Play is the Way Mentoring Program, 22 July 2013

Wilson McCaskill again worked with our staff in a one on one mentoring program on the first day of this term.

You would be aware that there is an expectation every class plays a Play Is The Way game four days each week. These games are vehicles for teaching Social and Emotional education. Each game is designed to challenge each child and help them develop values and social skills.

Wilson emphasises that more is learnt through failure than success. It is important to challenge children to the point of failure for them to learn persistence, resilience and courage. When children play the games in groups they learn collaboration, cooperation and group problem solving. They learn that they have a responsibility to the group and that their behaviour and actions impact either positively or negatively on every member of the group. A teacher (and parent) shows respect to a child by having (realistically) high expectations and expecting success without rescuing.

Six courageous teachers volunteered to take their class for a game and were observed by Wilson (who devised the games and the program), other teachers and parents.

After each teacher worked with his or her own class, Wilson took the students for another game and modelled some of the learning concepts and challenging questions with the teacher observing. Wilson then met one on one with each teacher to debrief, share his observations, provide feedback and suggestions.

Governing Councillor, Julie Citti observed and commented, “Wilson treated them fairly and kindly but didn’t take their rudeness or their excuses. He had the children thinking for themselves and answering questions using their own mind and cooperating as a team. He didn’t treat them “younger than their age” but as students growing and learning.

I believe this way of teaching is very important as I feel the way children have been taught for a number of years now has been “too soft” and not preparing them for the ups and downs of “high school” and beyond.”

Wilson then met with the staff for an extra-ordinary staff meeting where he shared his observations and answered questions. This day was extremely beneficial for all involved and will result in better teaching of social and emotional education through the Play Is The Way games.

We are constantly striving to improve learning outcomes for all children.

Bob Thiele
Principal
**STAFFING AT HEPS, TERM 3**

We welcome Fiona Dealtry back to teaching after 12 months parenting leave. Fiona is teaching half time in Mr Koutsoukos’ class while he is released as Maths Coach.

Welcome to SSO Heather Galbraith working full time in the Primary Small Class.

Welcome to SSO Michelle Cavenett who is working in the Flexible Learning Options program funded through the Commonwealth Government.

**Bob Thiele**  
Principal

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**SCABIES**

A case of Scabies has been reported in the Holly 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.

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Each student will receive information and instructions regarding the school photograph process.

**Lee Clements**  
Front Office

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**YEAR 7 TOPS - HALF PRICE**

Some extra year 7 tops were ordered in Term 1 but did not end up being sold.

If you would like another year 7 t-shirt or hooded jumper for half the original price please see Mrs. Wade.

There are 2 small hooded jumpers available for $20.00 each, or 1 medium t-shirt, 1 large t-shirt and one size 16 t-shirt for $13.50 each.

These are the only tops left so first in will get them.

**Jacinta Wade**  
School Counsellor

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**DRESS CODE SHOP**

The Dress Code shop located in Penney Unit next to the Conference Room is open at the following times for parents/caregivers to purchase or order school dress code clothing:

- **Monday** 9:00 - 9:30am
- **Tuesday** 9:00 - 9:30am
- **Thursday** 2:30 - 3:30pm

If there are any changes to the opening times it will be advertised in the school Newsletter/Newsflash.

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Lost property boxes are located in each teaching unit.

Please check regularly if your child has lost a hat, jumper, etc at school.

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SCHOOL FETE
Federal Election Day
(Date yet to be announced)

A great day out for the whole family
Showcase of amazing businesses from our community and lots of great things for sale.

Amazing rides
Animals
Fabulous Entertainment
Food

See your child’s teacher for more ways to be involved with individual class projects

Be a Fete Volunteer to help us run food stalls on the day. All help is appreciated.

A sign-up sheet is in the Front office or contact the Fete committee via email
Governing.Council897@schools.sa.edu.au or 0417 860 741

PYJAMA DAY - FRIDAY 16 AUGUST
Mrs Haddad’s Year 3/4 class are raising money for Variety’s Children Charity which helps disabled children in South Australia.

On Friday 16 August students can show their support for this Charity by wearing their pyjamas and donating a gold coin (only students making a donation can wear their pyjamas). Students can also purchase a hot milo for $1.00. Please note that school shoes need to be worn so students can still participate in PE or play during the day.

R Haddad
Teacher Yr 3/4, Castle Unit

RAFFLE - MRS HADDAD’S CLASS
Mrs Haddad’s Year 3/4 class are holding a raffle to raise money for the Variety’s Children Charity which raises money to help disabled children in South Australia. As well as the Pyjama Day there is also a raffle with 23 prizes to be won. Tickets are $1.00 each and can be purchased from Mrs Haddad in Castle Unit. The raffle will be drawn at the assembly on Friday 16/8.

Thank you for your support.

FRONT OFFICE/ADMIN RELOCATION
The redevelopment of the reception and administration area will begin on Monday 12 August 2013. All staff from the Front Office/Administration area (Bob, Sally, Jacinta, Lee and Tracy) need to vacate the offices on Friday 9 August and relocate to the Easton Unit. Access can be gained through the gates on the northern side of the school. The front of the school will be closed off from the first section of the main carpark, which will become the builder’s yard, right across to the Stillwell Unit.

We appreciate your patience during the construction time. It will be short term pain for long term gain.

Bob Thiele
Principal

OSHC will be available, please speak with Jackie Smith if you require care for your child/children on either or both days.

FETE NEWS
We are currently seeking donations of non-perishable grocery items for our basket stall. Food, cleaning supplies, toiletries, stationery items would all be appreciated.

Why not add an extra tin or box to your weekly shop and drop it in the donation box in the Front Office.

With your donations, we will be making up amazing, affordable hampers for our Basket Stall at the Fete.

Please make sure all items will be within their “best before date” on Election Day.

If you have any large empty glass jars (eg Moccona coffee jars), these can be left in the donation box as well.

Thank you for your support.

Fete Committee

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.
Lunches can be ordered through the Canteen for students who are attending swimming this week. Staff in the Canteen can work around the swimming timetable to ensure students are provided with their lunch order on time.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Circle of Security Parenting** A FREE 8 week course covering what your child’s behaviour might mean, how to help your child organise their feelings, how to help your child feel secure in their relationships, how to help your child to engage more in play and learning, how to support you in your role as a parent when times are tough and how to support your child in managing difficult behaviours. Held each Thursday from 1/8-29/8 from 9:00am. RSVP to Sue O’Brien on 83822850.

- **Kidsafe SA Community Talk** Kidsafe SA provides an education, information and resource service for parents and carers of young children on all aspects of child safety and injury prevention. A Kidsafe SA Community Talk is to be held at O’Sullivan Beach Children’s Centre, 51A Galloway Rd, O’Sullivan Beach on Thursday 22/8 from 9:00am. Ph Mary Scales 83525144 to make a booking. Bookings essential.

- **Family Connections Hackham** Provides programs and opportunities to support families with children 0-12 years, living in the Onkaparinga area. Ph Kathy, Jo or Sam on 81869444 for further information on the programs available.

- **Girls Group** For Yr 7 & 8 girls - come along and have fun, hang out, make new friends, play fun games and activities. Learn new things and talk about relevant issues facing young women today. Held each Thursday afternoon 3:30-5:05pm from 16/8-20/8. Held at Cove Youth Service, 11/1 Zwynder Dr, Hallett Cove. Ph 83210600 for more information or to make a booking.

- **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 children’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 17/8, 24/8 & 31/8 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 MIFSA Pananaga 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.

- **Cooking on a Budget** A 4 week program, learn to prepare cheap tasty meals, share recipes, take home what you cook. Held each Monday from 5/8-26/8 from 10:30am-12:30pm in the Yellow Unit, Hackham West Primary School, 50 Glynville Dr, Hackham. Ph Tracey Hill on 0418932427 for more information.

- **MIFSA 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.

- **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 Child’s Centre, 50 Glynville Dr, Hackham West each Friday from 9:45-11:45am. For more information Ph Milan Gligic 0403369791.

- **My Time for Grandparents** Are you the primary carer of your grandchild? This program provides an opportunity to relax, socialise and discuss the challenges that arise from being a carer of your grandchild/ren. Held at Hackham West Child’s Centre, 50 Glynville Dr, Hackham West from 12:00-2:00pm on 13/8, 27/8, 10/9 & 24/9. Ph Milan Gligic on 0403369791 for more information.

- **Women are Strong. Women do Survive** Southern Primary Health, Southern Women’s invite women who are living in, or have left an abusive or hurtful relationship to participate in an 8 week empowerment group. Held each Thursday 10:00am-12:30pm from 1/8 for 8 weeks. Ph 83849555 for more information.

- **Reclaim Emotional Safety: Women Living Well** Come along for a chat, join with other women to learn about what support is out there and have fun, hang out. Held each Tuesday 10:00am-12:30pm from 30/7-24/9 at Southern Women’s Primary Health, 20 Alexander Kelly Dr, Noarlunga Centre. Free childcare available if booked in advance. Ph 83849555 for more information.

- **Family Gathering** Come along and join us to share a meal to celebrate our inclusive multicultural community. Held on Friday 9/8 from 6:00-9:00pm at Christie Downs Community House, Morton Rd, Christie Downs. Free