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Term 4 – 29/10/21

From the Deputy Principal

In the coming weeks, a range of exciting transitions will be occurring in our school and preschool.

Transition to Preschool

Two transition visits have been planned for the preschool on the 25th November and 2nd December. This is an opportunity for parents and children to become familiar with the educators and environment. Many of the families already have had children in the preschool or school but for some this is their first experience of our school community. We hope they feel welcomed and excited to embark on this learning journey with us.

Transition to School

Six transition visits to school for our 2022 receptions have been planned, starting on the 2nd November and concluding on the 2nd December. These visits will provide experiences for the children to feel comfortable, positive and excited to be starting school. The existing reception and year 1 students will support the new students during play and learning experiences in and out of the classroom and help them learn new routines and expectations. We are looking forward to this new step at Morphett Vale Primary School.

Transition to High School

Lastly our year 6 and 7 students are starting their visits to high school to begin the transition process preparing for 2022. Our year 6 and 7 students are attending a range of high schools and in the coming weeks it

will be important to support them in feeling positive and excited about their new experiences. Hayley Rice organised John Harris from Headspace to visit the year 6 and 7 students to unpack managing change and the transition to high school process. Headspace has valuable information on its website including how to prepare your child and signs that they may need extra help. <https://headspace.org.au/friends-and-family/the-transition-from-primary-to-secondary-school/>

The leadership team, teachers and staff understand that the process of transition can be challenging. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to support the transition to preschool, school and high school be as successful as possible.

From the Principal

Some of you may be aware of the Netflix series Squid Games.

Squid Games is a South Korean Netflix series where characters compete in well-known children's games with sometimes extreme and violent outcomes. There are reports that children have been acting out these games in the school yard and on Social Media platforms.

The series is rated MA 15+ in Australia. Under the government's classifications and advisory category, children under the age of 15 may not legally watch, buy or hire MA 15+ rated material unless they are in the company of a parent or adult guardian.

If your child/ren have not seen the series it is possible they have seen aspects of it on social media. If they have seen the series or aspects of it, we encourage you to monitor their reactions and engage in open and

honest conversations about the content and their online activity.

If this series has triggered any concerns for your child/ren, the following supports are available:

Kids helpline: 1800 55 1800

Lifeline: 13 11 14

<https://eheadspace.org.au>

If you have any questions about the information above, please get in touch.

Michael Koutsoukos

Mr Collier Yr 3/4

Goals, goals, goals.

Just like our students, our staff have goals. And just like our students goals, our staff goals are linked to the attainment of a better education. Our most recent goals have been linked to the attainment of greater learning outcomes in reading.

We go on a journey of exploration, creating a hypothesis and delving into the literature in an attempt to fulfill our want to be better teachers.

It isn't always so simple though as trialling something new and reaping the benefits. We need tangible evidence that we peer review and share to reap the collective rewards. Naturally, some of us are data driven and thrive at recording the numbers and quantifying our students' learning. Others prefer to observe anecdotal improvements in the young minds we are fostering.

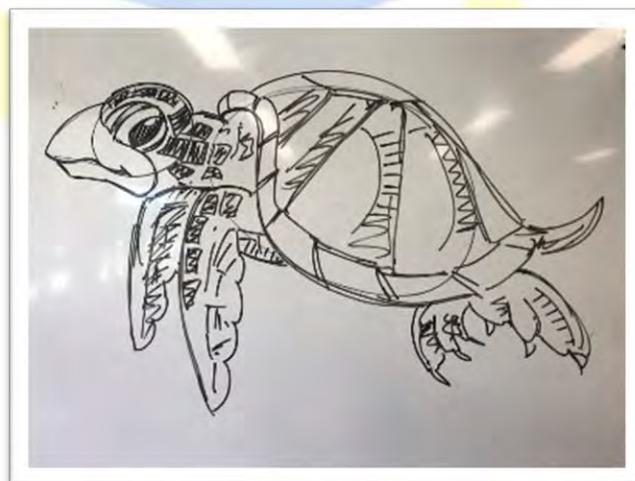
Whether it be Miss Wright's efforts to improve the variety of genre in her class' library and expose her students to new and exciting avenues, or Mrs Mathews attempts to create reflective readers who consciously practice the great habits of effective readers, know that we are making a very targeted effort to

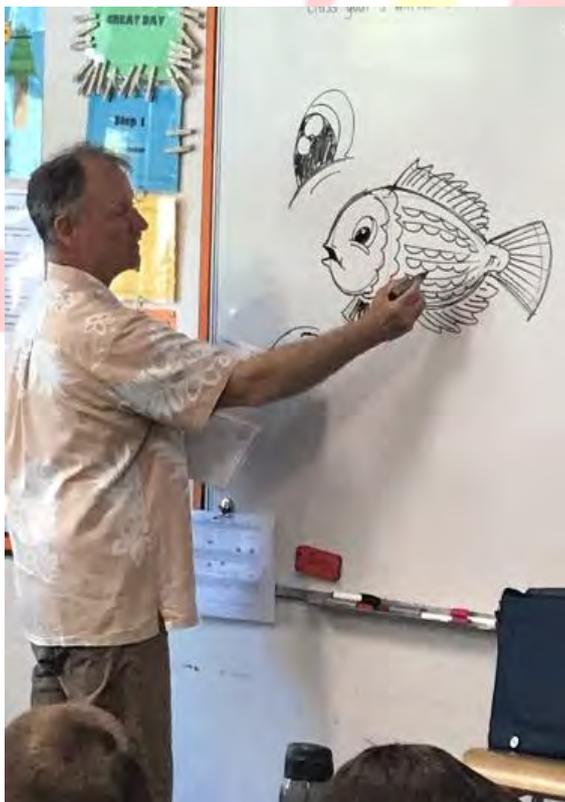
improve the outcomes of your child's learning. So next time you're saying hello or have a moment to chat, why not ask a teacher what their current goal is all about?

Ms Wright Yr 3/4's

While the year 4/5 students were off on their camp adventures, the year 3's were lucky enough to be involved in a drawing workshop run by author, illustrator and animator Paul Rutter. Each student was given an activity book with a guide on how to draw a variety of different coastal creatures native to Australia. Paul gave detailed and informative demonstrations on how to sketch animals through shape and line and how to develop the character to make it look more realistic. All students were highly engaged and enthusiastic during the session.

We chose the theme Coastal Creatures as it complemented both Miss Wright's and Mr Collier's students' strong focus on being 'War on Waste Warriors'. Both classes have become extremely passionate and highly committed to recycling soft plastic at Morphett Vale Primary School, helping to limit the amount of contamination that ends up in the ocean, endangering our sea creatures. The students are now in the process of creating engaging comic strips with the main character being a coastal creature and the key message being STOP, THINK, RECYCLE, BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT THE POLLUTION.





Morphett Vale Primary

TERM PLANNER

WEEK ONE

Friday 15th Oct - Come as your Team Colour

WEEK TWO

Friday 22nd Oct - 2022 Preferences Due

WEEK TWO

Monday 25th Oct - Year 4/5 Arbury Park Camp

WEEK FOUR

Reception Transition Starts - dates TBC
 Tuesday 2nd Nov - Governing Council
 Wednesday 3rd Nov - Year 3-7 Assembly
 Friday 5th Nov - Student Free Day

WEEK FIVE

Reception Transitions - TBC
 Wednesday 3rd Nov - Year 3-7 Assembly

WEEK SIX

Monday 15th Nov - 5/6/7 Aquatics
 15th-18th Nov - R-4 Swimming

WEEK SEVEN

Preschool and Reception Transition Dates TBC
 Friday 26th Nov - Colour Run Afternoon

WEEK EIGHT

Preschool and Reception Transition Dates TBC
 30th Nov - 3-Way Interviews Start
 1st Dec - Assembly R-2
 2nd Dec - High School Transitions Year 6s

WEEK NINE

7th Dec - Governing Council meeting
 8th Dec - Optimal Pathway Ceremony
 9th Dec - Preschool and Year 6/7 Graduations



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Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

A ThinkUKnow cyber safety and security presentation will take place on

DATE:

Thursday 25th November 2021

LOCATION:

Morphett Vale Primary School
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Please call the front Office to
register interest

The session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

Visit www.thinkuknow.org.au for more information about online safety and security.

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