A NOTE FROM PRIMARY YEARS LEADERSHIP

The Year 4 classes went to the Adelaide Zoo on Wednesday – it was a very successful excursion and Mr Solomon commented on the excited but excellent behaviour from all children. Mrs Glanville’s class decided to practice mindfulness at the zoo and were rewarded by hearing the tigers roar.

Each year MOC on the Green has been increasingly a showcase for the performing arts; this year our talented Primary students sang in the Children’s University choir with Colette Bos, danced a short Bollywood item, and several musicians demonstrated their instrumental learning – and for once, the weather was perfect!

The Year 6 graduation assembly is being held on Friday, December 5 at 11:30. We will farewell our Year 6 students as they move in to the Middle Years; their presentation assembly will be followed by a pizza lunch and disco. The Year 6’s attended the Middle Years Assembly in Week 6, followed by a Question and Answer session with Middle Years Leadership: Miss Hoare, Ms Eadsforth and Ms Christians. This is a significant transition point in students’ academic lives.

Classes for 2015 are being considered now by staff. If you have any requests for class placements, please email me at kim.cooper@moc.sa.edu.au. You requests will be taken in to consideration with the many other factors that influence class placements such as friendship groups and gender distribution. You will receive a letter about your child’s class placement in the mail towards the end of January.

At the end of this year we are farewelling Ms Mitchell who will go on maternity leave for a year and Mrs Kenefick, who has won job at Nailsworth Primary School. There are contract positions that have not yet been filled at every year level in Primary Years – we will announce as soon as we know.

This is our last Primary Years newsletter for 2014. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Kim Cooper
Head of Primary Years
THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

The Australian Curriculum, Civics and Citizenship is currently in a familiarisation year and will be officially implemented in 2015. Civics and Citizenship is one subject that combines with 3 other subjects to create the Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) learning area and is offered from Years 3-10. Civics and Citizenship is essential in enabling students to become active and informed citizens who participate in and sustain Australia’s democracy. Through the study of Civics and Citizenship, students investigate political and legal systems, and explore the nature of citizenship, diversity and identity in contemporary society. Civics and Citizenship provides opportunities to develop students’ knowledge and understanding of Australia’s representative democracy and the key institutions, processes, and roles people play in Australia’s political and legal systems.

The Civics and Citizenship curriculum aims to reinforce students’ appreciation and understanding of what it means to be a citizen. It explores ways in which students can actively shape their lives, value their belonging in a diverse and dynamic society, and positively contribute locally, nationally, regionally and globally. In the Primary Years, teachers are devising and planning integrated HASS projects in preparation for the implementation of the HASS learning area. Throughout a year, the projects will focus on key topics such as Communities, Australian Law and Federation or Australian Explorers and provide a holistic and connected curriculum to students, offering learning from 3 subjects from the HASS learning area; History, Geography and Civics and Citizenship.

Please visit the Australian Curriculum website for more information:
www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

Phillipa Arbuckle

THE END OF THE YEAR

The end of the school year and lead up to the festive season, should (in theory at least), be a time for happiness and celebration.

In reality though, this is not always the case for some children and adults. For many reasons it can sometimes be a source of growing stress and anxiety, which can lead to family tensions, conflict and create a sense of dissatisfaction. However there are steps we can take to beat the Christmas “blues” such as setting realistic expectations, not over-spending, sharing responsibilities and concentrating on the positive aspects of family and friends.

The website below has some useful tips that could help all of us get to January in a better frame of mind and set the scene for a positive 2015.

Please make an appointment with me if you would like to discuss any of the above issues in relation to your child and their wellbeing.

Barry Solomon - Primary Years Counsellor

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CHARACTER STRENGTHS
We are continuing with our weekly focus on 1 of these strengths. Week 8 is LEADERSHIP.

This means getting things done, preserving the harmony within groups and making everyone feel included.
Maryjane Tenison Woods - Coordinator of College Well Being

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