Supporting Mathematics At Home

This year, due to the funding by the Federal Government, I have been lucky enough to enter several teachers’ classrooms and work side by side with them in a mentoring role, to improve our students’ mathematical skills.

The initiative’s focus is on making our students ready to tackle real-world mathematical problems, engage them through challenging and open tasks and aid them in setting goals, knowing why maths is important and seeing real improvement.

To aid with this at home and foster mathematical learning, here are some simple ways that you can challenge your child a few nights a week.

**Foster:**
- Develop communication between you and your child when working on mathematical tasks.
- Have your child explain their thinking whether they are right or wrong, so that you can aid them and understand their misconceptions.
- Share your ideas of why you are using a particular strategy.
- Ask each day and take a general interest in what your child undertook in mathematics that day, ask them to show you some examples.

**Practice:** Fluency, which is the skill of being able to recall mathematical facts, is important and can be developed by:
- Undertaking short everyday practice of mental calculation or number manipulation, will see your child practicing skills from school that are transferred into real-world environments. This may see you teaching your child how to count successfully to twenty using any number from 10 or below if in the Junior Primary to working on two digit by two digit “Chunking for Addition”.

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<td>Thurs 19/9 Book Swap in Library</td>
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Questions that help students learn more are:
- Can you check this answer another way?
- What happens if ...?
- How many solutions are there?
- How will I know when I have found them all?

I hope this helps and if you have further questions and would like examples of open-ended activities or know your child’s current mathematical focus, please feel free to approach your classroom teacher or seek me out.

Michael Koutsoukos
ILNNP Numeracy Coach

CLIPPERS FOR CANCER
Students from Hackham East Primary School will once again be raising money for children living with cancer.

On Monday 23 September 2013 the students participating in this event will have their head shaved in the Gym starting at 9:10am. We invite parents and friends to attend and support these students.

Donations can be made to Jarrod Lamshed, Yr 6/7 Teacher in Stillwell Unit or to the Finance Officer at the Front Office.

We thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Jarrod Lamshed

SCHOOL HATS
As it is now Spring, hats are to be worn at all times when outside. Parents/Caregivers, please ensure that your child/children have their hats and support the school in protecting them from skin damage from harmful UV radiation.

Please remember to write your child’s name in their hat.

Bob Thiele
Principal

FAMILY PORTRAITS
On Sunday 22/9 you have the opportunity to have a family portrait taken at Hackham East Kindergarten. The cost is $10.00 for a framed 10”x13” family photograph. Forms with information have been sent home and spare forms are available from the Front Office.

Fundraising Committee

Hackham East Primary School OSHC
Holiday Program for students aged 5 - 12 years

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- Activities are subject to change or cancellation (eg weather, low numbers). Afternoon Tea is provided.
- Please bring a healthy recess and lunch each day (on Friday 11/10 please bring a plate of food to share).
- For bookings or enquiries, contact Jacky on 0499 228 039. Cost is $42.00 per day minus childcare benefit ($47.00 per day on incursion/excursion days).
- A deposit of $50.00 per child is required.
- Notification of cancellations must be given at least 48 hours before the booked day so as not to incur a fee.

Jacky Smith
OSHC Director
**NEWS UPDATE FROM JULIA**
Hello everyone, the time is flying by with the end of Term 3 in a few weeks.
I love working in our school helping in the class room, playing games with the children at recess and lunch time.
I run the Year 7 Café every second Monday and really enjoy being with the students. They love having this activity just for them and the Milo and goodies of course.
On Wednesday at lunch time I supervise a dance group of seven girls. It is a joy to see how they work so well together and encourage each other.
I have been at Hackham East Primary School for five years and have made some long term friendships with parents and students.

My role in the school is the title of a Christian Pastoral Support Worker, CPSW. This means that I am in the school to support the staff, students, parents, grandparents and carers. I am here to encourage and support you.
I can help with referrals and resources that you may need, government and non government agencies and support you through the process.
I have moved into the end room of the Easton Unit. This room is called the Parenting/Craft Room which means you can drop in and relax while you wait for your child/children to finish school and have a cuppa and chat with myself and other parents.
I look forward to speaking to you soon.

*Julia Osborn*
*CPSW*

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**EARLY FINISH**
**FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2013**
**2:15pm**

Parents/caregivers please note that school finishes early on the last day of Term 3.
Please ensure you are on time to pick up your child/children as staff have end of year duties to attend to which may necessitate them being away from the Front Office.
OSHC is available if you require care for your child/children.

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**MORPHETT VALE YOUTH CLUB DISCO**
The Morphett Vale Youth Club (Cheerleading and Gymnastics) will hold a Disco on **Friday 20/9** at the Hackham East Primary School Gym Hall.
The first session for 8 year olds and under is from 6:30-7:45pm.
The second session for primary school students over 8 yrs is from 8:00-9:15pm.
Parents please note that these nights are on a strictly lock in basis, so drop your child at the door and pick them up at the door. No one will be allowed out of the door without a responsible parent or guardian there to pick them up.
For more information phone Neville on 83823319 or 0419326204.

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**THANK YOU**
We would like to thank Blackwood Lions Club for their generous donation of bikes to the Boys Business program.
The Boys Business program is held on a Friday afternoon and during this time students will be restoring the bikes.

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**Bookweek and Indigenous Literacy Week (BIL)** will be celebrated in Week 9 (16/9-20/9) of this term. Bookweek’s theme is “Read Across the Universe” and the aim of having an Indigenous Literacy event is to raise awareness of indigenous literacy and culture to our school community. Activities have been planned for classes involving the telling and sharing of Dreaming stories about the elements of our solar system (i.e. sun, moon, stars, etc) during this week.
A book swap will also be happening on **Thursday 19/9** where students can buy secondhand books for a coin donation. The money raised will go towards improving children’s literacy levels in remote indigenous communities. Please send in any unwanted books you have at home to the Library so we will have lots of books to sell.
Thank you for supporting this event.

*Melissa Thiele* (Reading Support Teacher/Aboriginal Education Teacher),
*Jae Gillett* (Aboriginal Community Education Officer) and *Jonathon Kaesler* (Librarian)
**Community News**

- **Host Families** Host families are needed in January 2014 for exchange students from Europe, Japan, U.S.A. and Latin America who will attend a local school for 2 to 10 months. For more information Ph 1300135531 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au

- **Next Steps Employment Support Program** Are you under-employed, unemployed, studying part time or thinking about returning to work outside of the home? Get 1on 1 mentoring or attend workshops all designed to assist you to take the next step towards employment. Work with people who understand the difficulties faced by the traditional people. Free advice available until November. Email Bridget bh@developmentatwork.com or Ph 83228455.

- **Siblings in Focus** Fun and interactive session for siblings of children with special needs, disabilities and/or chronic illness. Held on Wednesday 2/10 from 1:00-3:00pm at Family Connections Hackham, 72 Collins Pde, Hackham. Ph Tanya on 81866944 for more information or to make a booking.

- **Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** Host families are needed for international students arriving in February 2014 for a stay of 3, 5 or months. For more information Ph 1800500501 or visit www.scc.com.au or email scceaust@scce.com.au.

- **Motivating Gifted Learners** A parent evening facilitated by Glynis Hannell. The evening will be held on Tuesday 17/9 from 7:30pm at Thomas More College, 23 Amsterdam Cres, Salisbury Downs. Cost $20. For more information Ph 1300950594 or visit http://gtcasa.asn.au/wp/workshops/parent-workshops/glynis-hannell-registrations/.

- **Starting Out Right** Builds on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families strengths and knowledge about children’s development (including pregnancy) from birth to school age. Everyday learning, how children’s brains grow and how families support that to happen. Hearing and learning to talk, what we do in the everyday that supports children. Wellbeing, food and exercise for children. Held at Neporendi, 7 Vine St, Old Reynella on 19/9, 24/9 & 26/9 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Ph Mandy 83822850 for more information.

- **GrowthSpurt** A Dance Play Group for pre-school children with a developmental delay or suspected delay, in the company of their parent/carer. The sessions will feature live music, movement and fun. Held on Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 until 30/10 at Yellow Unit, Hackam West R-7 School, 50 Glynville Dr, Hackam West. Optional gold coin donation. For more information Ph Milan Glic, Community Development Coordinator 0403369791.

- **My Time** Are you the primary carer of a child with a disability or a special need? My Time provides an opportunity to relax, socialise and discuss challenges that arise from being a parent/carer of your child/ren. Held at Hackham West Children’s Centre, 50 Glynville Dr, Hackham West each Friday from 9:45-11:45am. For more information Ph Milan Glicic 0403369791.

- **Three Choices (123 Magic & Emotion Coaching)** Effective discipline for children 2-12yrs - discipline children without arguing, yelling or smacking. Help your children understand their emotions. Held on Thursday 12/9, 19/9 & 26/9 from 10:00am-12:00noon at Hackham West Children’s Centre, Young Unit at Hackham West School, Glynville Drive, Hackham West. Ph Annette on 85579050 or Tracey on 0418932427 to register. Creche available.

- **Be Kind and Unwind** Emotional overload, relaxation, mindfulness. Held on Wednesday 18/9 from 9:30am-2:30pm at Grandview Court, 4 Kangaroo Thorn Rd, Trott Park. Gold coin donation, lunch provided. Ph Alison on 81689900 to book.

- **Keeping Young People Safe** This evening is for every adult who is concerned about the issues impacting young people today. Topics to be discussed include depression, bullying, preventing youth suicide and mental health issues. Held at Woodcroft College, Bains Rd, Morphett Vale on Thursday 19/9 at 7:30pm. Ph Lee Elder 83810459 to book.

- **Basic Car Maintenance for Women** A free 2 part course for women to learn how to maintain a car and how to make smart choices when servicing and purchasing a car. Held at Hackham West Community Centre on 17/9 & 24/9 from 9:30-11:30am. For creche available. Ph 83841065 to register.

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- **Southern Domestic Violence Community Development Network** Coming together to address domestic violence in the Southern region through innovative Community Development projects. Held on 30/9 from 10:30am-12:30pm. Ph Sarah 8382006 for more information.

Please see Front Office window for further information relating to some of the above events.