Did you know?

- Enjoyment of reading as a child is a strong predictor of success in being employed as an adult.
- Children who read for 30 minutes per day are exposed to approximately 2,375,000 words in a year.
- Children who read for 10 minutes per day are exposed to approximately 600,000 words in a year.
- Children who read more do better on standardised testing and achieve at a higher level overall in all aspects of their learning.

We have noticed that many parents/carers are not listening to their children read at home or making sure that they are doing 15–20 minutes of reading at home every night.

We do not ask children to do a lot of homework, but we know that reading every night will eventually help to make a significant difference in your child’s reading development.

Many children and parents possibly think that a GOOD reader is someone who:

- Progresses through reading levels quickly.
- Says the words correctly, never has to re-read or make mistakes.

We think these are the qualities of a THINKING reader and are what we want students to develop as readers:

- Chooses to read and enjoys reading for a range of purposes both in and out of school.
- Enjoys reading a variety of books – fiction, non-fiction, online, magazines etc.
- Thinks about what the words say, as well as the pictures, diagrams, charts and other graphics so they can construct meaning.
- Has many strategies for working out words they don’t know - not just sounding out or the ‘turn and look’ strategy waiting for the adult to tell them the word.
- Reads slowly when they need to think more closely about something.

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Becoming a THINKING Reader – more than a Reading Level - Continued

- Re-reads when they make a mistake and has strategies to ‘fix up’.
- Chooses to re-read favourite books or those that need more thinking to understand them.
- Has favourite genres, authors, illustrators and can talk about them.
- Knows themselves as a reader and chooses texts that are “just right” – not too hard and not too easy.

At school we are working hard to overcome the perception that reading is about progressing through the levels and that the higher level you are the better reader.

We have organised the reading books into coloured boxes and now refer to the books as ‘just right’ book or ‘dot’ books.

Teachers are explicitly teaching comprehension strategies, so that children can talk about and show deeper understanding about their reading.

So please support us to change these perceptions by talking with your child about what they understand about their reading, how they are enjoying the book and help them to become ‘more than a reading level.’

Sally Slattery
Deputy Principal

ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF FEARS AND ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

Parents/caregivers, is your child fearful of certain situations or do they seem to experience ongoing feelings of anxiety? At Griffith University, we are conducting a large scale study for children (7-13yrs) with anxiety that includes a thorough assessment and a novel, home-based treatment using computers and telephone contact from a trained clinician. We are providing this service at no cost to families. To find out more about this project, please contact our team on 07 37353418 or email cadrp@griffith.edu.au.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR & DANCE THEATRE

Let the Australian Youth Choir and Australian Youth Dance Theatre bring out the best in your child. We will help them discover their hidden talents, learn vocal or dance skills, make new friends and become part of a local community of performers. Try Outs will be held at Seaview High School, Calum Grove, Seacombe Heights on Saturday 21/9. Call us to arrange a vocal or dance audition on 82715421 or visit www.niypaa.com.au.

STUDENT SAFETY

There have been a number of near misses on Collins Parade recently with children crossing the road in front of cars.

Can parents, caregivers and students please be mindful of road safety in and around the school, especially during the construction on site. Having only the one entrance means that everyone enters and exits the school along the northern access road. **No unauthorised cars should be in the grounds.** This includes parking in the Kindergarten car park. There are to be no drops off or collecting children before or after school on the school grounds (apart from OSHC early morning and evening).

**All children should be using the school crossing. This might be a little inconvenient but it is safe and lawful.**

Please be mindful of trucks and other vehicles entering and leaving the construction site.

Please keep our children safe.

Bob Thiele
Principal

**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)
SCHOOL CLOSURE/STUDENT FREE DAYS
Governing Council have approved the following dates:

**Monday 9 September 2013**
School Closure Day

**Tuesday 10 September 2013**
Student Free Day (Staff undertaking T&D)

OSHC will be available, please speak with Jackie Smith if you require care for your child/children on either or both days. Vacancies are still available - cost can be as little as $5.00 a day for parents on CCB.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
We hope that students have been and are still enjoying reading books that are part of the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

All record sheets need to be returned to the class teacher by Friday 6 September 2013. No record sheets can be accepted after this date.

Jonathon Kaesler
Librarian

FATHERS DAY STALL
We invite parents and caregivers to attend the Fathers Day Stall held in the Conference Room on **Thursday 29/8** between 2:30-3:30pm and **Friday 30/8** from 8:30am to lunch time. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their father during school hours on Friday 30/8. Wishing all the fathers/grandfathers a Happy Fathers Day.

Thank you for supporting this event.

Fundraising Committee

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

LOST PROPERTY
Lost property boxes located in each teaching unit are overflowing with items of clothing lost by our students. Please check to see if there is something belonging to your child.

It is recommended that items of clothing eg hats, jumpers, jackets etc are clearly marked with your child’s name so they can returned to them if found. Regular checks to see if the name is still visible will assist us to return property to students.

FOUND
A child’s Karaoke machine has been handed in to Lost Property. If you have lost this item, please call into the Front Office with a description of the machine to claim it.

STAFF NEWS
Congratulations to Jarrod Lamshed who has won a leadership position at Woodend Primary School beginning in 2014. He is a wonderfully innovative and caring teacher and will be a very effective leader. He will be an enormous loss to our community.

Bob Thiele
Principal

FUNDRAISING EVENT
On Saturday 7/9 (Federal Election) the Fundraising and Canteen Committees will have stalls at the school where food and drinks will be available. There will also be a raffle with a chance of winning some great prizes.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support.

Bob Thiele
Principal

BUILDER’S YARD ON HEPS SCHOOL SITE
No unauthorised person is to enter the builder's yard. There are a number of people taking a shortcut through.

This is illegal and dangerous.

Bob Thiele

WANTED?
Would you like your Newsletter/Newsflash emailed?

One of the benefits of this format is reducing the amount of paper used and receiving it on the same day, possibly even earlier than the current method. If you would prefer this method of receiving your Newsletter/Newsflash please leave details at the Front Office of your email
**Tuning Into Kids Behaviour**  If you have ever been confused by your child’s behaviour, then these workshops are for you. Learn to understand and deal with your child’s behaviour in a way that works for adults and children. Held at O’Sullivan Beach Children’s Centre, 51A Galloway Rd, O’Sullivan Beach on 3/9 from 9:30-11:30am. Bookings essential - Ph 83822850.

**Tobacco Free**  A supportive program for people who have mental illness. Would you like to quit or cut back your smoking? Join the Tobacco Free program each Thursday from 10:00am-12:00noon at MIFFSA Pananga Activity Centre, 64 Elgin Ave, Christies Beach. Ph 742500 for more information.

**Borrowing Sporting Equipment Free**  The Hub, Aldinga, Seaford & Woodcroft Libraries feature a range of sports equipment available for loan. This program is to encourage children to try new activities and increase physical activity. Ph 83840666 for more information.

**MIFFSA Respite House**  We are pleased to offer a residential group program which provides respite for carers who wish to take a short break from their usual caring role and recharge. Available for up to 7 women who are caring for someone with a mental illness. For more information Ph 83784100 or email respite@mifsa.org.

**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 1300950594 or visit http://gtcasa.asn.au/wp/registration/.

**Anxiety Southern Family Workshop Helping Children with ASD Manage and Understand Feelings**  Held on Friday 30/8 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Ph Mandy 83822850 for more information.

**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.

**Motivating Gifted Learners**  A parent evening facilitated by Glynis Hannell 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 1300050594 or visit http://gtcasa.asn.au/wp/parent-workshops/glyns-hannell-registration/.

**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 11:30am-12:30 until 20/10 at Yellow Unit, Hackham West R-7 School, 50 Glynville Dr, Hackham West. Optional gold coin donation. For more information Ph Milan Glicic, Community Development Coordinator 0403369791.

**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, Hackham West R-7 School, 50 Glynville Dr, Hackham West. Optional gold coin donation. For more information Ph Milan Glicic, Community Development Coordinator 0403369791.

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