Choosing to Learn – A Mindset Approach

Something that I have been pondering and discussing with staff and students that I work with of late is, what does it look like when students make the conscious choice to learn. From seeing students in action, I have come to the conclusion that:

“The choice to learn means choosing the discomfort of the unfamiliar and the ‘not yet’.”

Signs that you might see at Hackham East that your children are active in the planning and collaborate in their learning include - working with teachers to design tests around what they need to understand. This creates an opportunity for students to really grasp what is expected of them and open the door to greater knowledge of the curriculum content.

This example sees children grabbing their own learning by the horns and taking it in a direction to truly test what they do not know. The example can further be built upon by providing answers and flipping the task by having children create questions, aiding students in valuing the art of open-ended questioning.

Child-led feedback is another example, where our children are presented with a series of written tasks and are asked to assess and place them in order of achievement according to comments, creating understanding of what is required and also thinking deeply about the criteria.

We need to do this because:

“Kids who only know Comfort are Unlikely to choose Real Learning”

This is not a new concept and many sites that I work at are stating that the children who attend lack resilience, that they do not want to think and only want to be told the correct answers.

To battle this, both teachers and parents must work together in improving our own questioning skills.

When responding to your child’s question, ask:

- “What do you mean by that?”
- “Why are you asking that?”
- “What do you want to know?”

Build into the reflection a chance to ask children what they believe they need to do next OR what is it that you need to do to push them further or help them understand?

At Hackham East Primary, we are driving the process of flipping your child’s classroom to empower them to make the choice to learn and be involved in enjoying the discomfort and excitement of the unknown!

Michael Koutsoukos
Coordinator Primary Australian Curriculum/
Numeracy Coordinator

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RECONCILIATION DAY
On Thursday 4/6 we celebrated Reconciliation Day. Uncle Moogey was the leader and elder for the Talkinjeri dance group from the Ngarrindjeri people who came to visit our school.

My favourite thing about the day was the smoking ceremony and having to walk through the smoke as we entered the Penney Space. The smoking ceremony was done to cleanse away any negative energy so we could start the day in a positive way.

Tahlia and I enjoyed learning and presenting the Acknowledgement to Country in Kaurna language, in front of our whole school and audience. Learning new words and language is educational and it felt special to use Kaurna language for the very first time.

We spent the day helping to host Uncle Moogey and his family. They ran different activities like dancing, spear throwing and sharing different stories about culture and creation.

Next year we hope to run another successful Reconciliation event but this time include activities to be run across a whole week and finish with a special assembly. We could possibly invite students from other schools as well to share the day with us.

By Tahlia Wanganeen & Latysha Jackson

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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.

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**SCHOOL APP**

To enhance communication between school and home we have introduced an app called Skoolbag which is used by many schools around Australia.

This app will allow us to "push" all newsletters, notes, etc directly to parents and caregivers on their phones, tablets and computers. Parents/caregivers can use the app to notify the school if their child/children is absent.

We hope that all parents/caregivers can download and use the app. Please tell other members of the school community. Please follow the instructions on this link:


*Bob Thiele*
*Principal*

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**BOOK FAIR**

The first Book Fair for 2015 was a great success. Sales totalled $1001.00. A percentage of sales will be used by the Library to purchase new books for the school.

Thank you to parents, caregivers, students and staff for your support.

The next Book Fair will be held in November just in time to purchase items for Christmas.

*Deb Scarff, Library SSO*

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**STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION**

If your child/children have a medical condition a medical plan needs to be completed and given to staff at the Front Office.

Medical plans for updating have been sent home to families this week. Please complete the form, have your family GP authorise it, if the form states, and return to the Front Office as soon as possible.

Medical plans can also be obtained from your local GP. Please see Lee at the Front Office if you need assistance.

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**ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 19/6**

Parents/Caregivers and family members are invited to attend the school assembly on **Friday 19/6 at 9:00am** in the Penney Unit. After the assembly you are invited to stay for morning tea in the Conference Room. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Scott Megson*
*School Counsellor*

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**INFORMATION SESSION**

If you are a Grandparent with the primary care of your grandchild you are invited to an Information Session and morning tea by the Noarlunga Service Centre.

The Department of Human Services is holding an Information Session to provide you with information about Centrelink’s Grandparent Adviser and a number of payments and services that may be of interest to you.

Held on **Wednesday 22/7** from 10:30-11:30am at Jimmy Deane’s Function Centre, 1 Lovelock Drive, Noarlunga Downs. RSVP 1800245965 (Freecall) or email foster.care.sa@humanservices.gov.au

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**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.

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**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.

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**SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE**

The School Dental Service is a **Child Dental Benefits Schedule** provider. All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend.

**Dental care is FREE for most children.** Children who do not qualify for the **Child Dental Benefits Schedule** can also attend – a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the **Child Dental Benefits Schedule**, visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)
**CANTENE NEWS**

**Sausage Sizzle** - Order forms will be sent home soon for a Sausage Sizzle on the last day of Term 2, Friday 3/7. Students can still order lunch from the normal menu on this day.

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, staff and visitors.

*Thank you for supporting the Canteen.*

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- **Defib U** A fundraising event to help acquire defibrillators for schools and sporting venues, whilst working towards making them mandatory in SA. Screening of Magic Mike at Wallis Cinemas, David Witton Dr, Noarlunga Centre on Friday 3/7 from 6:15pm. Raffles, Door Prizes, Lucky Square & Pre Order and Pre Paid Food available via Facebook or email. Tickets $20.00 each or group of 10 for $180.00. Email kyliebaker71@gmail.com or Facebook Defib U.

- **Back to School Quiz Night** Held on Friday 26/6 from 6:30-10:30pm at Freemasons Grand Hall, 254 North Tce, Adelaide. Cost $25.00 per person or table of 10 $225.00. This event is to support the Smith Family Children’s Charity. Email saevents@thesmithfamily.com.au for more information or to book.

- **Hairspray Jr Auditions** Youth aged 10-14yrs can audition for our latest production, Hairspray Jrn. We are looking for boys and girls to audition for main roles and the chorus. Rehearsals held on Sunday during Term 3. For more information Ph Shane Davidson 0411121960 or email shanedavidson@internode.on.net for more information.

- **Managing Children’s Behaviour** A workshop for parents of children aged 2-10yrs that looks at teaching children how to express their needs, feelings and desires in a healthy way. Focuses on how parents/carers can use discipline effectively, without compromising a child’s need for attention, affection or lowering their self esteem. Held at Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre, 175 Bains Rd, Morphett Vale on Monday 6/7 from 6:30-9:30pm. Golder coin donation. Ph 81868900 to book or for more information.

- **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. More information Ph Gordon Russell 0478707963 - Hackham West Community Centre.

- **Madhavi Nawana Parker Behaviour Consultant** Madhavi is a behaviour consultant who offers sessions for parents that encourages cooperative behaviour and social and emotional skills in young people. Held at O’Sullivan Beach Children’s Centre, 51a Galloway Rd, O’Sullivan Beach on Wednesday 24/6 from 6:00-7:30pm and Wednesday 1/7 from 1:00-2:30pm. Ph 83822850 to register.

- **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.

- **California Dreaming** The music of the Mamas and the Papas at Hopgood Theatre, Noarlunga on Friday 26/6 at 8:00pm. Ph 70094400 or visit www.hopgoodtheatre.com.au to book your ticket.

- **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.

- **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 cjsplash@internode.on.net.

- **Gourmet Relationships** A fun, food themed one day workshop run by AnglicareSA for couples who want to strengthen, enhance and revitalise their relationship. Held on Saturday 20/6 from 10:00-3:30pm at Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre, 175 Bains Rd, Morphett Vale. Ph 81868900 to register.

- **Naidoc March & Family Fun Day** Gather at 126 Beach Rd (behind Clark Rubber (carpark), the march proceeds down to Rotary Park where celebrations will take place. Held on Thursday 2/7. Meet at 10:00am, march commences at 10:30am and the event will finish at 2:00pm. Free BBQ. Entertainment & Activities for children.

- **Art Exhibition** Christie's Beach High School & Aldinga Beach R-7 School are holding an art exhibition, Cover Your World, on Saturday 27/6 from 9:00am-5:00pm at Aldinga Beach Shopping Centre, Pridham Blvd, Aldinga Beach. Winners announced at 1:00pm.

- **Fundraising Event of Behalf of Canteen** To be held on Saturday 27/6 at AMF Noarlunga Bowling Centre, David Witten Dr, Noarlunga from 6:30pm. 2 games bowling and shoe hire only $20.00pp. A fun night with lots of giveaway prizes. Purchase tickets online at http://www.trybooking.com/139281

- **To Tell Another's Story** Australian Refugee Association presents a Portrait Exhibition encapsulating themes of multiculturalism, human rights, cultural diversity and anti-racism. Held on Friday 3/7 from 5:30-7:30pm at Bradley Forum, UniSA City West Campus. Book your free ticket at http://www.trybooking.com/HXTV or email cysquare@ausref.net.

- **ARA 40th Anniversary Oration** Celebrate Refugee Week on Friday 19/6 from 6:30pm at Allan Scott Auditorium, UniSA City West Campus, Hawke Building (ground floor), 55 North Tce, Adelaide. Keynote Speaker Dr Tim Southphommasane, Australia’s Race Discrimination Commissioner, an advocate for a fairer Australia. To book visit www.unisa.edu.au/refugee-week-oration.

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**CROSSING MONITORS**

**Term 2, Week 9 (22/6-26/6)**

**Morning:**  Shayarn Bodsworth  
Mik Meaday  
Tahlia Wanganeeen

**Afternoon:**  Jeremy Valiente  
Zach Kenny  
Calem Lord

**Term 2, Week 10 (29/6-3/7)**

**Morning:**  Brayden Greaves  
Seb Brook  
Blake Chambers

**Afternoon:**  Jasmin Martin  
Harry Farmer  
Dakota Bravery

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**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.**