SAPSASA EXPLANATION

Following is an explanation about SAPSASA and how it ‘works’ in our school and the Mid North.

SAPSASA stands for SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL AMATEUR SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

The web site for information is www.decs.sa.gov.au/sport

St Joseph’s School belongs to the Mid North District. There are 40 Districts in South Australia of which 22 are Country Districts.

The Mid North District is divided into 3 geographical areas which are called ‘Hubs.’ We belong to the CLARE HUB group of schools. In our Hub there are 10 local schools. The other 2 Hubs are called Balaklava Hub and Burra Hub.

Each Hub has a coordinator who is nominated at the Mid North District meeting. Our Clare Hub coordinator is Brendan Ackland.

Our Mid North District has HUB DAYS for Summer and Winter sports. Children in Years 6 & 7 from our school can nominate to trial for selection in Hub Carnival days. At these carnivals the 3 Mid North Hubs compete against each other in a Round Robin type event. Hub carnivals promote participation but are also a lead in to District selection. District selection involves schools nominating talented students to attend practices for selection to represent our Mid North District at State events in Adelaide where they compete against other Districts in SA. To attend these carnivals students selected have to organise their own transport and accommodation as billeting no longer happens.

Selection for District teams is usually given to year 7 students first and then year 6 students.

Athletics and Swimming have Age categories meaning students are selected according to age. These categories are 10yr, 11yr, 12yr and Senior.

Our school has always had a huge involvement with coaching tennis, cricket, athletics, hockey, netball, football and swimming. Denby Wandel, Bill Lokan, Peter Shearer, Alex Callery, Chris Slattery, Brendan Ackland & Sarah Linn have all been involved or are currently involved in coaching SAPSASA teams for our Clare Hub & Mid North District.

For Hub Days to be successful we rely on parents to assist at events as we simply can’t afford to pay for our teachers to attend Summer and Winter Hub and District days and also pay for relief teachers back at school.

We hope that this explanation clarifies for you what SAPSASA is all about and how it operates in our School.

Regards,

Peter Shearer