium held in August.

This year we now have 12 children playing District basketball and 6 children playing Domestic Basketball. Basketball can only run as well as it does with the support and great coaching we get from our parents. Simon & I are very lucky to have ex-basketballers who coach and train the children for the whole year. We train at lunchtimes in the gym.

As a basketball group, 122 of us are going to a 36ers game in late November. This is now our 3rd year of enjoying a sporting outing together. We also have a Basketball Break-up in the park at the end of year, with trophies given out.

Kim & Simon Nash, Basketball Coordinators 2011

Netball
Craigburn entered 5 Netball teams, with 45 girls playing netball this year. As the school netball court could not be used, all home games were played at SUNA which ran smoothly. All girls represented Craigburn with pride and all teams are to be congratulated for their fair play and positive spirit. Thank you to all parents who supported the netball program, from coaches and managers to scorers and spectators. An end season presentation was well attended and enjoyed by all. Overall, a good season of netball was enjoyed by all.

Coordinator - Christina Hvratin and Dina Dearden

Soccer 2010
We had 80 children register for soccer this year. We made 6 refunds one for injury, one change of mind and four for the Aliens (reception children). We started the season with 74 players divided over 6 teams.
- Under 8’s have 19 split into 2 teams
- Under 10’s have 13
- Under 11’s have 13

Seniors have 29 split into two teams

There are just 3 girls playing soccer for the school.

We had interest after the note went into the Newsletter from 2 other families for the Aliens but no offer to coach. This was simply not enough to run the Aliens and I had to make the refunds. Next season we need to secure more Alien players for the soccer to continue into the future.

The season started on 21st May with a total of 12 games played ending on 27th August. All teams also play in a knockout carnival at Bowker Street. The seniors, mainly year 7’s, entered the SAPSASA knockout.

The soccer community at Craigburn is a strong one. It takes many people to run the season successfully and we have amazing parental support. We do need a co-ordinator for next year. If anyone is interested, please contact either myself or Paul Luke.

Coordinators - Jo and Paul Waring
**Kids Sports**

The Kids Sport program, held on Saturday mornings, is aimed at Reception and Year 1 boys and girls. It is designed to introduce a range of fundamental sports skills to our junior students in a fun, informal and non-competitive setting.

This year has seen a steady number of families attending each week – with a number of other families enrolled but attending on a more casual basis. A number of new sporting items were introduced this year including: a rebound net, soft javelins, a variety of throwing and catching items and some rubber chickens - as well as replacing a number of older items.

Not only does Kids Sport encourage healthy activity, family fun and provide a chance to practice basic sport skills; but the last Saturday of each term is marked with a barbecue breakfast after the session. It is a great way to mark the end of term, connect with members of the school community, celebrate achievements and fill up on some yummy food!

In closing, we would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to Kids Sport participants and their families who help with set up and pack up each week. We congratulate this year’s participants and their families for giving Kids Sport a go and hope that Kids Sport will continue bigger and better in 2012.

Coordinators - Darren and Cherie Waite

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**Canteen Report**

2011 has been a quieter year for the canteen – after all the excitement of our renovations last year. I am still impressed every time I walk into the canteen, though, by how great it looks – the novelty hasn’t worn off yet!

Income has been down a bit this year, which we attribute to the cooler summer and lower enrolments – as well as possibly the effects of constant price rises on families’ budgets. We are in reasonable shape financially, although we have a small year-to-date loss of around $850 (to the end of October). We hope to break even by the end of term 4, which is often one of our busiest terms, especially if the weather is warm.

Sports day was a great success as usual, thanks to the many parent helpers who worked on the cake stall, the sausage sizzle and in the canteen itself during breaks. Our thanks to everyone who contributed – once again particularly Jacci Templeton and Mary Henderson who kept the barbeque going all day. Gala day was also a surprisingly busy day for the canteen; despite fewer than usual lunch orders, we made up for it with sales at lunchtime – probably reflecting children having a bit of money left over.

We have introduced a few new items to the menu this year and kept prices pretty much the same as last year. In fact, we were able to reduce the price of crushers to $1.50 (from $1.70), which was very much appreciated. Paddlepops have been a roaring success in term 4. These come with a special prize promotion where one in eight wins a free second Paddlepop; by our reckoning we must have all the prize-winning boxes as far more than one in eight children seem to be coming back to claim their prizes.

Sadly, this year Ann-Marie Simes left the school. She has been maintaining the canteen’s books for many years and we were very sorry to lose her. We wish her all the best in her studies and future career. At the end of term we will also be losing a number of very experienced volunteer helpers: in particular Jacci Templeton, Tania Eshmade, Robyn Fellenberg and Jane Moloney. Some of these Mums have been helping in the canteen for more than 10 years. Words cannot really express our gratitude, ladies – but THANK YOU SO MUCH for all your help and support. Jacci in particular has been on the canteen committee and has
been a strong supporter of canteen for a long time. It’s hard to imagine the sports day sausage sizzle without her!
I’d like to welcome the new Mums who have signed up to volunteer in the canteen this year, and ask everyone to consider taking on even just one shift a term, to support us. Without volunteers, there can be no canteen in the long term. And it’s really not that scary. Believe me – if I can do it, anyone can!
I would also like to thank the Year 6 and 7 students who help out at recess and lunch-time with great enthusiasm and an impressive grasp of addition and subtraction. Some are very creative, too; last Friday I watched one make fantastic stripey crushers to the delight of the younger students.
Leaving the best ‘til last. Once again thank you to our fantastic canteen managers, Sue Letheby and Sue Grundy – “the Sues” – who run our canteen so smoothly you’d think it ran itself. Little do we know what goes into making sure that lunches are always ready on time for everyone – even when children have forgotten to put in their lunch orders, excursions and rehearsals (eg Aladdin) have changed all the lunchtimes, or the power has gone off. Thank you both for your friendship this year – it’s been really great working with you – and I take my hat off to you both!

Sandy Hathaway
Canteen Committee Convenor

Fundraising Report

What a fantastic community effort! The fundraising committee was very busy all year running many different fundraising ideas. Here is a complete list of what we did this year

Ongoing Fundraising
A1 Apparel Uniform Shop
First Froots

Term 1
Kyton’s Easter
Easter Raffle
Entertainment Books
Sports Day T-shirts and Wrist Bands

Term 2
Disco
Mother’s Day Stall
Umbrellas

Term 3
Father’s Day Stall
Cadbury Chocolates

Term 4
Quiz Night
School Photos
Disco
Christmas Raffle
As we are still finalising our accounts for this year, our final profit is not yet confirmed. At this stage we have made in excess of $13,000 however we still have the Disco and also the Christmas Raffle to go. Please note:- the prize for the Christmas raffle is 10kg block of Cadbury Chocolate!!!

The fundraising committee has been given some ideas of what the money could be put towards. We will have a meeting tomorrow to discuss these ideas. You will receive one more fundraising newsletter before the end of term to announce our final profit and what we would like to purchase.

We had 6 regular members on the fundraising committee in 2011. Kim Costello and I would like to thank Candi Hinks, Sarah Wright, Lolita Wegner, and Karen Gillespie for a fun, enjoyable and successful year. If you would like to join the fundraising committee in 2012 we would love you to be involved.

Thanks
Lyndall Pratt and Kym Costello

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### Out of School Hours Care Report

This has year has seen OSHC move from the Art room and finally into the Hall, a new shared space. As exciting as it seemed it was also very daunting as it has been a lot of work trying to decide how best to use the space, set up the space and learn to share the space. Cheree started to purchase new equipment, TV, sound system, computers but had to think very carefully about everything she purchased because OSHC’s allocated storage space was small and a lot of thought had to go into how best it should be used. Whatever the decision it would mean a lot more setting up and backing down each afternoon.

Numbers have jumped back up now the service is being run in a bigger space and OSHC seems to be dealing with the shared space well.

Cheree then shocked us with her resignation and took a position with Youth Opportunities and finished up at the end of term 2. For the holiday program Kylie stepped into the role of Assistant Director and Cheree worked in a care taker role until her position was filled.

Jo Long was appointed Director and started week 5 and Kylie Preece was appointed Assistant Director. OSHC also in term 2 worked extremely hard to accommodate the Aladdin production (which proved quite challenging at times). For two weeks OSHC moved back to the Art room during the actual Aladdin performances.

Jo has made a number of changes to the program with the full support of the OSHC committee. A lot of these changes have been due to the new National Standards, Regulations and Award changes. This new framework will come into effect as of the 1st of Jan 2012. Our service has some work to do if it is to meet these new regulations.

Jo and Kylie have been working extremely hard to make sure they understand what is needed to make our service compliant. They have been to a number of forums to make sure they fully understand what they are meant to be advising their staff, the committee and the school on. One might say who will know if we do or don’t make all these changes according to the new regulations. Be assured we have been warned all services will be spot checked in the new year and even though we were spot checked at the end of term three they will be back to see if we now comply because we certainly hadn’t when they were last here.

OSHC has also this last term had to deal with the issues surrounding sports practises in the hall. The OSHC committee would just like to remind the school community that Jo and Kylie’s main priority is the children in their care and that their needs come first, and where ever possible they will endeavour to make sure this happens at all times. With open communication Jo will, where ever possible, try to work in with the school

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when sharing the space but when it comes to after school, the sharing of the space cannot happen before 5pm.

I think we need to remember OSHC didn’t choose to make the hall their home and they are trying to make the best of the situation and meet the new regulations forced upon them while also trying to meet the needs of the school.
Lastly we also said goodbye to Ann-Marie who played a large part in the finance side of OSHC which Jo has now taken on as part of her role. The OSHC committee thanks her for all her hard work.
The OSHC committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jo, Kylie and all the casual staff for all their hard work this year. It is much appreciated.

Toni Brown
OSHC Committee Convenor

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**Uniform Report**

**Second Hand Uniform Shop**
Towards the end of 2010 the committee’s focus was on assisting the school’s second hand uniform shop to develop processes that would help organise the large number of items that were in stock at the time and also to provide support in putting together a ‘Guidelines for Families’ who wished to use the service it provides.

This evolved into also putting together simple step by step processes that can be used by any volunteer as a reference point for receiving stock, rotating stock and selling stock. This took us through to the end of Term 1 to complete but was a worthwhile exercise given that the experiences of long term volunteer Jane Moloney are to be ‘lost’ at the end of the year. We are very lucky to have had such a dedicated volunteer in Jane and pass on a big thank you for all the hard work done over the years.

During the year we put out a few notices for volunteers for the shop, if anyone does have ½ an hour – and yes we do mean ½ an hour – to spare either in the shop or at home on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis please drop by. It is a rewarding area to assist in and our current volunteer team would love to hear from you.

Thank you to all the parents who have been involved in the shop during the year – as a service available to our whole school community it is invaluable and appreciated by many. I would especially like to thank Renee Krischok and Sandy Hathaway for their efforts.

**Uniform Supply**
In late March we became aware that Universal Uniforms had closed their doors leaving the school without a supplier of our full range of uniform items. The committee looked at alternatives that would meet the local demand and remain price competitive. A1 Apparel became that supplier and worked hard with their manufacturers to provide much needed winter stock. I would like to thank all those involved with the Uniform Committee, A1 Apparel and the families of Craigburn for their respective efforts and patience during that change over period.
Year 7 Tops for 2012
The tender process put in place in 2010 was followed for this year’s order and you will see some changes on both the polo and windcheater for our 2012 Year 7 students. Thank you to Karen Gillespie and the Year 6/7 students for their input.

Finally, thank you to Barbara Heaton, Jacci Templeton and the school leadership for their time and input over the year.

Caroline Hewett
Uniform Committee Convenor