Why Discuss Texts?

As part of the Reading Block across all classes, students and teachers are involved in small groups where a variety of texts are being discussed using a range of reading strategies. These small group approaches include:

- **Book Clubs** – a group of students meet together regularly to discuss what they have read. Book Clubs are designed to give students an opportunity to use what they have learned about reading and understanding text in a student-directed and social way;

- **Reciprocal Teaching** – this routine helps students improve their comprehension. Students work with the teacher in a group and are taught to comprehend text using the strategies of predicting, questioning, clarifying and summarizing;

- **Strategy Groups** – this is when the teacher models a reading strategy to a small group of students who need to develop this particular skill. Students then practice this strategy in their group with the teacher guiding them. Students in a strategy group may be at different reading abilities;

- **Guided Reading** – students are grouped according to similar reading abilities and the text used for reading is chosen by the teacher to support the teaching of a specific reading decoding strategy. The teacher ‘guides’ students to practice, use and be able to talk about the specific decoding strategy.

So, why bother discussing the reading that we do? There are many benefits! Here are just a few:

- You learn how to respond to and build upon each other's thinking about a text;
- You learn how to use evidence in text to check predictions;
- You can discuss, explore, define and learn unfamiliar words;
- You have the opportunity to ask questions of others to clarify your understanding of the text;
- Critical thinking skills are developed as you are exposed to others’ points of view and opinions;
- Particular reading skills and behaviours are being identified and built upon;
- You learn how to work collaboratively with others.

By giving our students many opportunities to discuss their thinking to develop their reading strategies and skills, greater comprehension will occur and meaning will constantly be clarified.

Here are some discussion questions you may like to use at home when reading with your child:

- What were your predictions? What were you thinking? Why did you make that prediction? Did you check or change your prediction?
- Did you have any questions as you read? Were they answered? Show me where.
- Were there any words or parts of the text that we need to clarify/find out what they mean?
- What was the main idea in the part you just read?

Being a good reader is much more than being able to just read the words. ‘Good’ readers are able to discuss, share, analyze and share their enjoyment of reading.

Melissa Thiele, Reading Teacher & Sally Slattery, Deputy Principal
World’s Greatest Shave

On Wednesday, 29/10/14, the students from our two single gender boys' classes went to Colonnades to participate in a launch event for The Leukaemia Foundation's "World's Greatest Shave 2014."

The boys represented Hackham East Primary School in the best way possible throughout the time they were at the venue by demonstrating our school values of Good Manners, Tolerance, Friendliness, Compassion and Courage as well as Persistence/Resilience. They either had their hair shaved down to rather short lengths (a big sacrifice for students such as Shane and Andrew who had long locks prior to the shaving), had bright colours sprayed through their hair, had a combination of spraying and colouring or they were sitting patiently awaiting their turn. All of the boys did an excellent job of representing our school in a positive manner in the wider community and the Colonnades Centre Management were highly impressed with the maturity and selflessness of our young men.

A number of our boys also collected donations from the public on the day and were praised for their lovely manners. As a result of this additional fundraising (the boys collected $560+ on the day at Colonnades) it looks like we will exceed our modest goal of $1200 by more than double as we are likely to have a final total of somewhere above $3000. I think this is a monumental effort on the part of all involved.

I would like to thank the following people on behalf of Hackham East Primary School:-
- Chris Higgins, Colonnades Centre Management for donating the Centrecourt space for our event.
- Deanna Pinder, The Leukaemia Foundation for providing coloured spray, bunting, posters and support on the day.
- The Hairdressers, C Salon (who went above and beyond by shaving hair for over an hour) for donating their hairdressing services free of charge.
- The Hairdressers from Colonnades Haircare, Hair Magic and Hairhouse Warehouse for donating their hairdressing services free of charge.
- Willunga Charter - who donated their bus services free of charge to take us to and from Colonnades.
- HEPS Yr 3/4/5 and Yr 6/7 Boys' classes for sacrificing their hair/hairstyles and raising money for a very worthy cause
- All the staff at HEPS who assisted with the setting up, organising and running of this event
- and finally a very big thank you to all the parents, friends and community members who donated their money to make our efforts as successful as they have been.

I would also like to share a story from the day which may put our actions into context. One of the hairdressers who helped shave heads on the day has a young brother, about 6 years old, who has been suffering from AOL (a type of leukaemia) for the past 2 years. He has just recently been given the "all-clear" by his doctors. The hairdresser's mother happened to be in the Colonnades Mall with her son on the day we were there and she was very touched by the efforts of the lads raising money for a cause close to her heart. She spoke with me and said it was wonderful to see our boys being so generous and compassionate by doing something for people they would likely never know or meet and she wanted to express her thanks to them. She also said that she believed it was thanks to the efforts of people like our students that her son's cancer had been cured.

I would like to thank all of the boys who participated in this year's event as they have continued the wonderful tradition of giving and charitable actions which characterise the students from Hackham East Primary School and they have kept alive the tradition of events such as Clippers for Cancer which had been successfully run at HEPS for many years prior to this.

The last day to bring in donations is Friday, 7/11/2014. Please bring all money and fundraising receipt books to the Front Office by the end of this week so we can tally up all money raised and determine our final total.

Thank you everyone for supporting this event.

Mark Cronin
Yr 6/7 Teacher

### SCABIES

A case of Scabies has been reported in the Castle Unit. Scabies is an infectious skin condition caused by a mite. The mite is tiny (around 0.2-0.4mm long) and cannot be identified without magnification. Scabies is spread mainly through direct contact with an infected person. They usually infest the skin especially where there are creases, such as between the fingers, on the front of the wrists, folds of the elbows, armpits, buttocks and genitals. Scabies mites cause intense itching, especially at night. Thread-like tunnels approximately 10mm long may be visible as grey lines in the skin, but are often difficult to detect. Treatment should not be undertaken until the diagnosis has been confirmed by a doctor.

It is important to discuss treatment options with a health professional before treating infants, pregnant or breastfeeding women, the elderly, or those with pre-existing skin conditions such as dermatitis or eczema. The incubation period (time between becoming infected and developing symptoms): Itching begins 2-6 weeks after infestation in individuals not previously exposed to scabies and within 1-5 days for individuals previously exposed. The contagious period is until the mites and eggs are destroyed by treatment. People can be contagious even before the itching begins. *Department Regulations state people with mites should be excluded from school and may return on the day following the treatment.* Scabies occurs worldwide and in all races and social classes and is not an indication of poor hygiene.
BOOK FAIR
Parents, caregivers, family, students and staff are invited to attend a Book Fair to be held in the Library from Wednesday 5/11 to Tuesday 11/11 from 8:30 - 8:45am and 3:00 - 3:15pm.
EFTPOS will be available for purchases. This is a great opportunity to purchase books and novelty items in time for Christmas.
Thank you for your support.
Jonathon Kaesler
Librarian

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS
Every deposit you make with School Banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition to win 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras and 150 x Slip ’N’ Slide Double Wave Riders. The more you save, the more chances you have to win (up to a maximum of 6 entries). The competition runs from 20/10 to 30/11/2014.
School banking is each Wednesday.

SPECIAL ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Special Order Photographs for viewing at the Front Office include: Class Funny Photos, Student Leaders, SAPSASA Athletics, Kapa Haka, Choir and Cross Country. Copies are $15.00 with a discount of 25% if ordering 3 or more. Please collect an envelope from the front office to place your order. Payment can be made in the envelope using cash, cheque, Visa, Mastercard or Bankcard. If paying by credit card a surcharge of $1.00 applies.
Last day to place your order via the school is Friday 21 November, 2014. Orders after this date will need to be made directly to the photographers.
If you have any queries in relation to your child’s school photographs please contact the photographers direct.
Master School Portraits 74 Gawler Street Mount Barker SA 5251. Telephone: 83913951 or fax 83982598 email msp@nuimage.com.au

SPORTS DAY NEWS
Despite the heat it was a wonderful Sports Day. It was so well supported by parents, caregivers, grandparents, friends and family. The students were exceptional at demonstrating the school values.
Congratulations to the following teams Yellow (470), Blue (463), Green (451) and Red (450) for Sports Day 2014.
Thank you to the following:
• All teachers on World Teachers Day who always do their best to support our students.
• Kevin Bellis, Groundsman, for setting up.
• Tracy Rowley and SSOs for scoring, first aid, assisting students and classes.
• Julia Osborn, CPSW, for running the Parent Room offering refreshments and sanctuary from the heat.
• Clint Noble, Alison Martin and Trudy for cooking the BBQ.
• Robin Beare (husband of Barb), Tina, Alison Martin, Trudy, Drew Grieve, Scott Megson and student helpers for assisting with the set up.
• Canteen volunteers who assisted at various times during the day serving refreshments for students and visitors.
• Mrs Barb Beare and Ms Gabrielle Martin for organising the whole event.
This is another event that our whole school community can be proud of.
Bob Thiele
Principal

CLOSING DATE FOR 2014 SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS – FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER
School card applications need to be submitted EVERY year and given to our Finance Officer, Tracy Rowley.
DECD ‘School Card Section’ will not be accepting any more 2014 school card applications after Friday 14 November 2014. Consequently the onus will then be on the parent/caregiver to fund all outstanding school fees.
Spare school card applications can be collected from the front office if you need a new application.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE 2015
The Dress Code shop is phasing out grey and maroon pants or bottoms and yellow shirts and hats. When purchasing new uniform items for your child parents/caregivers should choose:
Maroon hats
Maroon tops
Black pants/shorts/skirts,
This will be the uniform from 2015.
Dress Code Committee

HELP SOMEONE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS
Boxes are located in each Unit as well as the Front Office for donations of non perishable food eg canned food, pasta, rice, packaged food with expiry dates beyond December 2014 for families in need.
All donations gratefully accepted.
Julia Osborn
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2014
Students who participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year will have their names read out at the Assembly this week (7/11) and certificates/medals will be presented by their class teacher during the day.
Jonathon Kaesler
Librarian

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Hackham East Kindergarten
Enrol Now for 2015
Places are still available
Pre-entry is being offered now
Please contact us on 83826551 or come and visit us at the kindergarten.
We look forward to seeing you soon.
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ROSTER Term 4, Week 5 (10/11-14/11)
Monday: Clint Noble
Tuesday: Dawn Johncock
Wednesday: Help Urgently Needed
Thursday: David Prideaux
Friday: Clint Noble

ROSTER Term 4, Week 6 (17/11-21/11)
Monday: Clint Noble
Tuesday: Dawn Johncock
Wednesday: Help Urgently Needed
Thursday: David Prideaux
Friday: Clint Noble

COMMUNITY NEWS

- The Parenting Playgroup Inc A not-for-profit Association supporting parents/carers in their most important role. Our aim is to support parents/carers by linking them to the information they need. Our focus is on children from birth to 17yrs. For more information visit www.parentingplayground.org.au (‘contact us’ page).

- Southern Adelaide Career Services Perfect Pathways, choose your road to success. Southern Adelaide Career Services have many services available to assist your career planning. Ph Jill Shaw 81040778 or visit www.perfectpathways.com.au for more information.

- Saturday Fun Days The Children’s Centre, 51a Galloway Rd, O’Sullivan Beach is open on Saturdays from 9:30am-1:30pm for families with children aged birth to 8 yrs. Ph 83822850 for more information.

- Credit Union Christmas Pageant Saturday 8/11 starting from South Terrace at 9:30 and finishing on North Terrace at approximately 11:00am. A fun morning for all the family.

- Multicultural Gathering Everyone is welcome to join us to share a meal to celebrate our inclusive multicultural community. Bring a plate of food to share on Friday 14/11 from 6:00-9:00pm at Christie Downs Community House, Morton Rd, Christie Downs. Free. Ph Rosalind Clarke 83840739 for more information.

- Parents as Career Transition Support Is your young adolescent moving on to High School or starting SACE in the next couple of years? Would you like more information for high school and career pathways. Come to a free parent workshop on Friday 7/11 from 11:00am-1:30pm at Aldinga Primary School. Ph Mel Justice 85565060 to book.

- Sensory Storytime Is designed exclusively for young people with disabilities 12 yrs and up and their parents or carers. Held on Monday 17/11 from 4:00-5:00pm at Noarlunga Library, Hannah Rd, Noarlunga Centre. Ph 83840655 to register.

- Faces of the Refugee Story Artwork by Kirsten Treloar celebrates the story and life of people from refugee backgrounds. To be held on Tuesday 25/11 from 1:30-3:00pm at City of Onkaparinga, Noarlunga Office, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre. Gold coin donation. Ph Briony Gorton 83840697 to register for catering purposes.

- Get Healthy Service A free telephone coaching service available to all South Australian adults from 8:00am-8:00pm, Monday to Friday. Simply call 1300806258. The service aims to help adults at risk of developing chronic diseases such as Type 2 diabetes and heart disease and encourages participants to implement healthy lifestyle changes in relation to healthy eating, physical activity and weight.

- ATEC - Skills for All ATEC is offering fee free courses to eligible applicants. This exciting Skills for All training program will provide you with skills and knowledge in the construction industry that can fast track you into a carpentry or electrical apprenticeship. For more information Ph 130012832.

- The Green Light Festival Willunga Held on Saturday 15/11 from 10:00am-5:00pm at Willunga Recreation Park, Aldinga, Willunga. Entry by donation. Sustainability, Green Ethics, Inspirational Music & Art, Food Stalls, Fun 4 Kids and lots more available. Contact Christina: ecfestivalsinc@gmail.com for more information.

- Junior Cricket at Reynella Oval Old Reynella Rec-Yr 1 - Cricket Australia’s national beginners program held on Saturdays 9:00-10:00am, Yr 2-3’s SACA supported school teams play Kanga cricket on Saturdays 8:15-10:00am & Girls only Supa 6 Smash held on Saturdays from 9:00-10:15am. For more information visit www.cricketsa.com.au or www.in2CRICKET.com.au or Ph Trish Pinder 0411116300.

- Under Age Rage & Movie Supervised lock in at Noarlunga Cinemas on Friday 21/11 from 6:45-10:00pm for 13-16yr olds. Movie - The Hunger Games, Part 1. Cost $8.00 per child. Tickets available from Noarlunga Cinemas. Move subject to change.

- Be Kind & Unwind Personal wellbeing held on Monday 24/11 from 9:30am-2:30pm at Woodcroft-Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre, 175 Bains Rd, Morphett Vale. Lunch provided, gold coin donation. Ph Alison or Leanne 81868900 for more information or to book.

- Consumer Credit Legal Services & Consumer Credit Law Centre of SA A new consumer credit legal service to help people struggling with debt and other consumer credit problems. The service is open Monday to Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm at 10 Pitt St, Adelaide and U2/59 Main North Rd, Medindie Gardens or Ph 83421800. Outreach services will also be offered at sites including Uniting Communities offices at Christie’s Beach.

- Living with Toddlers Are you the parent or carer of a 1-3yr old? Is your child driving you nuts? Come and hear practical ways to avoid battles and help your toddler thrive. Held on Monday 24/11 from 7:15-9:00pm at Riverbank Room, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide. To register Ph 83031660 or email health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au. FREE.

- Food Matters Are you interested in food security? Do you want to explore how food security can be promoted in your community? Come along on Thursday 20/11 from 9:30am-12:30pm at City of Noarlunga, Ramsey Place, Noarlunga Centre to find out more. Free.

Flyers with further information relating to the above events are available from the Front Office.