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STUDENT FORUM
Friday 8th August

Last Friday, 29 students and 9 teachers (and their principals) from Woodcroft, Morphett Vale and Hackham East Primary Schools met at Hackham East for our first Panalatinga Student Forum. We all got to know each other before we started our ‘hard thinking’!

Our first task was to think about “what learning is...” As we came from different schools we all had different opinions so we wrote on bricks and stuck them up to create a ‘learning wall’. This wordle shows our thinking by the end of the day.

The most popular word to describe our learning was new but our favourite was ‘unstoppable’ because this is so true! Learning is also challenging, everywhere and amazing as well as fun.

We worked on the ‘Learning Pit’ – what is it? The Learning Pit is what happens when you get stuck on something and how you need to learn from it by persisting as it is an important part of the learning process.

We all need to learn strategies to get out of the Pit as it teaches you resilience and independence.

We all need to learn what to do when you don’t know what to do!

The most important thing we talked about was ‘what makes a Powerful Learner?’ Firstly we wrote down our own ideas onto sticky notes, then we got with a partner from a different school and shared our ideas and decided on our top three. When we made groups of four we had to once again agree on our best descriptions. Lastly we returned to our class groups to write a definition to share. Some of our words were: resilience, creativity, to think outside the box and to have a strong mind.

The last session was our planning; how were we going to take this learning back to our schools to make a difference? In our classroom we decided to
change the layout. We decided to put the desks around the room so everyone is looking at each other and we are going to use Ms Tissen’s idea of a ‘hot seat’. This means every day you come to school, you choose a new spot to sit in, we came up with some rules though. This seating arrangement was only one idea, the most important was to think about how we were going to work with our class and others to help kids understand what makes a Powerful Learner and how to develop resiliency when you are stuck in the Learning Pit.

“I think today 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.”

By Chelsea Rm 39, Taliya, Tara and Megan, Room 37
Michele Russell
TfEL Pilot Leader

HEALTH AND WELLBEING EVALUATION
for Children in the Community

Dear Parents,
Your school has been invited to take part in the OPAL (Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle) Evaluation to be held on FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER 2014. To help determine the success of OPAL, all students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and their parents/guardians are being asked to take part in an evaluation of the program. The evaluation is managed by SA Health in partnership with Flinders University.

Please find attached an Information Brochure including the Consent Form to complete for your child/children to participate in doing a survey and/or having confidential and private growth check measurements performed. Please also find attached a Parent Survey for you to complete. Personal details are collected for the matching of data/geocoding and will be removed. All data will be collated and the reporting will be done at a community level.

You are requested to either:
Print off and complete the Consent Form and Parent Survey and post by Friday 10th October to:
PO Box 1208, Unley BC SA 5061

OR
Go online to http://www.opal.colmarbrunton.com.au/
Simply click on Complete Survey, select ‘9–11 year old Parent/ Guardian from the first list, then select Woodcroft Primary School from the second list and click on the Consent Form button.
You can also complete the Parent Survey on this same site by selecting the same as above and the Complete Survey button. You will need to install Silverlight.

Could you please complete the Consent Form, whether it be a Yes or a No to participating in the health evaluation. Each child who returns a completed consent form, whether it be a Yes or a No will receive a gift of a yo-yo and a stress ball.

By allowing your child to participate in this evaluation you will be contributing to learning more about the health and wellbeing of children in the community.
If you have any queries, please contact the OPAL Evaluation Study Support Line on 1800 783 083 or Misch O’Keeffe-Barge on 0407 728 223

We thank you kindly for your attention and time in this matter.

Regards
Misch O’Keeffe-Barge, OPAL Evaluation Field Supervisor, 0407 728 223
SCIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Good news – we have been successful in our application for an NRM (Natural Resource Management board) grant and have been given $1400 towards the development of another natural play space. This will enable us to establish a play space centred around the boat which was kindly donated by Rosemount Winery.

Also, it has come to my attention that many of our students are throwing whole apples, bananas and other pieces of fruit into their classroom organic waste bins. While teachers do monitor this, it is concerning that so much good food is being wasted. Perhaps apples could be sent already cut up and wrapped tightly in cling wrap or oranges peeled and sent in a container to enable your children to manage their fruit more easily and discourage them from wasting it.

Sue Cox
Coordinator Science and Environmental Sustainability

WILL YOU BE HERE IN 2015?

STUDENTS LEAVING WOODCROFT

As part of our 2015 class placement exercise we need to know those students who will not be attending our school next year. Please complete this slip by Friday 24th October 2014 and return it to the front office.

The following student/s WILL NOT be attending Woodcroft Primary School, in 2015. Parents of Year 7 students do not need to respond to this request.

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We are now seeking donations for prizes. These can be for any age, male or female, so if you own a business, have a generous employer, or maybe have an unwanted gift hidden away in your cupboard we would like to hear from you. Vouchers for goods or services would also be welcome. All businesses donating items will be acknowledged in our school newsletter, which is distributed to over 650 families.

All donations can be left at the front office, and please advise us of your details if they are to be included in our newsletter. Monies raised will go toward our new playgrounds. Raffle books will be sent out in week 7.

Thank you!

The Fundraising Team
SAPSASA NETBALL

Woodcroft Primary School has for the first time reached the Preliminary Final of the Knockout Netball. The excitement is building and the girls are looking very professional and ready to take on Marymount. They are all that is standing in our way reach the grand final. This will be played at ETSA park on Thursday 25th Sept. Good luck girls, let’s do this. Kim Davis (Coach)

SAPSASA BASKETBALL

This year we entered 4 teams in the round robin basketball competition at Morphett Vale stadium. Both boys and girls had 5/6 and 6/7 teams. Jodie Holst increased her busy basketball schedule by adding SAPSASA team manager and coach to her list of duties. Greg Olbrich and Kerry Reynolds also stepped up as coaches as well. All students played fantastically and represented the school well both on and off the court. The 5/6 girls team won all their games including a playoff final. The 5/6 boys team won their first 4 games and in a tense final match drew with Blackwood. They finished top of their group with the same wins as Blackwood but less points conceded throughout the competition. Both 5/6 teams will now progress to the finals on Thursday 18th September. 5/6 girls training will continue on Tuesday after school 3:30 – 4:30. 5/6 Boys training will be Saturday (23/8, 30/8, 6/9, 13/9) 2:00 – 3:30. Congratulations!

SCHOOL SPORT

One of our School Netball Teams had their biggest win out of term 2 and 3. The score was 24 to 2. YAY!!! GO WOODCROFT!!
Origami Club Celebrates Hiroshima Peace Day 6th of August
**PAYMENTS DUE**

As a general rule payments are due 1 week prior to excursion/camp etc unless stated on invoice. Payments can be made at Front Office 8.30 to 9.30am, via classroom in named envelope or over the phone with credit card for payments over $10.00. Please include cvn no if paying via credit card.

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If you have any concerns meeting the above payments please contact Sue Reeves or Trudi Lawley in the Front Office.

**DIARY**

| WEEK | TERM 3  
| 21 July – 26 September |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 5    | 18 – 22 Aug 21 Yr 7 Camp Kl student info session |
| 6    | 25 – 29 Aug 25-29 BOOK WEEK |
| 7    | 1 – 5 Sept 28 Year 2/3 Assembly 2.40 PAC |
| 8    | 8 – 12 Sept 4 Year R/1 Assembly 2.40 PAC |
|      | 8 -12 Year 6/7 Assembly 2.40 PAC |
|      | 11 Tournament of Minds |
|      | 14 Festival of Music |
|      | 18 Year 4/5 Assembly 2.40 PAC |
| 9    | 15 – 19 Sept 15 – 19 R-5 Swimming |
|      | 15-19 Festival of Music |
|      | 18 Year 4/5 Assembly 2.40 PAC |
| 10   | 22 – 26 Sept 22 – 26 R-5 Swimming |
Our recent Pupil Free Day was filled with lots of fun and adventure. The children had a great time creating their own marble adventure park, with tunnels, slippery dips and maze, all made out of recyclable materials. They also spent time in the kitchen cooking spaghetti muffins which were devoured for afternoon tea and requested ever since. Cubby houses, outside play and Lego were also big hits with the children. If your child missed out on the fun that we had then it will all be happening again on our school closure day, Friday 5th September.

Just a reminder to all parents that have recently been contacted about bringing in your child’s immunization record. Can you please bring a copy for us to keep on record at the centre as soon as possible. This is a requirement for your child’s enrolment and helps ensure we can provide a safe environment for your child. You can either photocopy your child’s blue book or print a copy by registering with Medicare Online Services. So please remember to bring it in as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

Finally, keep an eye on this space for your chance to help us raise some money for the Back to School Appeal. This appeal is set up by the Smith Family who are a national charity raising money for disadvantaged Australian children. Their aim is to provide a positive schooling experience for all children and so through the Learning for Life program they provide educational essentials and learning support for disadvantaged Australian Children. We are excited to partner with the Smith Family and the Camp Australia Foundation to raise some much needed support for the Back to School Appeal. At the moment we are brainstorming ideas as to the best way to raise money and awareness for this appeal so stay tuned for more information. We look forward to you partnering with us to help provide a positive school experience for all children.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Keeping Safe in Cyberspace
What Every Parent Should Know
Flyer Attached

2014 Royal Adelaide Show
Flyer Attached

Southern Tigers Basketball Association
Flyer Attached

Lesley Cox School of Music, Movement and Drama
Flyer Attached

Craft at Woodcroft Heights Children's Centre
Woodcroft Heights Children's Centre is looking for parents who may enjoy being involved in a weekly craft workshop to be run by Tanya Sherman (mother from Woodcroft Primary School) at the Childrens' Centre. If you are aware of any parents in our school community who may be interested in getting involved, please let the front office know.

My time for Grandparents
Flyer Attached

My Time for Primary Carers of a Child with a Disability or a Special Need
Flyer Attached

MUSIC SHOWCASE 2014
The annual Aberfoyle Park High School Music Showcase featuring the school's Concert Band, Choir, String Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and Big Band is fast approaching. Put the dates in your diary now for an event not to be missed.

Date: Wednesday 27th August
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Elder Hall
   Adelaide University
   North Terrace, Adelaide

Tickets: $9.90 each (inc. GST). Children and students free with an accompanying adult. Tickets can be purchased at the door or will be available from the APHS Cashier's Office from Tuesday 19th August (Week 5). This is a great opportunity to see the diverse range and excellent standard of the APHS Specialist Music Program Ensembles.
Please invite family and friends along to share the night's entertainment.
Vicki Holland, Coordinator Visual and Performing Arts