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DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A GROWTH MINDSET?

Does your child think getting the answer right all the time is the most important thing about learning? Do they want to give up when something seems too hard or when there is not an easy, quick fix or answer? If they do, they might have a Fixed Mindset. Carol Dweck, a Professor of Psychology at Stanford University, has found that a common element amongst successful people is a Growth Mindset. A Growth Mindset is about an individual seeing ability as something that can be developed, as opposed to something inherent that simply needs to be demonstrated. Strong, resilient, life-long learners have a Growth Mindset and value effort and perseverance (“the struggle”) over natural ability.

So how do we support our students to embrace the struggle? First, we take a positive view of challenges and help our children see that while they will make many mistakes in their lives, they will come out stronger on the other side. Similarly, we must make sure that obstacles – external setbacks – do not discourage them. Your self-image is not tied to your success and how you will look to others; failure is an opportunity to learn, and so whatever happens, you win!

Effort must be seen as an important element in personal growth and the mastering of new and useful skills, and criticism and negative feedback as sources of information that support growth. That doesn’t mean that all criticism is worth integrating or that nothing is ever taken personally, but the Growth Mindset individual knows that he or she can change and improve, and nothing is fixed.

Having a Growth Mindset also means viewing the success of others as a source of inspiration and information. This is about empathy, and not seeing oneself as the centre of the universe. Indeed, we want our students to develop the General Capabilities outlined in the Australian Curriculum to the extent that they not only realise their own potential, but take pride in helping others reach theirs!

The Play is the Way Parent Workshop delivered on Thursday night to around 30 attendees highlighted the importance of the Growth Mindset described by Carol Dweck. In the 90 minute session, presenter Wilson...
McCaskill stressed the need for parents to support the work of our teachers in educating students in the area of social development. Wilson also modelled the value of a games-based approached in developing self-awareness, empathy and resilience by engaging parents in a number of games our children play regularly here at Woodcroft.

I would encourage you all to check out the link below to a YouTube video of some of Carol Dweck's field work in this area. The second link will take you to a description of the General Capabilities in the Australian Curriculum. Should you want any more information about the critical role that parents and family members play in this area, please speak with your child's class teacher.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTXrV0_3UjY

**SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE**

- Congratulations to Michela Skipp (Room 39) for being selected to represent Woodcroft Primary on the South Australian State Youth Environment Council for 2014. Michela will attend various sessions throughout the year with other students from across the state to discuss environmental issues, including a camp at Arbury Park at the end of this month.
- On Friday April 4th, Diana (Room 40), Caitlan and Jess (Room 35) and Alita (Room 39) attended the first NRM Youth Forum at the Woodcroft Community Centre with 40 students from other southern schools. On the day they participated in many environmental activities and were introduced to the process of project planning. Their leadership will assist our school's Environment Committee to plan and implement our next project. Our natural play space will be a hard act to follow but we hope we can develop another area of the school, into a place that will provide more enjoyment. We will keep you informed of our progress and may need some adult help to achieve our goal.
- Don't forget that we now have a collection bin for soft plastics in the Library. Any soft, CLEAN plastic can be recycled here such as bread bags, food wrappers, bubble wrap, snap lock bags, cling wrap, "newspaper" plastic. Coles Supermarkets and some Woolies Supermarkets also offer this service. The plastic collected is used to make things like plastic furniture and containers.

Sue Cox – Coordinator Science and Environmental Sustainability

**GREEN POINTS CHALLENGE WEEK**

Jan Berry's class during Green Points Challenge Week
URIMBIRRA EXCURSION

TERM 1, WK 11

On Thursday the 10th April our ATSI students and I travelled down to Victor Harbor to visit the Urimbirra Wildlife Park. I was so pleased that the weather held off for us, we had a fantastic day. We fed kangaroos and patted koalas! We explored the reptile house and saw some amazing animals.

We were very fortunate in that we were the very first group to ever experience a Nunga tour of the Park. A local Ngarrendjeri man named Vince Sumner took our group and showed us some ancient canoe trees and bush medicine plants that would have been used by the Ngarrendjeri people hundreds of years ago! We then headed off to Horseshoe Bay in Pt Elliot to eat our lunch and have a play before the drive back.

A big thank you to Rob Gillespie. The day would not have been a success without your help. Also thanks to Vicki and Robert Cuthbertson for helping with the transporting of some of the students.

I was very proud of the way that our students represented our school on the day and also of the way the older students role modelled for our younger students. Thank you all and well done!

STUDENTS REPRESENTING WOODCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL

ANZAC Vigil

Keira Strong and Chelsea Davis representing Woodcroft PS at The Anzac Day Eve Vigil at the Morphett Vale Ceremony. The girls did a wonderful job and one of the most respectful groups of students I have had there.

Cheers Trudi
Little Athletics

Little Athletics Reynella. James under 7 Phoenix under 8. Both received Achievement Award Trophies for their categories, both got exactly the same points for the Perpetual Trophy which they share for a year; they also received the Junior Sportsboy of the year Trophies.

James and Phoenix did a great job!!

Calisthenics

Recently Bella and Lauren from Mr Campbell’s Yr 4 class competed in the SA Calisthenics Association Graceful Girl competition achieving great results. Bella won the 9/10 year old Champion Final and Lauren won the 9/10 year Division 2 Final. Both girls won a beautiful trophy to keep and get a perpetual trophy that their names will be engraved on for everyone to see in the future.

Graceful Girl is a very flowing and technical discipline in calisthenics where the girls perform on stage as a solo. Both girls train and compete with the Reynella Braeview Calisthenics Club and both have been involved in the sport since the age of 4.

KIDZBIZ

We are pleased to offer the Kidzbiz family evening on Wednesday 14th May 2014. Parents and Receptions to Year 4 are invited to attend the “Where did we come from?” session at 6.40pm. Parents and Years 5 – 7 are welcome to stay and continue with the “What’s happening to us?” session from 7.40pm. Both sessions will be in the Performing Arts Centre. Books are available for purchase on the evening.

PUPIL FREE DAY

On Monday April 7th staff were involved in training and development about helping students to improve their writing. Through the “7 Steps to Writing Success” program, we explored how we can assist students to develop creative ideas that appeal to a reader. Hopefully you will begin to hear some of the language come home as kids start to notice and write their own sizzling starts and exciting endings!

Hayley Fuller
Literacy Coordinator
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

We are all busily working away reading to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Congratulations to the following classes and individual students who have finished the challenge so far. Room 5 and Room 9. Ebaine, Jake and Juliette room 21. Jemima (20), Abigail (22), Hiba (33). Nahal, Courtney, Jess, Monique and Brodie room 31. Ethan, Olivia, Tiah and Karpagha room 46.

$$$ FUNDRAISING NEWS $$$$  

Entertainment Books
Entertainment Books are now available from the front office for $65. 20% of all sales will go towards our school for new play equipment.

You can purchase a book or you can now purchase a Digital Membership.

Unfortunately our link for purchasing online has incorrect information on it and is currently being fixed, when this happens we will be sending out the link via email to all families. For last year members who may have received an email direct from the Entertainment Book staff please note the email address morcs@chariot.net.au is incorrect.

If you would like to purchase an Digital Copy now please contact Rebecca Morecroft at morcsx5@gmail.com. If you have purchased a book online under Woodcroft Primary School you can pick it up at the front office.

If you have any questions please contact me on the above email.

Thankyou the Fundraising Team

Thank you to all families who purchased tickets in the Easter Raffle we raised $1350.00

CANTEEN NEWS

If you have an hour or two to spare any time, why not come and volunteer some time to assist our friendly canteen staff. We are always happy to welcome new faces.

Just a reminder that our new Winter Menu (attached) is now up and running. This was emailed to all parents at the end of last term. Please make particular note of price increases as we have had a few people enclosing the incorrect money for orders. If there is a shortfall of money for items ordered there will be an alternative offered to the value of money provided. The menu has also been updated on our school website for your convenience. Thank you.

Canteen Staff

Winter Menu attached

DONATIONS

I am currently looking for cushions for my Japanese room and they are pretty expensive so I want to ask parents if anyone has any good condition 45cm by 45cm cushions that they would like to donate to the Japanese room. It would be very much appreciated.
We desperately need at least one more soccer player for our Under 12 Team. You can be 10, 11, or 12 years old. If you would like to play please call Rory, our soccer co-ordinator, on 0403825037 or come into the front office.

Congratulations to the year 3 cricket team being undefeated in term 1. All players played well. I hope to see you all back for term 4. Leanne.

Year 2 cricket team was also undefeated in term 1. Well done everyone.

Here are the 2014 co-ordinators for our School Out of Hours Sports. Thank you very much to all the co-ordinators that have stepped up to help run these sports.

**Netball:** Joady Taylor 0438801954  joadytaylor@yahoo.com.au

**Basketball:** Jody Holst 0422918165  jodiesmatt@yahoo.com.au

**Soccer:** Rory Phillips 0403825037  cozi29@hotmail.com

**Cricket:** Rachel Feiler 0412144821  rachelfeiler69@gmail.com

**Football:** Carolyn Roberts 0411298736  gtcs68@optusnet.com.au

**Auskick:** Justin Jackson 0409677829 and
   Andrew Hoskin 0410031519
PAYMENTS

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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| Yr 7’s       | Kangaroo Island                    | $494.00  | Final Payment 19/09/14 1st Payment now overdue

Deposit = $444.00

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

DIARY

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28 April – 4 July

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Welcome Back To School!!

Hello Parents and Caregivers!!! This term the children have asked if we can get into the footy tipping spirit!!! We have started a round of the footy tips with the morning children. This is a great way to get in touch with the children’s interests at OSHC. The Garden is up and running with some strawberries and Aloe Vera being planted and we are going to be sowing some watermelon seeds so we can use them on our fruit and veg platters in After School Care. If you see some strawberries growing, in the near future, please help yourself!!!

During the holidays, we had a blast making some music videos!! The DVDs have now been sent to us, if your child was at OSCH on that day then please come to collect them!!

To increase safety and supervision at the service we have purchased walky talkies. These are for staff use only, not for children to play with.

There are still a number of parents that need to speak with Dan about enrolment information! If we don’t have the correct paperwork in, it will affect your bookings for next term, so please come and see Dan as soon as you’re able!

Thanks from the OSHC Team
COMMUNITY NEWS

Police and Community

WORKING TOGETHER PARTICIPATE IN THE FORUM

Flyer Attached

Southern School Wear

The uniform shop is now in the old church on South Road and Morphett Vale. They are having a sale until the end of May. Purchase one item and receive a second 50% off. The second item must be of equal or lesser value.

School Dental Service

A new children’s dental benefits schedule for 2 – 17 year olds started in January 2014. It is called the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider and welcomes babies, children and young people under 18 years.

**Dental care is FREE for most children** and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare.

Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can still attend – a small fee may apply for each course of general dental care provided.

There are no waiting times at the School Dental Service. To keep your children's teeth and gums healthy we encourage them to attend the School Dental Service.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)