



Morphett Vale Primary School NEWSLETTER

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STEM STUDENT AMBASSADORS

In the second week of the holidays, two of our year 7 students, Cameron and Beky represented our Partnership at a state-wide student STEM Ambassador Camp at Mylor Adventure Camp site. I joined them on Thursday and got the chance to see them engaged in some exciting activities. Some of the Program highlights included:

- Hands-on palaeontology workshops at Flinders University
- A visit to Lochiel Park Green Village to see sustainability STEM in action
- A tour of SAHMRI's state-of-the-art building and facilities
- Water quality testing onsite at Mylor, using nets to sample macro-invertebrates to gauge creek health
- Workshops on critical and scientific thinking, designed to build confidence in students' creative questioning and reasoning skills
- STEM focused games, trivia and movie nights
- A visit to the South Australian Museum to talk with two young researchers about their work, followed by critical thinking activities in the galleries
- A range of STEM sessions at UniSA, with a real focus on innovation and design-thinking
- Entomology lab sessions at the University of Adelaide, with the chance to see insect collections under the microscope

- A trip to the Waite campus for workshops in agricultural science

- A session focused on how to be a STEM Ambassador in your local community and share the STEM Explorer experience back home

What an amazing experience for these two students.

They are now charged with the challenge of setting up a STEM student group across our Partnership schools.



BEST WISHES

Bronny from our Pre-school is battling a serious illness and will be on sick leave for some time. We know that you will join us in sending her our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery. The staff and Preschool students miss her terribly.



WELCOME

This term we welcome to our staff Miss Chantelle Willis who is teaching our Receptions while Mrs Creeper is on Maternity leave.



We have two Pre-service teachers working with us for the first 4 weeks of term. Mr Jake Burfitt is with the Year 6/7 classes and Miss Abbie Staples is with Mrs Harriss' Year 1/2 class. We welcome all of these people to our school and hope they enjoy their time with us.

JO BOALER NUMERACY CONFERENCE

On Monday, 4 teachers and 4 students were fortunate to attend a conference with Stanford University Professor Jo Boaler, at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Year 7 student Faith, Year 5 students Daniel and Ryan and Year 3 student Lilly were our student representatives.

This is what they reported about the day:

New Learning –

1. There is no imaginary wall to stop us from learning in Math, We can take our learning as far as we want
2. Telling people they are smart can lead to them having a fixed Mind Set later on
3. Speed is not important
4. There is actually more activity happening in your brain when you get something wrong
5. Quiet students can have a lot of

hidden potential

6. Having a “try again” attitude in Maths takes your learning much further than being “Naturally Gifted”.

Highlights from the day –

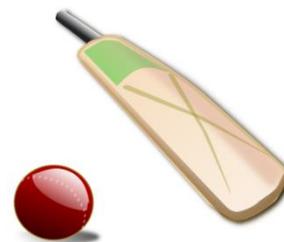
1. Creating a formula for an activity
 $T = (F+1)^2 + 2$
2. Seeing and meeting Jo Boaler.

What Challenged our thinking?

1. Visual Activities.
2. Jo Boaler's favourite tile pattern formula
3. Squares to stairs

GOOD NEWS

We have been successful in winning a \$2000 grant for Girl's Cricket. The money will be spent on coaching, equipment and starting up a competition in Term 4. We also have the opportunity to send someone to be accredited as a Level 1 coach. If you are interested, please leave your name at the front office.



PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS

There is a new process for accepting Preschool enrolments for next year. If you know of anyone hoping to enrol, please get them to contact the school a.s.a.p. This includes people using Occasional Care or with children already at our playgroup.

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 3

Wed Aug 9: Assembly 9:00am
Governing Council 6:30pm

Principal's Tour of the School

We will be having a tour of the school on Wednesday, 23rd August, 2017 at 9.30am.

If you know of anyone who wishes to be included please advise the Front Office



BREAKFAST CLUB

Hello everyone and welcome to our new staff and students! I hope to meet you all next week as I am on Conference this week.

Breakfast Club is back on this week and every Thursday morning from 8.15 am.

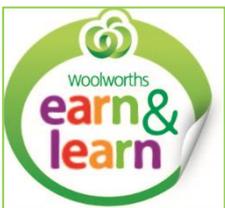
I hope to see you there.
Penny Davies, (Pastoral Care Worker)



My office is located at the rear of the Red Centre and my days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.
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BOOK CLUB

Book orders, with money to be back to the front office
by 4TH August.



Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

This year our school will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Stickers can be collected from Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent. When your sticker sheet is completely full, they can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school. Sticker sheets will also be available from the front office.

At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some great new equipment

START COLLECTING NOW

A pink and white advertisement for Southern Stars netball. It features stars and a dotted pattern. The text reads: 'Come play summer netball at Southern Stars', 'Players Wanted All Ages', 'Games at SUNA Morphett Vale during the week', 'Registrations close 27th July', and 'for more information visit www.ssnc.sa.netball.com.au'.

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HOW TO BECOME A POWERFUL LEADER

On July 4th 2017, Kayla, Jett, Natalie and Riley went to the Reynella Neighbourhood Centre with Mr King to learn about how to become a powerful leader. We had the wonderful Amanda Rishworth as our host. Four guest speakers explained how they are a leader in different ways. Chelsea Randall was a good role model and she explained examples from her childhood. She is now the co-captain of The Adelaide Crows in the Women's AFL. Alice Monfries (journalist), Shaun Hart (Power academy coach) and Derren Halleday (SES commander) also spoke. We had to work with Morphett Vale East Primary School on a little project. The project was to come up with different ways to fundraise for different causes such as the RSPCA, Water Wells and the Cancer Council. It was a very informative day. Natalie, Riley, Kayla and Jett



Kayla, Riley, Jett and Natalie enjoying the informative day



Alice Monfries



Amanda Rishworth and Chelsea Randall