PANALATINGA PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Friday, 3rd June, all staff attended the Panalatinga Partnership Conference focussing on “Growth Mindset” and authentic “Student Voice”. The partnership is comprised of 18 pre-schools and schools that work together for the best outcome of students.

The keynote speaker was Dan Haesler, an international speaker, educator, writer and consultant. His work centres on the relationship between engagement, wellbeing, achievement and leadership. Dan empowers schools to lead educational change.

With a “Growth Mindset” people believe their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work – brains and talent are just the starting point, and this view creates a love of learning and a resilience which is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great leaders have had these qualities.

Dan talked about “Growth Mindset” and the behaviours that students with a growth mindset would tend to display. These being:

• Seeks out and embraces challenge;
• Persists in the face of setbacks;
• Revels in the struggle;
• Learns from feedback and criticism;
• Is inspired by the success of others.

The term “Student Voice” describes how students give their input to what happens in the school and classroom. Our intention is for students to know that their expertise, opinions and desires are valued in all aspects of school life.

Over the course of the day students from various partnership schools were able to provide insight into their perspective of the teaching and learning happening in their schools.

Three of our staff presented a workshop at the conference about how to improve student attitude and mindsets towards Maths, and their resilience to complete tasks. They shared the ideas and resources they have been using in their Maths lessons, to assist others to improve the teaching and learning at their sites. Their peers provided positive feedback in response to what they had gained from the session.

Throughout the day staff were able to attend various sessions on new and leading educational change including “Student engagement and learning through class blogging”, “Strategies for the development of a culture of thinking” and “Empowering the Student Voice”. All staff found the conference informative and will be looking at how these ideas can be implemented at Pimpala.

Rachael Courtney
Deputy Principal
KITCHEN GARDEN UPDATE

Term 2 has been an exciting and busy one! The first half of the term has seen Mrs Dobson, Mrs Yates and Mrs Seyfang’s classes all participating in the program while Mr Lucas and Mrs Kaye’s classes will participate for the second half of the term.

Students have worked very hard in the garden preparing garden beds for our winter vegetables. We have also been constructing newspaper pots for our seedlings as well as seed sowing, seed saving, sketching and labelling real life diagrams, harvesting and being garden detectives. We have also been very fortunate to have had some dedicated volunteers helping our classes in the garden this term.

Once again our classes cooked up a storm in the kitchen with the help of lots of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers. We wish to thank them very much for all of their help, support and input into the program. Without the help of volunteers our school would not be able to run such a successful Kitchen Garden program.

Our Kitchen Garden program appreciates the many donations we had this term including a big box of apples, fresh eggs, flowers for our garden which are encouraging lots of bees and also some giant dried sunflower heads. Students have extracted the seeds from the sunflower heads and we will save them and replant them in spring.

INDONESIAN DAY AND CARNIVAL

Get ready! We will be immersing Pimpala in Indonesian culture over 2 days at our annual Indonesian Day and Carnival! This will be held next week on Tuesday 21st June (Indonesian Day) and Wednesday 22nd June (Indonesian Carnival). The Year 6/7 students and Bu Pullman, our Indonesian teacher, are busy organising lots of exciting activities such as:

- Mask making
- Batik
- Language games
- Sepak Takraw (Indonesian sport)
- Angklung (Indonesian musical instrument)
- Indonesian folk tales
- Indonesian themed carnival games

Dodi Darmadi from Java will also be running workshops over the 2 days for students to take part in. The Reception to Year 3 students will be taking part in a drumming performance and the Year 4 to 7 students will be involved in a kite making workshop.

These days will give all students an opportunity to broaden their knowledge of Indonesian culture and participate in some exciting activities. We will look forward to sharing all of our work with you!

SIBLINGS

As part of our planning for future years, we would like to ensure that all of our records of future enrolments are complete. If there has been any additions to your family since your oldest child started school, can you please notify the Front Office and complete a Student Enrolment form for each child. While some enrolment dates may seem a long way into the future, it is really useful to have this information for school planning.

VACATION CARE

Please see Hazel Godfrey if you would like further information or to book in to the Pimpala Vacation Care Program for the July School holidays.

Programs are available from POSHC, the Front Office, on our website, or through our app. Hazel can be contacted on 0413 462 521 or by email at Hazel.Godfrey850@schools.sa.edu.au

SAPSASA SOCCER

On Wednesday, 14th June, our SAPSASA Boys soccer team played a Knockout Soccer match at Pimpala against Tatachilla Lutheran College.

The game was played in great spirits. Our students gave it their all but unfortunately lost 7-0. Great effort. Well done guys!
SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos have been scheduled to be taken on Wednesday 29th June, by “The School Photographer”.

Payment envelopes were sent home during Week 5. Student names are printed on each envelope so where possible, please make sure you use the envelopes provided.

Every student is photographed whether they are purchasing a photo or not. To streamline the process please bring the envelope along on photo day, even if it is empty.

Sibling envelopes are available from the Front Office. Please do not put your sibling envelope inside of the individual student envelope or vice versa.

School photos are conducted by a private company so you are paying them directly. Payment options are listed on the envelope. Please make sure you put correct money in the envelope, or pre-purchase on line before-hand, and bring the envelope on photo day.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS / MID YEAR REPORTS

During this week, Parent Teacher Interview notes were sent home. Interviews will be conducted in Week 10, the last week of Term 2. If you have not already done so can you please make a time with your child’s teacher so they can give you their Mid-Year Report and have the opportunity to talk to you about it.

Please indicate on the form your day and time preferences as 1, 2, and 3 on the sheet and return it to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

If the available times are unsuitable, please let the class teacher know so an alternative meeting time can be made.

Please remember, interviews are only 15 minutes and we appreciate your being on time. If you are unable to attend for any reason, please let the school know as soon as possible.

If you are in a separated family situation and want to make sure you receive the information about the parent / teacher interviews, please contact the Front Office so we can ensure you get the interview letter.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Reminder: The last day to place an order for the Scholastic Book Club is Tuesday, 21st June. No late orders can be accepted.

PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Hi! I would like to introduce myself to families who are new to Pimpala. I am Simon Uppill and I am Pimpala’s Pastoral Care Worker.

I am a qualified Youth Worker with a background working with young people. My Youth Work studies are complemented by a degree in Social and International Development. I enjoy spending time with my wife Bonnie and the two boys. I enjoy living locally, playing cricket for Morphett Vale, watching AFL (Go Geelong!), listening to music, and playing guitar and ukulele. I also work as the Pastoral Care Worker at Christies Beach Primary.

As Pimpala’s Pastoral Care Worker I will:

- offer a unique dimension of care and support to the students and school;
- work alongside and complement school Leadership, Teachers and SSO’s to support the school community’s welfare and wellbeing;
- facilitate social skills and emotional wellbeing programs to students who need support in these areas;
- be a positive role model who brings understanding and practical ongoing support to students and families.

I will connect with students and parent / carers informally by -

- supporting and working alongside teachers and students in classrooms;
- being accessible to students in the school yard at break times;
- being available as an extra resource for teachers, to support events and activities.

I work at Pimpala on Thursdays, and Fridays. If you see me at school please come and introduce yourself. I’m looking forward to meeting you and working with you and your family.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Dan N Me finale – a fun-filled afternoon with your dad! Come along to the Woodcroft Library, 175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale on Saturday, 18th June, 12-3pm for Buddy Verse Minecraft, 3D Printing workshop, Green Screen Photo Booth and use virtual Reality Goggles. Bookings essential on 8384 0050.

Label Reading - Be a food label detective: this session will help you to understand all of the information on food packages. You will learn to tell the difference between real health information and clever marketing. You will also learn how to compare products to choose the healthiest option and how to demystify that confusing ingredients list. Presented by Flinders University School of Health Sciences, STEW Students, Wednesday 27 July 1pm – 2pm, Cove Civic Centre 1, Ragamuffin Drive, Hallett Cove. Cost: Free. Bookings essential 83756785 or online at marion.sa.gov.au. Tracey Noah Adult Programs Support Officer, City of Marion phone 08 8375 6750 or email tracey.noah@marion.sa.gov.au