Growth Mindset

Growth Mindset is the major factor in determining the success of a learner. Growth Mindset says that with a positive attitude and hard work, anyone can learn. Someone with a Growth Mindset sees feedback as an opportunity for learning and improvement whereas someone with a Fixed Mindset sees feedback as criticism. A Growth Mindset sees FAILure as First Attempts In Learning and mistakes as important steps in learning. A Fixed Mindset sees mistakes as something to be ashamed of and to hide from. Failure is being a failure. We learn more from mistakes and rarely from success. The best and most satisfying successes and achievements are those that we have really struggled with.

When staff meet in weekly meetings they now share what they have been struggling with and what they have learnt from it. We celebrate the mistakes that have enabled learning and we learn from other’s struggles. We are teaching children the same, that mistakes are an essential part of learning, so take risks, have a go and grow.

Albert Einstein said, “Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.” Thomas Watson wrote, “Would you like me to give you a formula for success? It’s quite simple, really. Double your rate of failure.”

In a previous editorial I wrote of the Learning Pit. Learning anything new requires us to step into the unknown. It will probably mean that we will feel challenged and uncomfortable.

Feeling uncomfortable is OK. Too often we want a quick fix, someone to help us because we do not like feeling the discomfort of not knowing or not being able to do something. How quickly will a child respond, “I don’t know” to a question. Too often we rescue children from a struggle. By not letting them struggle, we inadvertently rob them of a learning opportunity.

Teachers are now doing their best to “Wait until eight”, that is, ask a question and then to wait for at least 8 seconds for the child to think and to problem solve. “I don’t know” often means “I’m not thinking. Just tell me the answer or ask someone else.” “I don’t know” is not an acceptable response.

It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed. Theodore Roosevelt

People who fear failing will often hold themselves back from trying new things. Children who are perfectionists or who have always found learning easy can become risk averse and develop a Closed Mindset.

Feedback helps us grow. We have been and still are on a long journey to build a school culture of self managed, self controlled, self motivated and self directed students who will thrive on challenge.

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DIARY DATES

Friday 3/7 2:00pm dismissal – Last day of Term 2
Monday 20/7 First day of Term 3

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We are doing this through using Play Is The Way philosophy, built on developing values of Friendliness, Good Manners, Courage, Compassion, Persistence, Resilience and Tolerance, using reflective questioning, teaching personal and social capabilities through morning games and the Life Raft. Feedback from visitors, relief teachers and others have commented on how calm and productive the school is and how polite, positive and well mannered the students are.

Last week the entire teaching staff of Long Street Primary School, Whyalla, visited Hackham East Primary to view and experience our school culture and specifically how the Play Is The Way (PITW) program has impacted this. (About 5 years ago, our staff had a similar visit to Tapping Primary School, WA.)

The teachers moved throughout the school and saw students and teachers in normal learning activities. They heard, saw and experienced our positive school culture on a normal day.

Two teachers sent us this:

"Just wanted to say a BIG thank you once again about having us at your school on Friday. All staff have found it extremely valuable and have been positive about the experience, some already implementing ideas from the day. You should be really proud of your staff…"

And we are! The whole school community should be proud of our staff and our students.

At home, to help build a Growth Mindset try:

- Talking about mistakes that you made and what you learnt from them
- Asking your child what challenging or hard thing they did today and what did they do to overcome it
- Saying “yet” after your child says that they cannot do something – “I can't tie my shoelaces…yet”
- Check your own language. “I’m no good at maths…yet”
- Give feedback to learn from. Rather than saying “That’s good.” Comment on the effort and thought that your child has put into the task.

We cannot overemphasise how important a Growth Mindset is to success and will continue to work with the whole school community on how this can be developed.

Bob Thiele
Principal

SCHOOL WATCH

Can neighbours and community members please watch the school carefully for any sign of trespassers, vandals or anyone acting suspiciously in or around the school grounds over the holidays.

Please call Police Patrols on 131444.
Thank you for caring for our school.
Bob Thiele
Principal

Hackham East Primary School OSHC
Holiday Program for students aged 5 - 12 years

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- Activities are subject to change or cancellation (eg weather, low numbers). Afternoon Tea is provided.
- Please bring a healthy recess and lunch each day.
- For bookings or enquiries, contact Jacky on 0499 228 039 or oshc.director286@schools.sa.edu.au
- Notification of cancellations must be given at least 48 hours before the booked day so as not to incur a fee.

Jacky Smith, OSHC Director
Reminder
School Finishes at 2:00pm, Friday 3 July 2015
Please ensure you are on time to pick up your child/children as staff have end of term duties to attend to which may need them to be away from the Front Office. OSHC is available, please contact Jacky Smith to make a booking.

Retirement - Lindon Alvey
We would like to thank and acknowledge Lindon Alvey for his contribution to the school this year. Lindon retired two weeks ago. He made a huge impact on students, staff and parents through his care, compassion and friendliness. We wish him the very best for his health and happiness in his retirement.

Bob Thiele
Principal

Message From Julia Osborn
Wishing parents/caregivers, students and staff a happy and safe holiday period. I look forward to seeing you next term. Please drop in for a chat or coffee. You can find me in the Parent Room, Easton Unit (second door) on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm.

Julia Osborn
Pastoral Care Worker

CONGRATULATIONS
The following students have been accepted into the Ignite Program at Aberfoyle High School: Paris, David, Kyra and Blaed. We wish them success as they continue their learning at secondary school.

Bob Thiele
Principal

Lost Property
Please check lost property boxes located in each teaching unit for any items that belong to your child/children.
It is recommended that all items of clothing be clearly marked with your child’s name so that they can be returned.

Change of Clothing
If your child required a change of clothing during the Term please ensure all items have been/are washed and returned by Friday 3/7. We are very short on many items.
If you have any items of school dress code clothing in good condition that you no longer need eg trackpants, shorts, tops please consider donating them to the school. Donations can be left at the Front Office.

Head Lice
During the school holiday period please regularly check your child’s hair and treat if there are signs of head lice. With your help we can reduce the incidence of head lice at our school.

2015/2016 Entertainment Book
Hurry, selling fast…. Only $65.00 for $20,000 worth of value plus $13.00 from every sales goes towards Hackham East Primary School fundraising. Great value for the school holidays with over 2000 offers for restaurants, cafes, movies, attractions, sporting events, travel, shopping, accommodation, car hire and much more. All offers are 2 for 1 or up to 50% off and are valid until 1 June 2016.
See Tracy Rowley, Front Office, to buy your book(s) or simply go online www.entertainmentbook.com.au to purchase your digital membership.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL BANKING
An intergalactic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes. Prizes include:
75 x ipad minis Wi-Fi 16GB
125 x Beats by Dr Dre Solo Headphones
200 x $30.00 Booktopia Gift Certificates
To activate the Prize Portal, students simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 to automatically be entered into the competition.

Win Books for your School Library
We are also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 sets of children’s books valued at $200.00.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday period
Thank You to the volunteers who have assisted in the Canteen this Term to provide recess and lunch to our students and staff and to assist with catering for functions. Your help is very much appreciated.

Volunteers are always welcome. If you have any time during the week to assist in the Canteen please speak with Coralie Goodman, Canteen Manager.

The Canteen also caters for functions held at our school. If you are available to assist or interested to be available for these events please speak with Coralie Goodman, Canteen Manager.

The valuable help by our volunteers ensures the Canteen can provide a wide variety of healthy food for our students and staff.

Thank you for supporting the Canteen.

### Personal Support Program
The Personal Support Program is designed to engage and support individuals who have been out of the workforce for a long time or who have never studied or had a job.

For more information Ph Gordon Russell 0478707963 - Hackham West Community Centre.

### Pregnancy 2 Parenting In The South
For pregnant and parenting women, 20yrs and under and their partner or support people. Held at 50A Beach Rd, Christies Beach on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month from 11:30am-1:30pm. Free lunch. For more information Ph Stephanie or Jo 83266053. Bring your orange Pregnancy Record.

### Noarlunga Library
Various events to be held during the holidays including Robogals Dance Workshop on 15/7 - program robots to do a dance routine, Make a Robot on 17/7 and Bedtime ToddlerTime on 16/7. Ph 83840655 for more information or to make a booking.

### Journey to Recovery
An 8 week course designed to help people living with mental illness and their support person to move forward and manage their mental health more effectively. Starts on Thursday 2/7 from 2:00-4:30pm, MIFSA, 5 Cooke Tce, Wayville. Ph 83784100 for more information or to book.

### Grasshopper Soccer
A non competitive soccer program for all students aged 2-12yrs to start or continue developing skills in soccer. The program runs during the school Term at McLaren Vale (Friday), Reynella East (Saturday) and Seaford Rise (Sunday). Ph Daniel 0433422347 or visit www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au for more information.

### Jennifer Marshall School of Dance
Classes for Recreation Dance, examinations or competitive dance in Jazz Ballet, Classical Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop and Contemporary held in Aberfoyle Park, Seaford, Christies Beach & Clovelly Park. Ph Jennifer 8344491 or 0413010835 for more information.

### Women Are Strong
Do you sometimes feel like you are walking on eggshells? Are you confused by your partner or ex-partner’s behaviour towards you, and think it might be abusive? Do you feel alone, or uncertain what to do? Join us in an 8 week support group for women starting on Friday 21/7 from 10:00am-12:30pm. For more information or to register Ph 81868900 or 83014200.

### Circle of Security
A group for parents who would like to explore and further develop their relationship with their child. An 8 week course each Tuesday from 28/7-1/9 from 1:00-3:00pm at O’Sullivan Beach Children’s Centre, 51A Galloway Rd, O’Sullivan Beach. Free. Ph Leanne or Mandy 83822850. Bookings essential.

### Be Kind & Unwind
Personal wellbeing held on Monday 6/7 from 9:30am-2:30pm at Noarlunga GP Plus Super Clinic, Alexander Kelly Dr, Noarlunga Centre. Morning tea and lunch provided. Ph Alison or Leanne 81868900 to register.

### Developing Respect & Responsibility with Children & Teenagers
An information evening for parents, grandparents, carers, teachers, health professionals and students to find ways you can initiate changes, including the development of more positive relationships, based on respect, enabling you to set boundaries that will foster responsibility, resulting in a positive, far reaching, snow-ball effect, on home and school life. Held at Mt Barker Community Library, 5 Dumas St, Mt Barker from 7:00-9:30pm on Wednesday 1/7. Cost: Double $15.00, Single $10.00 & Concession gold coin.

### Home Among the Gumtrees
An interactive live performance for children aged 5-12yrs. A musical performance featuring bush instruments plus humorous poems and sketches. Held on Tuesday 14/7 at 11:00am at Goodwood Institute Theatre. For more information email cjspark@internode.on.net.

### Art Explosion
FREE program exploring various creative and splattering techniques. Please wear old clothing as it will get messy. Held on Wednesday 8/7 from 3:00-4:30pm for 8-18yr olds at Onkaparinga Youth-Reynella, 10 Main South Rd, Reynella. Ph 83875577 to register or for more information.

### Taste Teaser
Take part in cooking some delicious delights and learning new skills in the kitchen. FREE. Held on Tuesday 7/7 from 3:00-4:30 for 8-18yr olds at Onkaparinga Youth-Reynella, 10 Main South Rd, Reynella. Ph 83875577 to register or for more information.

### Come “N’ Try Handball
Handball is a fun, fast paced sport which is gaining popularity in Australia and all over the world. Held on Wednesday 15/7 from 1:00-2:30pm for 8-18yr olds at Noarlunga Leisure Centre, David Witton Dr, Noarlunga Centre. FREE. Ph 81865133 to register, places limited.

### Bedwetting
The Bedwetting Institute have designed an effective program that addresses the causes of bedwetting and offers a practical and achievable method of curing the problem. For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet visit www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300135769 (12:00noon to 6:00pm).

### Creative Nungas
A drop-in workshop with an opportunity to get creative, try new skills and make some noise about the things that matter. Creative Nungas will have the option to explore performance making or creating podcasts. Held every Wednesday from 3:30-5:30pm at Southern Youth Exchange, Resource Room, 13 McKinna Rd, Christie Downs. FREE. For 14-18yr olds.

Flyers with further information relating to the above events are available either on display at the front of the School or at the Front Office.