Student Forum - 8 August 2014

Hackham East, Morphett Vale and Woodcroft Primary schools came together for a student forum on Friday 8 August. The purpose of this day was to listen to kids voices and work together with our teachers (and principals) to plant the seed of what a Powerful Learner is in our schools.

We participated in lots of interesting activities on the day. The very first one was to make us think about ‘learning’ and what it actually is.

We created a wall from paper bricks. We wrote what we thought learning was and placed it on the wall. It slowly built itself up throughout the day as students had more ideas. The day made us think about learning and everything involved in it. Some of the ideas we wrote were: new, fun, risky, challenging, important, intellectual and powerful. This activity was quite challenging for us, as it not only made us think, it also started our conversations.

Our collaborative skills were an essential part of the day, doing activities with other students and teachers from other schools helping us to better understand the opinions and thoughts of others. An activity involving collaboration was ‘give one, get one’. We had to think of things that could only be successful through collaboration and had nine boxes to fill in. When we ran out of ideas we found someone else to get an idea from in exchange for giving an idea. We looked at a rubric that shows different levels of collaboration.

During the session we explored Powerful Learning and what makes it. We started off by writing down our own opinions then we joined with another student and shared our thoughts. Together we chose the best descriptions and joined up with another pair to choose our top four. We then went back to our class tables and wrote a short explanation of Powerful Learning that we shared.

The students came together at the end in their class groups to co-design a learning unit alongside their teacher. Many groups focused on bringing back their knowledge on Powerful Learning to their class and came up with creative plans for helping their class achieve a deeper understanding on this topic.

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Other classes focused on how to make less interesting subjects, such as government and politics, more interactive. They came up with great activities such as having a government within their classrooms and assigning normal classroom necessities, such as stacking chairs, to different members of their classroom government.

“I think the day was very productive because not only did I learn so much about what a Powerful Learner is but I also helped design a great activity for the class. It was very useful and so worth it! It was a great learning opportunity and I am so glad I came. I just hope I can remember all the amazing information to bring back to class.” Gabby

By Ajay, Paris, Gabby & Emily (Yr 5, 6 & 7 students)

Michele Russell
TfEL Pilot Leader

THE AUSTRALIAN CHILDHOOD VISION IMPAIRMENT REGISTER

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register is hosted by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and is the first national register of children in Australia with vision impairment. The Register has been collecting data since 2009, and this data is providing important information about the types of eye disease and vision disorders children have and the support they need. The data is also used by service providers and researchers. Data is stored securely and no child can be identified in any way when the data is released.

Families are invited to register their child (aged 0-18 years) if they have vision impairment in both eyes which has been diagnosed by an eye specialist or ophthalmologist.

Registration can be done by contacting Register staff on (02) 98720303, or by visiting the VI Family Network website at www.vifamilynetwork.org.au. This website provides information on eyes and vision, family support, education and related issues, Braille and low vision aids, technology supporting vision impairment, newsletters from Australian low vision agencies and support groups, useful websites and news and events that might interest families across Australia.

The website also hosts a parent forum where families can meet and chat with one another, share their stories and get advice.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2014

Master School Portraits will be at our school on Friday 29/8 to take photographs of the children. Please note that all children will be photographed individually and in their class photo, irrespective of whether photos are to be purchased.

Points to remember are:

- **Online payment is available.** The range of options available online has increased. As well as the option to download a Low Resolution image for a Smart-phone, also available for purchase is a High Resolution Digital Download of your child’s image.
- Family/Sibling packages can also be ordered **online.**
- Two new packs are available in High Resolution.
- MSP now offers 10% discount for all family orders above $90.00 per family.
- If you pay by cash, cheque, credit card or money order, money is to be sent in the envelope **ON THE DAY OF THE PHOTOGRAPH** via your child’s class teacher. Do not send money to school before Friday 29/8. Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
- If there are two or more students in one family attending the school, payment can be made in the one envelope but each student must still submit a completed prepaid envelope to the photographer.
- Envelopes are to be kept separate. Only payments are to be placed in envelopes, not messages or other children’s envelopes.
- Please print details required clearly on the front of the pre-paid envelope, including a short note if payment is included in another student’s envelope.
- Family photograph envelopes may be collected from the office. If a family photograph is not requested none will be taken. Payment is made on the day, **Friday, 29/8.** No family envelopes are to be handed into the office. **NO ENVELOPE, NO FAMILY PHOTO.**
- **No orders will be accepted at school after the photography day. Contact MSP on 83913951.** For a really great photo make sure your child is neat & tidy and **must be in school dress code.**

Lee Clements - Front Office
School Closure Day
Friday 12 September 2014

Student Free Day
Monday 15 September 2014

Staff will be undertaking Professional Development on this day.
OSHC will be available on both dates - please contact Jacky if you require care for your child/children.

FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE
A book of 10 raffle tickets has been sent home to each family for the Hackham East Primary School Father’s Day Raffle. Tickets are $1.00 each for a chance to win a gift basket to the value of $90.00. If required, more tickets are available from the Front Office. Please return all money and tickets (including unsold tickets) by Thursday 4/9. The Raffle will be drawn on 5/9 at 10:00am. Thank you for supporting our fundraising event and good luck.
Fundraising Committee

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes on Friday 5 September 2014. Please return the completed forms to your child’s class teacher by Thursday 11 September 2014. No forms will be accepted after this date. Information regarding medals and certificates will be advised in the Newsletter in Term 4. Well done to the students who participated this year and I trust you have enjoyed reading.
Jonathon Kaesler
Librarian

PARENT INFORMATION OPEN EVENING
Parents and caregivers of preschool children interested in enrolling in 2015 or 2016 are invited to attend an information session on Wednesday 27/8 at 7:00pm to hear about our innovative programs and how we can support your child in making their best start to school. This will include a short presentation, a tour of our Junior Primary facilities, the opportunity to ask questions and some light refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.
Sally Slattery
Deputy Principal

SCHOOL BANKING DAY
Remember that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day when students can bring in their weekly deposit.

CANTEEN NEWS
Thank you to the parents/grandparents who assist in the Canteen with preparing food for recess, lunch, baking, available to assist for extra catering events and on request. Without your assistance the Canteen would not be able to provide the valuable service to our students and the school community. Your help is very much appreciated.

For the Canteen to continue providing a service to the students and school community volunteers are urgently needed. If you have any time you can spare to assist in the Canteen it would be appreciated.

Please speak with Coralie if you are available to assist or you would like to find out more information.
Coralie Goodman
Canteen Manager

HEAD LICE
The Head Lice Policy at Hackham East Primary School states the following:

- The child’s parent/caregiver is contacted and the Declaration of Head Lice Treatment form and the Health Commission pamphlet are sent home with the child.
- The teacher will give their entire class a Head Lice notice.
- Before returning to school the child must be treated according to the Declaration of Head Lice Treatment form (all lice and visible eggs have been removed).
- The Declaration of Head Lice Treatment form must be returned to the school, completed and signed, to enable the child to return to the classroom.

SCHOOL HATS
Parents/caregivers are reminded that all students need to wear a school hat at school when they are outside for recess, lunch or participating in events with their class as from Monday 1/9. Hats can be purchased from the Front Office or the Uniform Shop.

2014 SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS
School card applications must be filled out and submitted EVERY year. Spare applications are available at the Front Office and need to be handed in to our Finance Officer, Tracy Rowley as soon as possible.
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- **Knowing Your Teenager** Is your child about to enter High School, Do you wonder what it means to be a “modern teenager”? Parents, guardians and carers are invited to a FREE Community Seminar on Wed 27/8 from 5:45-7:30pm at Morphett Vale Primary School, Lawrence St, Morphett Vale. Bookings essential. Ph Julie 81865064 to register.

- **DAIR to be Free!** A recovery support group for people with OCD related thoughts and behaviours looking to FREE themselves from the fear of Discarding your possessions, Acquiring compulsively, Intrusive thoughts and Rituals. Held each Friday from 10:30am-12:00pm in Meeting Room 2, City of Onkaparinga, Ramsay Ave, Noarlunga. Ph 1800809304 or 81591400 to register.

- **Homelink for Children** Disability Carers needed now. Share your home and join our growing team of Carers. Ph 82052921 or visit www.unitingcommunities.org/homelink.

- **Occupational Therapist** From socks to jocks and all manner of little people skills in between. Occupational Therapy consults for parents and carers wanting information or support with their child’s sleep, toileting, dressing, hand eye coordination and/or independence. Ph Sue, Mandy or Johanna 83822850 to make an appointment. Sessions held on 3/9 & 24/9 at O’Sullivan Beach Children’s Centre.

- **OzHarvest** You are invited to celebrate the launch of OzHarvest’s new food rescue van that will service the southern region of Adelaide. Held on Thursday 28/8 from 10:00-10:30am at Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre.

- **Siblings in Focus** An After School Social group for 5-12yr old siblings of children with special needs, disabilities and/or chronic illness. Held on 29/8, 12/9 & 26/9 from 3:30-5:00pm at Take Heart, Impact Church, 104 Pimpala Rd, Morphett Vale. Ph Tanya or Sam 81869044. Bookings essential.

- **Stronger Relationships Renew** Seeking to renovate and rejuvenate your relationship? Learn ways to build a better relationship with your partner. Held on Saturday 30/8 & 10/9 from 10:00am-3:30pm at 49a Orsmond St, Hindmarsh. Ph 82458100 for more information.

- **Sleep and Your Teenager** Are you the parent of a 13-18yr old and concerned about their sleep? Come and hear Dr Sarah Blunden, Sleep Researcher, talk about the importance of sleep for this age group. Held on Tuesday 9/9 from 7:15-9:00pm at Basil Hetzel Building Lecture Theatre, Uni SA City East Campus, Fronde Rd, Adelaide. Ph 83031660 or email health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au or more information. Free.

- **The Royal Adelaide Show** Celebrating its 175th year the Royal Adelaide Show is open from 5/9-14/9. Pre purchase tickets from IG, Foodland and Ticketek and save.

- **Women’s Education** Women moving into work/study. Why not apply for a Certificate in Women’s Education? Information Sessions held on Thursday 18/9 at 2:00pm at Room W202 (West Wing, Level 2), Enter via Foundation Skills Office, TAFE SA Noarlunga Campus, 1 Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre. Ph 82073150 or 82073037 for more information.

- **Tune It Up** A 5 week music program designed for young creative people to produce a CD and learn about acoustic recording, song writing, composition and performance. Held at The Arts Centre, 22 Gawler St, Pt Noarlunga on Wed 27/8, 3/9, 10/9 & 17/9 from 4:30-6:30pm for 13-20yr olds. Free. Ph Natasha 0414290747.

- **National Asthma Week 1-7/9** The theme of National Asthma Week is “Take Control of your Asthma” A forum for parents will be held on Thursday 4/9 from 5:30-7:00pm at Elizabeth GP Plus, 19 Playford Blvd, Elizabeth. Ph 1800278462 for more information.

- **Terrific Threes What Can I Do Now I Am 3?** An interactive workshop for parents with children 3yrs old. Support your child’s play with friends, communication, self care and development. Held on Tuesday 2/9 at O’Sullivan Beach Children’s Centre, Galloway Rd, O’Sullivan Beach. Ph Sue, Johanna or Martine 83822850.

- **Turn the System Inside Out Workshop** Join us for an ongoing conversation about local and global progress towards an economic system that values and places the wellbeing of the planet at its centre. Held on Saturday 6/9 from 1:00-5:00pm at The Box Factory, 59 Regent Street, Adelaide. Bring a plate of afternoon tea to share. RSVP www.insideouteconomies.eventbrite.com.au

- **Family Fun Time** A session for parents, carers, grandparents wanting some fresh ideas to play fun games at home with your family. Held on Monday 8/9 from 1:00-3:00pm at O’Sullivan Beach Children’s Centre, 51A Galloway Rd, O’Sullivan Beach. For crèche or to book Ph Jodie 83923150.

- **Be Kind & Unwind** Personal Wellbeing workshop held on Friday 12/9 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 to book.

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