I had the pleasure of visiting all classrooms and the working buzz and excitement was truly evident and not just from our visitors. The students really enjoyed being able to show and tell what happens in their classrooms today. Likewise, it was great for them to hear about what schools and classes were like when their grandparents and older friends went to school.

Our Canteen provided a super spread of hot nibbles and scones in the Multi-Purpose Room for morning tea. This gave visitors an opportunity to chat with staff and others.

We were fortunate to have our School Choir and their trainer, Mr Robin Cross, perform two songs. Despite the technical hitch for the first song, their singing was very moving. It was certainly among the highlights of the day. The Choir will be stunning by mid-Term 3 when they perform at the Festival Theatre.

Grandparents’ Day was an absolute pleasure - a most enjoyable event. On behalf of our students and staff, I would like to thank everyone who came along and participated in the activities. We look forward to having you back in the future.

Julie Gallaher
Principal
PARTNERSHIP INDIGENOUS STUDENTS’ EXCURSION TO PARTS OF THE TJILBRUKE TRACK

On Thursday, 8th May 20 Indigenous Students from our Partnership Schools attended a day excursion travelling to some significant locations along the Tjilbruke Track. We were extremely fortunate to have fabulous weather so we could get out and explore the sites. Frank Wanganeeen came along as our guide to share with the group specific information about the importance of each site visited. He also shared with us the types of seasonal bush tucker found along the track and the butterfish that was fished from the ocean.

After picking up all the students from the home schools, the bus headed for Kingston Park for our first stop. The pictures depict show our group on the lawns of Kingston House where we enjoyed a sumptuous morning tea. Then we walked down to the Tjilbruke Monument located at Kingston Park where Frank re-told parts of the Tjilbruke story.

Our next stop was Christies Beach Life Saving Club where we heard about the importance of water and could see a range of fascinating art and design work depicting the elements of fire, water, earth and air.

The next part of our journey took us to Port Noarlunga where Frank explained the importance of bush tucker and we saw a range of plants growing. Then on to Moana where we enjoyed our picnic lunch and Frank’s talk provided more information about food and water holes used by Indigenous People.

It was amazing how fast the time went, as not long after lunch we needed to head home. It was a fantastic day had by all.

Julie Gallaher
On behalf of Partnerships Schools

A-E REPORTING INFORMATION SESSION

We are offering an information session to support parents and caregivers to understand the A-E Reporting used for Semester Reports.

The session will be presented by Ms Leah Kennewell, Primary Australian Curriculum Implementation Officer, DECD. Time will be available for questions.

When: Tuesday, 3rd June
Time: 7pm – 8:30pm
Location: Resource Centre

If you would like to attend, please ring Charyn or Jane in the Front Office to book your place.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Last week marked the 25th anniversary of National Volunteer Week, a time set aside to celebrate our volunteers and highlight the incredibly valuable work they do.

The Department for Education and Child Development is fortunate to have 25,000 volunteers who make life easier in our schools, preschools, children’s centres and child protection settings. Today, I recognise and thank those volunteers - parents, grandparents, family and friends - all giving their time to ensure children are safe, supported and free to learn. You listen to children read, join Governing Councils, fundraise, put your hand up for excursions, sports day and canteen duty, you ensure schools run smoothly and staff can focus on teaching. You provide the transport – sometimes over long distances - so children in care can make appointments and keep in contact with grandparents, aunties and uncles. Our Ethnic Schools could not operate without the services of dedicated teachers who are volunteers. They give their time simply for the reward of sharing their knowledge, culture and heritage.

Thank you to all our volunteers who generously give their time, their skills and their enthusiasm to helping others. I assure you your contribution does not go unnoticed. I hope, in amongst your volunteering, you found time last week to enjoy one of the many activities on offer, including special lunches and morning teas held by workplaces. Thank you to all our volunteers for your patience, for listening, for caring and for making the life of a child better.

Jennifer Rankine
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

BEE SAFE

It’s a good idea to be prepared in case of a power interruption:

- Check that electrical appliances such as stoves and heaters are switched off as there is a risk of fire when electricity supply is restored.
- If high winds prevail remember to move cars away from trees and stay inside away from windows.
DI’S DIALOGUE

Well, the term has well and truly started! Grandparents’ Day was well attended with everyone enjoying their tours and activities, the morning tea and choir performance being a highlight of the morning!

Another task that was started last term and is becoming more evident this term is the vegetable gardens. Please ask your children about their vegie patch as the herbs in particular can be harvested by anyone who can make use of them. We may have times after school when produce will be available. We will be doing this on an exchange basis. If you procure any vegies from the school, all I ask in return is a packet of seeds so we can replenish our gardens as we go along.

Di Brinkworth
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAMME

The Federal government will be continuing to fund Chaplaincy in schools across Australia. Below is part of the press release from Senator Scott Ryan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education) http://ministers.education.gov.au/ryan/keeping-our-commitments-funding-national-school-chaplaincy-programme

Keeping our commitments: Funding a National School Chaplaincy Programme

Tuesday, 13th May 2014 Media Release:

The Abbott Government is honouring its election commitment to continue the National School Chaplaincy Programme. The Budget is part of the Government’s Economic Action Strategy to build a strong, prosperous economy and a safe, secure Australia. This initiative will enable more than 2,900 schools across Australia to benefit from the services of a chaplain. The 2014-15 Budget delivers $243.8 million over four years to fund the programme. The previous government did not set aside any funding for the continuation of the programme after 2014. The renewed programme will be returned to its original intent; to provide funding for school chaplains.

All schools will be invited to apply for the programme and can receive up to $20,000 per year. Schools in remote areas can receive up to $24,000 per year. This renewed and re-focused programme will allow schools, especially those with higher levels of disadvantage, to provide much needed chaplaincy services to support their students.

What does the budget announcement mean for you, your CPS Worker and School’s Ministry Group (SMG)?

• The current NSCSWP programme will continue to run until 31st December, 2014.
• The new focussed National School Chaplaincy Programme will commence 1st January, 2015 and conclude 4 years later on 31st December, 2018.

All Australian schools will be invited to apply for the programme and a yet to be determined application process and criteria will be used to assess schools. Schools will be assessed based on demonstrated need and disadvantage. Further details about the future programme may not be available for many months. SMG will continue to be the funding recipient and service provider for Chaplaincy/Christian Pastoral Support Programme in government schools in SA. SMG will be working closely with the Department for Education and Child Development to ensure continued service.

Angela Jolly
Executive Director, Schools Ministry Group

SCHOOL PHOTOS COMING SOON

School Photos will be taken at our school on Thursday, 12th and Friday, 13th June. MSP Photography will be taking our school photos this year.

Parents/Caregivers can send photo money to school in the envelope supplied (with your child/children’s full name and classroom number clearly marked on the envelope), or use ‘On-Line Ordering’ THROUGH MSP to select the preferred package. In 2014 the range of options available online has increased. As well as the option to download a Low Resolution image for a smart-phone, parents/caregivers will now have the option to purchase a High Resolution Digital Download of their child’s image and Family/Sibling packages will also be able to be ordered online through MSP!

An added incentive for our families is that MSP now offers a 10% discount for all family orders above $90.00 a family.

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RESO URCE CEN TR E NEWS

Thank you to those parents/caregivers who are encouraging their children to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge – please keep up the good work! Just a reminder that we have many Premier’s Reading Challenge books in the non-fiction section.

Sophia

OSHC NEWS

The cold weather has hit and ironically the children have a new-found desire to play out on the oval and in the playground. Football is very popular with the boys, while many children just love to run, chase, hit, throw and catch balls and play the ever popular 4-square. Many of the planned craft activities have been enjoyed by the children and have included Japanese crafts, Mother’s Day and many Premier’s Reading Challenge – please keep up the good work! Just a reminder that we have many Premier’s Reading Challenge books in the non-fiction section.

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Governing Council has approved on-line payment of OSHC fees. While from an administrative point of view, EFTPOS is our preferred payment method as it takes much less time to process, we can now accept payments on-line. Families using this method must include their surname and initial as a reference to ensure the payment is credited to the correct account. If you wish to use this option, come and see the OSHC supervisors for our bank details.

Kathy Strapps
OSHC Director
MATHS @ THE HUB

Part-Part and Whole Knowledge

Part-part-whole knowledge and subitising (Week 2 School Newsletter) help students to move away from counting on their fingers for addition. Part-part and whole knowledge begins with exploring the structure of all the numbers to 10 - for example, understanding that five is two and three or four and one. Part-part-whole knowledge can then be extended to larger numbers through an understanding of the place value system. This will lead to more efficient mental methods of adding and subtracting and the student will ‘trust the count’ rather than count it all out.

In my search to explain this concept and find activities to do at home, I came across the humble ‘Lego’ brick. What a great maths tool! The blog link below takes the concept from the early years through to fractions, showing just how important these concepts are in the middle and later years of primary school. The pictures show how you can take a standard 8 stud Lego brick and find different ways to make 8 with other Lego pieces. A printable sheet is included on the blog where students could even colour in different combinations, such as odd numbers, that can’t be made with standard Lego bricks.


The link below helps to further explain the part-part whole concept with a great game called ‘Shake and Spill’ for younger students or further practise for those working on trusting the count. It involves shaking counters onto a duck, or other character, and stating how many are on or off the duck. In this example $2 + 3 = 5$.


Finally a link to Alien game aimed more at 3-7 students working through bonds to 100 and moving into fractions.

http://www.mathplayground.com/PartPartWhole.html

Take a look at the resources above and feel free to come and see me if you would like further ideas on how to help your child further at home in mathematics.

Amanda Badcock
Maths and TIEl Coordinator

EVENING DISCO: R-3 and 4-7

Come along and dance the night away at our disco on Friday, 13th June. The entry cost is $4 for R-3 students and $6 for Year 4-7 students. Entry includes a drink and a packet of chips. Tickets can be purchased from the Front Office.

The R-3 disco will run from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.
The 4-7 disco will run from 6:45pm to 8:45pm.

From 5pm to 7pm there will be a sausage sizzle on the netball courts.

As it is a lock-in event supervised by staff, your child will not be able to leave without their parent/caregiver.

A small café will be open inside the Hall on the night, selling items such as ‘glo sticks’, muffins, popcorn and drinks.

Vicky Bashford
SRC Co-ordinator

SAPSASA NEWS

Cross Country
On Tuesday, 6th May the Cross Country team competed in the Southern Valley District Day, which was held for the first time at hilly Thalassa Park. All students competed hard and did their best for their school. Congratulations and good luck to the following students, who qualified for the District team that will compete in the State Day in coming weeks. 10yr Alex M (2nd), 11yr Sammi A (1st), Taylah J (5th), 12yr Jayden L (3rd), Jayden D (6th) and 13yr Sam M (4th).

Football
Seven boys have been successful in making the Southern Valley District Football team which will compete next week in the football carnival. Congratulations and good luck to Max C, Josh T, Josh E, Abraham W, Jayden L, George C and Matthew R.

Netball
Two Girls have been successful in making the Southern Valley District Netball team. Good luck to Laura W and Hannah D who will compete next week in the Netball Carnival.

Our Knockout netball team won their first round game against Happy Valley by 2 goals and will compete in coming weeks against Coromandel Valley in their next match. Good luck girls!

Swimming
Congratulations also go to Sammi A and Emma A, Levi W and Hannah M who represented our district at the Swimming Carnival back in Term 1.

Scott Trenorden
SAPSASA Coordinator

OUT OF SCHOOL SPORT

Netball season has well and truly started and soccer players enjoyed their first game last week. A reminder to families please, that they are responsible for their siblings who are not involved in after school training - not the Coaches.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal
PEDAL PRIX NEWS

On the 4th May the Hubcaps Pedal Prix Team competed in Race 1 of the 2014 HPV Super Series at Loxton. It was a 6-hour race with 65 bikes competing across all four age categories. There had never been a race at Loxton so it was a brand new track that no one had seen before. The track had many difficulties, sharp corners, steep hills and narrow spaces. The event was a great success for small business in the local community.

Our whole team was unable to be there so we only had 6 riders in our bike while other teams had up to 15, but we still achieved a great result. Our Category 1 Primary School Bike, ‘Flying Hubcaps’, came fourth in their category and the Category 2 High School Bike, ‘Raging Hubcaps’, came 2nd in their category. These were outstanding results for Hubcaps and it was a great experience for everyone. We all had a lot of fun!

Shelby B
Co-Captain, Category 1 Hubcaps 2014

COMMUNITY NEWS

Are you having difficulties paying your school fees or managing other expenses?
IF so, a financial counsellor can help you with:
• Options to manage living expenses including school fees, arrears and other debts
• Options for your overall financial position

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DIARY DATES

MAY
23rd R - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Hall)
30th R - 3 Assembly 10:50am (Multi-Purpose Room)
Grounds and Facilities Meeting 8:30am (Meeting Room)

JUNE
3rd OSHC Committee Meeting 6pm (Staff Room)
6th 4 - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Multi-Purpose Room)
9th Queen’s Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
10th PUPIL FREE DAY
Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm (Staff Room)
13th Evening Disco and BBQ
R - 3 5:30-6:30pm; Yr 4 - 7 6:45-8:45pm