From the Principal

This year we will continue integrating the Habits Of Mind into our everyday learning. The Habits of Mind are about giving our students the skills to know how to behave intelligently when they DON'T know the answer. It means having a disposition toward behaving intelligently when confronted with problems to which the answers are not immediately known. Each week we will focus on a different Habit Of Mind across the school. We have commenced the year focussing on the Finding Humour, Habit of Mind. This habit involves teaching our children the ability to laugh appropriately; to look for the whimsical, absurd, ironic and unexpected in life and to laugh at ourselves when we can. Please see all of the 16 Habits Of Mind that we will be developing in our students in the diagram below right.

The next Habit Of Mind that we will be focusing on is Questioning and problem solving.

Last year our staff began exploring a new way of teaching Literacy called the ‘The Daily 5’. We visited a school in Westbourne Park that uses this strategy.

The Daily 5™ is a framework for structuring literacy time so students develop lifelong habits of reading, writing, and working independently. How does it work?

Students select from five authentic reading and writing choices, working independently toward personalized goals, while the teacher meets individual needs through whole-group and small-group instruction, as well as one-on-one conferring. These choices include

- Read to Self,
- Work on Writing,
- Read to Someone,
- Listen to Reading, and
- Word Work.

Teachers tell us their Daily 5 classrooms produce productive, highly engaged students who are developing a true love of literacy.

The benefits of The Daily 5 for teachers and schools include the following:

- students develop independence, stamina, and accountability;
- less time consumed by classroom management leaves more for instruction;
- the framework adapts flawlessly to district-adopted curriculums and state mandates;
- improves school wide literacy achievement; and
- behaviours of independence transfer to other content areas.

You would have noticed that we have made changes to the furniture and layout of our classrooms to complement this new strategy. Come in and have a look!

Sonya Warren

Diary Dates

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At Moorook Primary School we value difference. Everyone has a place in our school community.

My favourite colour is: Pink  Green
My favourite subject is: Science  History
When I grow up I am going to become? Scientist  Park Ranger
If I could change my name it would be: Don't know  I like my name
What is your best trait: Friendly  Honest
What is something you are proud of: Science Work  Myself
My favourite food is: Lasagne  Tacos
My favourite sport to play is: Hide & Seek  Soccer
The best show on television is: Adventure Time  Little Lunch
The coolest person on earth is: Me!  Me!
My best subject in school is: Science  Handwriting
The thing I do most awesomely is: Science  Sing
If I could go anywhere, I would go to: North Pole  Qld
The last book I read was: The Sausage Spy  Horton Hears a Who
My favourite band/singer is: Don't know  Sam Smith
My favourite song is: -  You Don't Own Me
Three words that describe me are: Happy, excited, friendly  Funny, friendly, awesome
When I was little I used to: Run around house  Jump on my dad
The snack I could live on is: Lasagne  Chocolate
When I get stuck at something my positive self talk is: "I can do it"  "Don’t give up!"
If I had one wish it would be: To live with Santa  To be famous

Sometimes life can just get busy!

CUPPA & CHAT CATCH UP
Take some time and catch up with other parents...

You are welcome to join a "cuppa and chat’ time next Thursday morning 25th Feb after school drop off in the Playcentre. This time is not a normal Playcentre day where the focus is on the kids (they are still welcome to come along!) But this is about YOU!

Hope to see you there.
Students have been very excited to use our new classroom furniture, which includes bean bags, large cushions and a variety of alternative seating. The furniture was purchased to support our flexible learning environment which is a component of our Daily 5 literacy program. This program allows students more choice in how and where they learn, which in turn encourages them to become more accountable for their own learning.

As a part of our focus on using the Habits of Mind each week we will delve deeper into one habit to understand how we can use them in our everyday lives. Last week our focus habit was Finding Humour which encourages us to laugh a little and look at the funny side of things more often. Students were given the task of creating a funny picture using a photo of themselves. Some of the pictures were very creative and very funny!

Finding Humour

Jacquie Pankhurst
Don’t forget our Welcome Night and AGM next Tuesday 23rd February. Please RSVP by Monday 22/2.

Moorook Primary School Newsletter
Term 1, Week 3 - Thursday 18th February 2016

MOOROOK PLAYCENTRE

The Playcentre operates on Monday and Wednesday mornings 9-11am for 0-4 year olds. Come along for some fun and learning through play.

Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcomed at Moorook Primary, whether it be helping the parent group with their activities throughout the year or assisting classroom teachers by listening to students read. Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at our school to support their child’s learning. To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its Relevant History Screening policy and procedures. As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child or their child’s class, will no longer require a Relevant History Screening. A screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students. As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at our school. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming week or sports day. If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please contact the school. Thank you.

FRESH EGGS FOR SALE

Our chickens have been busy laying, and eggs are available for purchase for $3 per dozen. Please see Chris, Brigit or Jacey for payment, thank you.
Wednesday March 17th
5.30pm-7.00pm
Berri Hotel- Riverview Lounge

Destination Riverland invites you to the first ever Riverland Events Forum. If you are an event co-ordinator planning to hold an event now or in the future then we invite you.

Find out about the new Riverland Event Management System, network with other event organisers, and hear from South Australian Tourism Commission staff about funding opportunities and the best ways to promote your event using SATC networks.

Please RSVP to pa@destinationriverland.org.au or call 8580 8514 for more information.

Keep your kids smiling

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.

Please call now for an appointment.
Loxton School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8584 7014

Foster Carer Information Day

Have you ever thought about becoming a foster carer?

Learn about the different types of care that might be right for you.
Find out what is involved in being a foster carer.

www.ac-care.org.au
8592 2344 | care@ac-care.org.au

LOXTON NETBALL CLUB
Registration Night
Tuesday, 16th February 6-7pm
Preseason fitness training
Tuesday, February 16th, 7-8pm
Tuesday, 23rd, 7-8pm

For players trialling for A1&2, 17A, and 15A, attendance is expected, however, all intending players are welcome.

Team trials
17s/15s: Monday, Feb 29th, March 7th
Tuesday 15th March 5.30-7pm
A1/A2: Tuesday, March 1st & 8th, 7-8:30pm
Other senior grades: Tuesday, March 15th & 22nd 7-8:30pm

All at the Loxton Rec Centre
Enquiries or apologies
Kathy 0429 388 938

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