What is Play Is The Way?

Regularly I am asked by parents/caregivers 'What is Play is The Way?'

PLAY IS THE WAY is a games based methodology for teaching social and emotional learning. PLAY IS THE WAY uses guided play, classroom activities and an empowering language. It is a methodology that we use at Hackham East Primary to develop, improve and entrench the personal and social capabilities of students. Our aim is for the students at Hackham East Primary to become self-motivated, self regulated learners in charge of their own learning and behaviour.

There are three parts to the methodology:

1. A program of physically interactive games that students play regularly each and every week.

   Every Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning each class takes part in the whole school Play Is The Way games. The purpose of the games is to help students develop patterns of behaviour that are socially accepted. Every game has a focused learning objective. They help students to respond appropriately to the thrill of success and the disappointment of failure. They assist students in controlling impulsive behaviour. The games also assist students to strengthen their skills of teamwork and cooperation through working together as a class for a common outcome. The challenge for the teachers, SSOs and students is to relate the learning from the games back to challenges in the classroom, out at recess and lunch and in the home environment.

2. A simple and effective "reflective language" that helps children to master their own behaviour.

   The simple and reflective language is based around asking questions rather than telling. Six basic questions that teachers use in the classroom that parents can use at home are...
   
   - Is that the right or wrong thing to do?
   - Are you having a strong or weak moment?
   - Are your feelings in charge of your actions or is your thinking in charge?
   - Are you running away from the problem or are you dealing with it?
   - Are you being your own boss or are you inviting me to be your boss?
   - Am I trying to help you or hurt you?

   By simply asking a question, allows the student to do the thinking rather than the teacher, SSO or parent. You don’t need to use one of the questions above, just ask a question, followed by another question and so on. It allows the student to do all the thinking and to reflect on how their behaviours or actions may be affecting themself or someone else.

3. Five key concepts that when understood and are embedded, help to guide and direct the way students live and learn. These key concepts are known as Life Rafts.

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**What is Play Is The Way continued**

The 5 key concepts are...

- Have reasons for the things you see and do
- Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with
- Treat others as you would like them to treat you
- It takes great strength to be sensible
- Be brave – participate to progress

The Life Raft lessons are explicitly taught each week.

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**BOOKS FOR VANUATU**

If you have any children’s books in good condition that you no longer need, please consider donating them to children of Vanuatu who are recovering from the devastation of Cyclone Pam earlier this year. Books can be left at the Front Office or The Parent Room (Easton Unit) from now until Friday 25/9. Thank you for your support and generosity.

*Julia Osborn*
Pastoral Care Worker

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**SINGLE SEX GIRLS’ PROGRAM**

The Stillwell Unit Single Gender Program is in full swing this term and the girls from Mrs Hepworth’s, Mr Ratcliff’s, Mrs Dealtry & Mrs Thiele’s and Mr Grieve’s classes are engaged in making iMovie trailers about the benefits and purpose of the Girls’ Program. They make the most of these Tuesday afternoon sessions and are full of ideas about what they want to get out of the program. Their enthusiasm is infectious and the way they work together to achieve their task has been impressive.

Girls’ health and body image have already been on the agenda and in upcoming sessions we will be discussing social media and proactive approaches to dealing with bullying and harassment.

*Fiona Dealtry*
Yr 3/4 Teacher
Stillwell Unit

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**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2015**

Master School Portraits will be at our school on Friday 28/8 to take photographs of the children. Please note that all children will be photographed individually and in their class photo, irrespective of whether photos are to be purchased.

**Points to remember are:**

- **Online payment is available.** The range of options available online has increased. As well as the option to download a Low Resolution image for a Smart-phone, also available for purchase is a High Resolution Digital Download of your child’s image.
- Family/Sibling packages can also be ordered online.
- Two new packs are available in High Resolution.
- MSP now offers 10% discount for all family orders above $90.00 per family.
- If you pay by cash, cheque, credit card or money order, money is to be sent in the envelope ON THE DAY OF THE PHOTOGRAPH via your child’s class teacher. Do not send money to school before Friday 28/8. Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
- If there are two or more students in one family attending the school, payment can be made in the one envelope but each student must still submit a completed prepaid envelope to the photographer.
- Envelopes are to be kept separate. Only payments are to be placed in envelopes, not messages or other children’s envelopes.
- Please print details required clearly on the front of the pre-paid envelope, including a short note if payment is included in another student’s envelope.
- Family photograph envelopes may be collected from the office. If a family photograph is not requested none will be taken. Payment is made on the day, Friday 28/8. No family envelopes are to be handed into the office. NO ENVELOPE, NO FAMILY PHOTO.
- No orders will be accepted at school after the photography day. Contact MSP on 83913951.
- For a really great photo make sure your child is neat and tidy and must be in school dress code.

*Lee Clements - Front Office*
Student Free Day
Thursday 10 September 2015
Staff will be undertaking Professional Development

School Closure Day - Royal Adelaide Show
Friday 11 September 2015

OSHC will be available on both days. On Friday 11 September OSHC will be having its own Show Day with lots of fun and activities.
Please contact Jacky Smith (0499338039) to make a booking for your child/children.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
A reminder to all students that the Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes on Friday 4 September 2015. All completed record sheet(s) need to be returned to your class teacher or Deb Scarff in the Library either before or on this date.
We trust you have enjoyed your reading experiences while participating in this event.
Debbie Scarff
Library SSO

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 4/9
Parents/Caregivers and family members are invited to attend the school assembly on Friday 4/9 at 9:00am in the Penney Unit. After the assembly you are invited to stay for Morning Tea in the Conference Room. The assembly will be held a week earlier than normal as the Friday of Week 8 is a school closure day.
We look forward to seeing you there.
Scott Megson
School Counsellor

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Thank you to the parents, caregivers, students and staff who have been collecting stickers.
The promotion runs until Tuesday 8 September 2015. Remember to collect your sticker(s) when spending $10.00 or more while shopping at Woolworths.
There is a box located in the Library, near the borrowing desk where completed sheets can be placed or they can be given to staff in the Library.
Thank you for your support.
Debbie Scarff
Library SSO

FATHER’S DAY STALL
The Fundraising Committee will be holding a Father’s Day Stall on Thursday 3/9 from 8:30am - 9:00am in the Library for parents/caregivers to purchase items. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift when they visit with their class during the morning.
Thank you for your support.
Fundraising Committee

HEPS VACATION CARE PROGRAM
The following program will be available during the September/October school holiday period.

Monday 28/9 Mythbusters Day
Tuesday 29/9 Excursion, Old Tailem Bend
Wednesday 30/9 Incursion, Learn to Dance & Disco
Thursday 1/10 Excursion, Polly’s Pirate Pantomime
Friday 2/10 Teddy Bears Picnic at OSHC

Monday 5/10 Public Holiday
Tuesday 6/10 Experimental Painting/Art
Wednesday 7/10 Excursion, Team Trampoline
Thursday 8/10 The Great OSHC Spelling Bee
Friday 9/10 Games Day

Activities are subject to change or cancellation. Afternoon tea is provided. Please bring a healthy recess and lunch each day, unless otherwise specified.

For bookings and enquiries, contact Jacky Smith on 0499338039 or email oshc.director286@schools.sa.edu.au.

Bob Thiele
Principal

FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Raffle books have been sent home to each family. Each ticket costs $1.00. If you require more books please see staff at the Front Office. All books and money are to be returned by Tuesday 1/9.
The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 3/9.
Thank you for supporting this fundraising event.
Fundraising Committee

INFLUENZA
We have had one confirmed case of Influenza. If diagnosed with the flu, please keep sick children at home until they are completely recovered, so they do not pass illness onto their peers.
It is not too late for children to have a flu injection as we are yet to see the peak of the influenza season.
Please remind students that good cough, sneeze and hand hygiene are important in preventing the spread of flu.

Wash, wipe, cover, don’t infect another.

Bob Thiele
Principal
Thank you for supporting the Canteen.

Food available may include Croissants, Voulevants, French Horns, Eclairs and French Fries.

Prices will range from $0.50 to $2.00 per item.

Any assistance in the Canteen is appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Saturday Play Space** The Children’s Centre at 51a Galloway Rd, O’Sullivan Beach is open on Saturdays for families with children aged from birth to 8yrs to come along and enjoy a supported play space together. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Ph Mandy or Leanne on 83822850 or 0458146334 for more information.
- **Who’s In Charge** An 8 session course for those struggling with children or adolescents that use violence and abuse towards them and other family members. Held each Tuesday from 10:00am-12:00noon commencing 1/9-3/11 at Junction Australia, Mulberry Court, U2, 100 Dyson Rd, Christie Downs. Morning tea provided. Ph 83847877 to register or for more information.
- **Family & Carer Program** Education sessions for family and friends of those living with mental illness. Gain knowledge about mental illness, treatment and recovery. Held on Tuesday 1/9 from 6:00-9:00pm at MIFSA Panangga, 64 Elgin Ave, Christies Beach. Bookings essential. Ph 83744100.
- **Drugs, Alcohol & Mental Illness Program** Education sessions for family and friends of those living with mental illness. A 4 week course starting on Thursday 3/9 from 6:00-9:00pm at MIFSA Conference Room, 5 Cooke Tce, Wayville. Ph 83784100 for more information.
- **Living With Anxiety** What it is and how to manage. Forum held on Wednesday 2/9 from 11:00am-12:30pm at MIFSA Panangga, 64 Elgin Ave, Christies Beach. FREE. Ph 83825588 to book or for more information.
- **Help Improve Our Health System** We want your input, so we can make the right decisions. Forum held on Tuesday 1/9 from 1:30-2:30pm at South Adelaide Football Club. Light refreshments available for 30 minutes prior to presentation. To attend reply to rsvp@adelaidephn.com.au.
- **Staying Safe Online** Presentation by SA Police. Learn more about social media, privacy and settings, protecting your reputation and your devices and keeping safe online. Held on Thursday 3/9 at 6:00pm, Woodcroft Library and Monday 7/9 at 11:00am, Noarlunga Library.
- **Utilities Literacy** A FREE community information workshop about electricity, gas and water to be held on Tuesday 15/9 from 10:30am-12:30pm at Uniting Communities, U3/107 Dyson Rd, Christies Beach. Ph 82025010 to make a booking.
- **Southern Districts Softball Club** Recruiting junior players. Training session on now at Peregrine Park, Flaxmill Rd, Christie Downs each Wednesday from 6:00-7:00pm. Ph Wendy 0411854114 for more information.
- **Girl Guides** Try adventurous activities, go camping, learn life skills, earn badges, community service plus having lots of fun. Come and try Girl Guides at Thames Drive, Reynella each Tuesday from 4:00-5:30pm for girls aged 5-10 yrs or Greenbank Dr, Hackham on Wednesdays 4:00-5:30pm for girls aged 5-10yrs, 6:00-8:00pm for girls aged 10-13yrs. Ph Jane 0407651606 or Kym 0408082662 for more information.
- **Career Partners Plus** Professional, qualified and experienced Career Coaches will work with you to help you plan your career pathway. Workshops available with relevant and professional information and up to date advice on finding employment. Visit www.careerpartnersplus.org.au or Ph 83266545 for more information.
- **Kids Movie & Disco** Supervised Lock In at Noarlunga Wallis Cinemas on Friday 11/9 from 6:45-10:00pm for students 5-12yrs. Movie will be Oddball. Cost $17.00 per child. Tickets available from Noarlunga Cinemas.
- **Under Age Rage & Movie** Supervised Lock In at Noarlunga Wallis Cinemas on Friday 18/9 from 6:45-10:00pm for students 13-16yrs. Movie will be Scorch Trials. Cost $18.00 per child. Tickets available from Noarlunga Cinemas.
- **The National Domestic & Aboriginal Family Violence Conference Dinner** Held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Adelaide on Tuesday 15/9 from 6:30-11:30pm. Cost $60.00 per person, includes main course, beverages and live entertainment. All bookings through http://www.trybooking.com/127622 www.kornarwinmilyunti.org.au. Ph 82116770 for more information.
- **Be Kind & Unwind** Personal wellbeing. Held on Monday 7/9 from 9:30am-2:30pm at Woodcroft-Morphet Vale Neighbourhood Centre, 175 Bains Rd, Morphet Vale. Lunch provided. Gold coin donation. Ph Alison or Leanne 81868900 to book or for more information.
- **Pt Noarlunga Cricket Club** Junior Registration Day on Sunday 6/9 from 10:30am-12:30pm. Free BBQ, a chance to meet and have a chat with a player and get a skills session with SA Redback’s players. Ph Chris 0402390429 for more information.
- **Hairspray Jr** Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters. Held at St Peter’s Girls Arts Centre, Stonyfell Rd, Stonyfell on 18/9 at 7:30pm, 19/9 at 2:00 & 7:30pm and 20/9 at 4:00pm. Adults $20.00, Concession $15.00. Bookings Shane Davidson shanedavison@internode.on.net or 0411 121960.

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