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Walked a Mile…

Friday brought the *Walk a Mile in My Boots* expedition on behalf of the Hutt Street Homeless Shelter. Some staggered and others sauntered along Swamp Rd, up Parish Hill Rd and round by the pub back to school with everyone from Receptions to ageing teachers feeling pleased with their efforts. The energy on the playground when we got back indicated that it wasn’t long enough!
We also gathered several crates of non-perishable food to deliver to Foodbank. Thanks for all the contributions.

Pupil Free Day
Next Friday the 12th of August there will be a Pupil Free Day to enable staff to work with Dr Bron Parkin on detailed instruction about writing information reports and how best to teach them to students. We appreciate the imposition on families when we do this but do expect that it will be a valuable day for teachers and our students in their learning.

Closure Day for the Royal Show
We sent out a survey on whether to have a day for the Royal Show this year and the overwhelming feedback was yes with the preferred day Friday the 9th of September.

Using Skoolbag
We hope the Skoolbag app is proving useful to parents for communications and we’re mindful of not overusing it. Please give us feedback about its helpfulness to you. One way to keep it relevant is for parents to “subscribe” to those categories relevant to them. For example, choir or pedal prix or especially your child’s class’ category. You can subscribe in the app on your phone. Please also tell us if you are unable to get the communication so we can use other methods to let you know.

There’s a bit going on at Uraidla Primary!

Lego Leaguers!
This Wednesday night was the inaugural meeting of our Lego League team. Sponsored by the Adelaide Hills Council through the Summit at Norton Summit our team of eight students will have eight weeks to make and program a Lego robot to complete a course made up of a number of obstacles. We are really pleased to have the help of Simon Bradley as coach and old scholar and engineering student Joshua Marich as our technical advisor.

Readers’ Cup
This Friday night our bold Readers’ Cup team presents their interpretation of Phil Cummings’ book ANZAC Biscuits as part of the competition at Craffers Primary. We wish them well in the event.

Chess Club
Our chess club members venture to Hahndorf each Monday night to compete. We continue to be grateful to John Virgin who coaches and manages the team.
Debating
Next Tuesday our debating teams of Jordan S, Joshua M, Olivia W, Scala W, Olivia B, Jordan B, Ben M, Angus B and Austin P debate the hot topic of “Presents shouldn’t go to the children on the naughty list at Christmas” at Pulteney Grammar. Sallie Griffin does a terrific job guiding our debaters.

Pedal Prix
Our Pedal Prix team is about to get under way again to prepare for the 24 hour race in September at Murray Bridge. Parents willing to help the team would be most welcome.

Festival of Music Choir
Our choir is getting ready for their annual performance on the 14th of September at the Festival Theatre. Ticket information will come home soon for interested families and for those who miss out our own music night will be on September the 8th with performances from the Choir and our brass, woodwind and drum ensembles.

Curriculum Matters…
There’s a buzz around the school as students engage in big questions: From the Olympics to local water there’s good discussion and ideas. We’re impressed with the high level thinking and presentation happening.

Teachers are currently sharing a unit of teaching on line with other schools within our local Mt Lofty Partnership. The aim is to provide a focus for discussing the “Stretch” of our teaching; what are we doing that continues to engage and challenge our students.

We’ve also begun our annual review of our teaching and learning processes to guide us in developing our next three year school strategic plan.

Do This Instead!
Our focus this term continues to be social inclusion; developing skills to include others and to join in with others when we want to. The question “How can I join in your game” is a good one to use that recognises your game is going, I want to join in and I need to learn your rules.

James Parkin
Principal

School Fees
Thank you to families who have paid their fees, it is appreciated.

Statements were sent home this week and all fees should now be finalised unless you have made separate arrangements with Sara.

Round the Classes
Rec/Year 1: Our class is looking forward to the Rio Olympics starting. We have posed lots of questions and look forward to finding out the answers together. In Literacy our class is working on making connections to the books we are reading to build a better understanding.

Year 1/2/3: In Maths we are learning about fractions. This includes identifying the numerator and the denominator, modelling simple fractions from in our class and modelling mixed numbers. We have also looked at fraction number lines; counting by ½ and ¼.

Year 4/5: The year 4/5 class has been making word clouds, using at least 25 key words from their holidays. Once we have a list of the words, we use a computer program to generate these words into an image which relates to our holidays. In this program we are able to manipulate various features such as text style and size, colour and angles.

Year 5/6/7: We are working hard already as we settle into Term 3. We have Cara, our pre-service teacher working with us and are learning a lot about sugars in packaged foods. We have a variety of literacy activities we are working on including converting a poem to an iMovie, typing tournament and learning about the atomic bomb and paper cranes.

We have finished Wetland Warriors and are now working with the 4/5 class and becoming “Games Gurus” – ask us about the obscure country we are following in the Olympics

Science: This term we are focusing on Chemical Science. The last two weeks we have been looking at solids, liquids and gas matter. We have been experimenting with spaghetti, cornflour, borax, PVA glue and food dye.

Indonesian: We have begun reading the big book Beruang Cokelat ‘Brown Bear’ and are busy revising and learning lots of animal words. The two older classes have been adding extra vocabulary to their topic Teman-Teman ‘Friends’ and can now translate various texts with confidence.

Gardening: Observation is a skill to hone when gardening and using sustainable practices. The R/1 students have made binoculars using recycled materials and went searching with their binoculars for items in the garden.

The 4/5 students have begun their recycling topic with a sustainability audit race to be reminded where and how we are a sustainable school.
A Note from Mary
At Schools Ministry Group conference for Pastoral Care Workers last week, one of the speakers was Sharon Witt, a teacher from Victoria, who has written a number of books and courses for children to help develop resilience. (I have ordered some of them – more when they arrive)
She spoke about resilience as being the ability to: bounce back after a negative experience, adapt to circumstances you can’t change, continue to thrive through less than ideal situations, learn from challenges and view a current challenge as not the end of the world. She said “It is not how fast we can run or how high we can climb but how well we bounce that makes the difference.”
There are two things I’d like to share with you this week. The first is the idea of Parachute parenting rather than Helicopter parenting. Parachute parents help their children to develop the tools to cope with a crisis when it happens, and provide a secure base for them to return to. Helicopter parents hover trying to protect their children from crises.
The second is the value of helping your children to develop positive connections with others who can provide them with a good role model and someone who will listen to them. These could be members of the wider family, neighbours, sport coaches, a teacher, family friends, a pastoral care worker…. And instil in your child that “there is nothing so bad that you do or that happens to you, that you cannot tell a trusted adult.”
Mary

OSHC News
Wow, what an incredible July Vacation Care our community OSHC just had! We are proud to say that this was one of the most successful July Vacation Cares we have had in terms of attendance numbers and the children really enjoyed the daily activities planned despite the wintry weather.
A favourite activity was most definitely a local excursion to the Red Shed in Uraidla where the children engaged with woodwork to create their own insect houses. We will most certainly be looking forward to another event there next holidays!
The children also enjoyed the bouncy castle, geocaching, crazy hair day and much more. They absolutely loved the Camping at Uraidla day where we set up tents, ate hot marshmallows and sang songs around our very own campfire! Of course our staff had an equal amount of fun participating in all of the festivities.
We hope everyone enjoyed the school holiday break.
In other news, our OSHC has decided to integrate the Seesaw application into our program as a way of communicating with parents (most messages/reminders will be sent via the new Skoolbag application which the whole school uses). This will be used more to inform parents about activities their child/ren are engaging with or things that are happening at OSHC! If you have received your activation code at OSHC this week (regular bookings), it is a very simple 3 step process for you to download the application onto your smartphone and instructions are included on the handout, if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask us. We also have a pupil free day coming up on Friday of Week 3 so would appreciate if parents could please record their names at the front office as an expression of interest to open by end of week 2 (min. of 7 bookings required).
Fathers’ Day
The fantastic fundraising committee will be making up bags of biscuits to sell for $5 on Friday 2nd September for Fathers’ Day. They are looking for donations of sweet biscuits so here’s a great opportunity to get baking with your children! Homemade are preferable but any donations will be welcome! Donations can be dropped at the Front Office on Thursday 1st September in time for the committee to make up the bags.

Honey for Sale
We have more supplies of the delicious Kangaroo Island honey from the Kiwanis Club of the Adelaide Hills for sale at the Front Office for $10. The Kiwanis Club is very kindly donating $5 from each sale to the school.

Entertainment Books
We still have a few Entertainment Books for sale at the Front Office. They are a great way to save money, try out some places that you perhaps wouldn’t have thought of and enjoy some great offers. The books cost $65.00. $13.00 from each sale goes towards the school’s fundraising for the year. There is a sample book available at the Front Office.