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NEWSLETTER VOL 9 - JUNE 21st 2019

UPCOMING KEY DATES

SCHOOL PHOTOS

THURSDAY 20TH
& FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

EL SHADAI CAMP ROOM I6/I7
24th to 27th JUNE

NAIDOC WEEK

REPORTS SENT HOME
WEDNESDAY 3rd JULY

LAST DAY OF TERM 2
CASUAL DAY - GOLD COIN
DONATION

EARLY DISMISSAL

STUDENT FREE DAY
MONDAY 22ND JULY

Nature Play Landscaping Update

STEFAN GLOCKNER

WEST MINNISS GARDEN

As you are most probably aware, there are some interesting landscape works happening at McLaren Vale Primary School at the moment. As a Landscape Designer, I would like to share with you the ideas, concepts and meaning behind the current works taking place in the large open area, west of the Minniss building.

The design process started collaboratively, involving students, teachers, the Nature Play and Grounds Committee. The areas currently under construction will eventually link to the creative play area running down the western boundary.

The area can be best described around the theme of "story". The spaces serve as both informal and formal learning areas, as well as comfortable engaging social spaces.

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Nature Play Landscaping Update

STEFAN GLOCKNER CONTINUED.....



Story is integral to these spaces, as well as the way they are connected. There is a transition from a more natural landscape with bush plantings, to a more constructed landscape and wooden stage area where children can put on formal and informal performances and plays. Teachers will be able to use these spaces as outdoor classroom areas with moveable seating being an eventual feature.

The circular garden near the chess board is intended as a reflective play area where children are encouraged to create collaborative, ephemeral art within the circle space, again telling a story of sorts. The learning in this space may involve cooperation, collaboration and imagination in creating something unique and ever changing.



The design leaves lots of open space intentionally for the children to develop more ideas into the future. I have already heard children asking if I can include moveable tables for market stalls, a throne and coloured flags which are all fantastic ideas. Developing these ideas that fit within the concept will help the space evolve and change over time, giving the children a great sense of stewardship and belonging.

It is an absolute pleasure for me to work on this project and am always happy to talk with students, parents and teachers about the space and the ongoing works so come and have a chat anytime.

Banjo Frog Garden

BURDA SANDERS

The ATSI students are currently working on a project to create a Banjo Frog habitat in the space next to the bush tucker garden.

The Banjo Frog pole is part of the school's Yarning Trail.

They have done a great job of clearing the garden of unwanted plant species (non-native/non-local) and will soon be involved in re-vegetating the area with plants which will attract the Banjo Frog to the area.



Developing empathy

LEANNE LOVETT

HUTT ST CENTRE

WALK A MILE IN MY BOOTS

STEP UP FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S HOMELESS



EMPATHY IS THE ABILITY TO PUT YOURSELF IN THE SHOES OF SOMEONE ELSE AND UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE FEELING OR EXPERIENCING. EMPATHY IS DIFFERENT FROM SYMPATHY, WHICH IS WHEN YOU HAVE COMPASSION BUT DON'T NECESSARILY SHARE THEIR PERSPECTIVE OR EMOTIONS. HUMANS ARE ACTUALLY HARDWIRED TO BE EMPATHETIC BECAUSE WE CLOSELY ASSOCIATE THE PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES WITH OURSELVES.

WHY IS DEVELOPING EMPATHY IMPORTANT FOR CHILDREN?

In the early years of life, young children are naturally ego-centric and are very much inclined to think mostly about themselves and their immediate needs. They're not yet ready to consider the needs and feeling of others. But developing a sense of empathy is an important developmental process for young children, and one that can benefit them not only in childhood but well into adult life as well.

Building an understanding of what others are feeling, how their own actions impact on others, and why someone might be experiencing feelings at a particular time is a valuable life skill for children to possess.

Helping young children to develop a strong sense of empathy is beneficial because:

- it helps them to build a sense of security and stronger relationships with other children and educators, positioning them well for learning
- it encourages tolerance and acceptance of others
- it promotes good mental health
- it promotes social harmony and can reduce the likelihood of bullying

The benefits of empathetic thinking flow into adult life too. Empathetic adults may have:

- greater success personally and professionally
- higher levels of overall happiness
- a better ability to understand others, like customers or co-workers

EMPATHY AT MCLAREN VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

In every classroom this term there is a focus on EMPATHY. The children have been learning about and developing empathy through a focus on various projects and ideas. This year we have developed a partnership with the Hutt St Centre and are raising some much needed funds to support the people who are sleeping rough on and around the streets of Adelaide. Each class is organising a fundraiser for money for the Centre to use towards its programs, or for items that support the people and programs. You will hear about these in more detail from your child's class teacher.

CAN WE HELP CHILDREN DEVELOP EMPATHY?

PARENTS ARE CHILDREN'S FIRST AND MOST ENDURING TEACHERS, AND MODELLING EMPATHETIC BEHAVIOUR IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS PARENTS CAN TEACH THEIR CHILD THIS VALUABLE SKILL. HELPING YOUR CHILD TO NAME THEIR FEELINGS, AND UNDERSTANDING THEIR OWN FEELINGS IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN UNDERSTANDING THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS. TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT HOW OTHER PEOPLE MAY BE FEELING, AND WHY, HELPS TO BUILD THEIR EMOTIONAL LANGUAGE AND THINK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVES.

The Hutt St Centre have relocated their annual McLaren Vale "Walk a Mile in my Shoes" event to McLaren Vale Primary School! More information will come home soon about this event. We would love to see every child and family involved. It will be a great start to the day: a short walk, a 'feel good' donation and a yummy brekkie – all for a very worthwhile cause. Representatives from Hutt St Centre will be visiting the school to discuss the great work that they do and promote what all our hard work is providing. This will be a major event on the school calendar, all with a view of making our children more understanding citizens with great empathy for those less fortunate.

Hutt St Centre aims to end homelessness for every person who walks through our doors, with care and without judgement.

THERE IS A GROWING GROUP OF EDUCATORS, PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS FROM MCLAREN VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL, MADGE SEXTON KINDERGARTEN AND MCLAREN VALE OSHC WHO ARE DOING THE BIG 50KM WALK FROM MCLAREN VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL TO HUTT STREET ON THIS DAY TOO. EACH OF THESE BIG WALKERS HAVE A FUNDRAISING PAGE SET UP TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THIS GREAT CAUSE. IF YOU THINK THIS SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO BE A PART OF, PLEASE COME AND SEE SIMON LOVETT OR JESS SHAW AT SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO SUPPORT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS DOING THE BIG WALK GO TO [HTTP://EVERYDAYHERO.COM.AU/EVENT/WILLUNGAWANDERERS2019](http://everydayhero.com.au/event/willungawanderers2019)

Each year Hutt St Centre serves over 40,000 meals and offers social work and support services to nearly 2,000 people. Showers, laundry facilities, visiting health professionals, an aged city living program for older clients, recreational activities, training and employment programs, legal aid assistance with finding housing are all services provided to the 200 plus people challenged by homelessness who visit Hutt St Centre each day.

Peaceful Kids Program

ALISON ARTHURSON

'Peaceful Kids' is a Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children. The program gives children the skills, practice and support to utilise coping strategies that lessen the symptoms of anxiety and stress, and build emotional resilience. The sessions run for one hour a week for 8 weeks, in small groups of 4-6 children. Parents receive email communication following each session with ideas for supporting the program at home. Sessions include meditations, hands on activities and fun!

I am offering this program to local families for 2 groups next term after school at McLaren Vale Primary School for ages 6-7 years and 8-10 years. Days and times to be confirmed. Cost is \$160 for the 8 weeks, including all materials.

More information on the Peaceful Kids program: www.peacefulkids.com.au



Parent Information Session:

Wednesday 26th June at 2:15pm

McLaren Vale Primary School Library

Enquiries: alisonarthursonpeacefulkids@gmail.com

phone: 0414861891

Please contact me to register for the session or to arrange a different time to meet if you are unable to attend it.

Welcome Back

CLAIR PAVEY



MCLAREN VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL WELCOMES CLAIR PAVEY

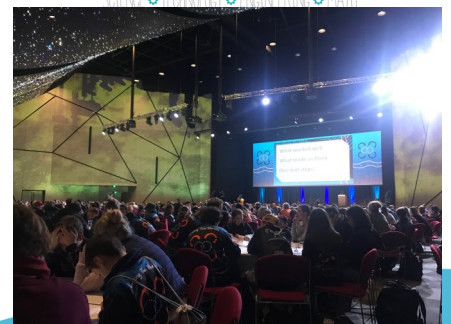
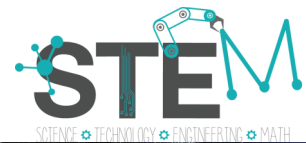
BACK FROM MATERNITY LEAVE.

CLAIR WILL BE WORKING IN THE FRONT OFFICE AND STUDENT SERVICES ON THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

STEM 500

DAVE CLEGGETT

On May 27th and 28th I was lucky enough to travel to the Adelaide Convention Centre with ACO Rebecca Roberts and student Jade Worsley. We took part in the ATSI STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning over the two days ranging from "can we colonise Mars" right through to "seed germination in the labs of the Botanical Gardens". Jade was able to select some of the courses we were part of and had a fantastic time learning about the opportunities students can have when learning STEM in school and how it will be incorporated into all future jobs. One of the key takeaway points from the whole day was how Aboriginal people were the first original inventors and how we can utilise STEM to help change our world for good.



State Netball Trials

GOVERNING COUNCIL APPROVED DATES

Our Governing Council has approved the following events, student free and school closure days:

- Student Free Day Monday 22nd July
- Sports Day 13th September
- Student Free Day Monday 14th October
- Twilight concert Thursday 28th November
- School Closure Friday 29th November



Our Student Free Days are dedicated to staff professional learning and our school closure is a day of local significance utilised on the day following our Twilight Concert.

State Netball Trials

12 AND UNDER STATE TEAM TRIALS

The 12 & Under State Team Netball Trials are coming up!

If you are interested please register using the link below.

To be eligible to nominate for trials children:

- Must be 12 years and under in the year of competition.
- Must be a minimum age of 10 years of age in the year of competition.
- Must be enrolled at an affiliated school.



Congratulations



Well done Chanel!

Chanel travelled to Port Lincoln over the long weekend to compete in her first gymnastics competition for the season. She had a great time and achieved some fantastic results! She competed in level 4 under 10s, placing 1st on bars, 1st on beam, 3rd on vault and 2nd place overall. Chanel is a part of the competition squad at Beyond Gymnastics.

Congratulations Mali & Abi

Mali and Abi travelled to Mildura for the 2019 Tri-State Basketball Carnival over the June long weekend.

The girls, and their Southern Tigers Under 14 team, fought hard and came away Grand Final winners.



OSHC News

NATALIE WELLS-OSHC DIRECTOR

Hi everyone. Hope everyone is keeping well and warm in this cold, wet weather. We've been busy in OSHC with a variety of activities happening. Some of the children made salsa to go with our crackers and cheese for afternoon tea. We had a pizza shop made with our large dominoes and time spent outside when the sun managed to come out!

Our vacation care program is now out and is in the OSHC room. We have lots of fun and exciting activities and excursions planned. If you need to book your children in, please drop in to OSHC and fill out a form.

Have a great week,

"kindness is spreading sunshine into other people's lives regardless of the weather".

Natalie Wells

OSHC Director



MAKING SALSA

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LEGO CREATIONS

Market Stalls

TEAM 53

Market Day Friday 28th June

- *Please remember to bring your money for the Year 6/7 Market Day on Friday 28th June.*
- *Lots of great arts and crafts ranging in price from 50c to \$2.00.*
- *All proceeds are going to the Hutt Street Centre.*



KOMBUCHA FOR SALE

Our kids are producing Kombucha; how clever! They are making a delicious organic black tea (from Nepal) and mandarin (from the garden) drink as a fundraiser for families to purchase. The cost is \$8:00/litre and orders can be taken in the kitchen. Catch up with Tamara Monday-Thursday if you would like to place an order.



ALMOST RIPE!

The good news is that the **quandongs** on the trees in the bush tucker garden are starting to ripen and the children will be using these in their cooking next term.

Kids, please leave them on the tree. We will let you know when they are ready for picking.

HELP! IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD CUTLERY AT HOME, KNIVES, FORKS AND SPOONS IN PARTICULAR, WE COULD REALLY MAKE GOOD USE OF THEM IN THE KITCHEN FOR OUR STUDENTS TO USE.

Community Notices



KAKADELL SOCCER CAMP

Looking to improve your kids soccer skills these school holidays?

The KakaDell Soccer Camp will take place over the July school holidays during the week days from 9:30 am till 3:30 pm. All training and games will be on the SRFC main pitch or in the clubrooms. Cost will be \$30 per day (less than \$5 per hour) At this stage KakaDell will only be running training sessions for players aged from 5 to 15 years old as the boys believe this is the perfect age to benefit from the Camp. All players will be required to bring a packed lunch, water and a soccer ball. Boots and shin pads are ideal but not compulsory



To book please Contact Kaka on 0420 236 784 or Email kjdsoccer90@gmail.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY

\$40 PER PERSON
U8 TO U18 WELCOME

MORPHETT VALE STADIUM

1:00PM - 4:00PM

SOUTHERN TIGERS DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

ACADEMY DATES TERM 3

29TH JULY TO 16TH SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4:00PM U12 & U14	4:00PM U8 & U10	4:00PM U8 & U10
4:45PM U16 & U18 COACH: SAM JOHNS SESSIONS NOW HELD AT WIRRIANDA HIGH	4:45PM U12 & U14 5:30PM U12 & U14 COACH: MATT CHAMBERS	COACH: SAM JOHNS

45 MINUTE SESSIONS **\$100 PER TERM** **8 WEEK TERM**

OTHER SESSIONS HELD AT SOUTHERN TIGERS BASKETBALL CLUB
CONTACT: SAM@SOUTHERNTIGERS.COM.AU

Room 18

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASS?



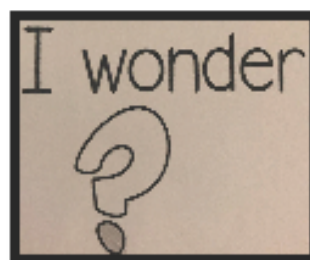
Our Unit on MONEY is proving to be quite fascinating. We have been learning how to make, add and subtract different amounts of money, work out change from imaginary transactions and problem solve with open-ended questions.

We have also done some research on how money is made and the different properties of the various notes and coins.

We felt like detectives when we used magnifying glasses to look closely at old and new \$5 notes.



We did a SEE THINK WONDER routine to help us explore new ideas, compare similarities and differences and pose questions.



FOR SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OUR MONEY WHY NOT VISIT THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT WEBSITE? <https://www.ramint.gov.au>

SOME STUDENT RESPONSES...

I SEE....fresh money, a girl, the word AUSTRALIA, the bit with the see through part and the bird will flap it's wings, the Australian flag, a branch with flowers, a picture of the queen, the number 5, a code, Queen Elizabeth 2nd, a feather, Emblem of Arms, Parliament House, a gold burning bird, a hummingbird, a code EN162055497, a gum tree, a big house, shades, patterns, see through part, grey and red spots, a secret message.....

I THINK....if you use the magnifying glass you will see lots of little writing, that it is pretty money, the patterns are fingerprints, this task is very interesting, the star is the Southern Cross, the building is in Canberra, the plant is wheat, the green stuff is basil, 20 x \$5 notes would make \$100, there are \$5 coins in some countries, this money is made out of plastic, the bird is a quail, there is a wattle tree, the building is the Queen's home, the building is for the Prime Minister, that the dots mean something.....

I WONDER....if there are a thousand words hidden on the \$5 note, what the money is made from, what the building is, why there is a three cornered star and a four cornered star, how old the girl is, what is the name of the building, why the building is on it, why the queen wears the same clothes on both the old and new notes, what 1000 x \$5 notes would make, what this code means BI160760502, how many \$5 notes there are in the world, what the stars are above the Parliament House, what year this \$5 note was made, who designed the note????????????????