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What do sheep do on sunny days?  
Have a baa - baa - cue!

How do you know when a dog has been naughty?  
It leaves a little poodle on the carpet!

Where do aliens keep their sandwiches?  
In a launch box

What do you call the pub on Mars?  
A Mars Bar!



Hookin2Hockey encourages kids to learn how to play hockey

# Hockey a game to be hooked on

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EVER wondered what it would be like to play Hockey but not sure where to learn and put off by the wooden sticks being flung around and hard balls being hurled towards you?

Hookin2Hockey is Hockey Australia's program introducing kids into the sport in a fun and safe environment. In groups of no more than 15, players are given protective gear to wear, the hockey sticks are plastic and

a lighter ball is used. With an aim to show boys and girls aged 5 to 15 how to be active and play hockey, Hookin2Hockey emphasises hand-eye co-ordination development.

Asked to describe hockey, Coomera Hockey Club president Blair Brewster said it was like golf on the run.

Hookin2Hockey teaches kids how to play in a team and encourages older kids as well as younger ones.

It is a social event involving exercise and a lot of fun.

Sometimes the parents help the cause by becoming coaches, inspired

by the joy their kids get from playing.

Coomera Hockey Club runs the program at Coomera Anglican College and encourages anyone interested to participate. The club only started three years ago and has already grown from 70 members to more than 100.

Hookin2Hockey will commence on Sunday mornings 10am to noon just after Easter.

For \$130 participants receive coaching, uniform, equipment (hockey stick, shin pads and ball) and a BBQ lunch.

For more information go to [www.coomerahockey.com](http://www.coomerahockey.com)



Under-11s team (left)



Under-15s team (right)

# Chess champ guards his strategy secrets

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DANIEL Lapitan is one of those smiley-faced pre-teen kids who loves to skate and play video games and just happens to have a knack for chess.

So good in fact he is Australia's 2011 under 12s National Chess Champion.

The Year 7 student from King's Christian College won the prestigious title last month when he competed at the Australian Youth Tournament in Melbourne against 46 other kids from across the country.

Although competition was tough, Daniel enjoyed the challenge and the chance to mingle with other sharp minds.

"Everybody is really cool and I've made friends across Australia," Daniel said.

When asked if he had a signature move or tactic, Daniel maturely shook his head, not wanting to give away any of his valuable secrets.

He said he liked to "surprise" his opponents.

When Daniel was eight years old, he saw his friend attend a world chess championship and asked his dad, "Why can't I do that?"

His father Raymund told him he couldn't go until he had the mark of a chess champion.

Three months later, not even Raymund could beat

his young son who was determined to make it to the top. Now Daniel's title as Australian champion qualifies him to compete in Brazil this November at the World Youth Tournament.

"My dad and I are going to go together," Daniel said. "We are going to fundraise and are looking for sponsors to help pay for the trip."

Daniel says his school is immensely supportive of its chess students.

The college's chess supervisor Raelene Barton has taken many successful teams to the state and national tournaments, particularly this year's primary team which has won the Queensland Championship title and came third at a national level with Daniel as its captain.

"It's great to see so many kids so passionate about playing chess and representing Kings Christian College," Raelene said.

"I'm excited to see what transpires as they compete this year and move into high school competitions."

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Daniel Lapitan's ability at chess has earned him several impressive trophies

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