

From the Principal's Desk

Play is the Way

As the end of Term 1 is fast approaching, I thought it was important to re-visit information regarding one of the key social and emotional development programs utilised by our school. Bute Primary School has had ongoing implementation of the PLAY IS THE WAY™ program. This program seeks to train students to be in control of their thoughts, feelings and actions, allowing them to harness their many and varied abilities and skills to pursue success in life.

The PLAY IS THE WAY™ program of physically interactive games, with its philosophy and supporting language, achieves the following outcomes:

- Develops positive social behaviour.
- Creates a shared body of experience that is used to build relationships.
- Highlights the benefits of managing emotions and working together.
- Develops optimism and the ability to bounce back.
- Encourages self-motivation and the capacity to persevere.
- Initiates a process of self-awareness and discovery.
- Creates a positive tone and safe school culture.
- Fun, excitement and challenge.

USE OF THE SUPPORTING LANGUAGE

We believe that the language we use, when correcting children on their behaviour, is key to creating opportunities for students to accept responsibility for their actions, make correct choices and develop resilience. This program promotes the use of reflective language to develop within students, the dispositions and skills to take responsibility for their behaviours.

Reflective Language

- *“Right thing or wrong thing to do?”*
- *“Strong decision or weak moment decision?”*
- *“Feelings or thinking in charge?”*
- *“Am I trying to hurt you or help you?”*
- *“Are you running away from the problem or dealing with it?”*
- *“Being your own boss or asking me to be the boss?”*

The PLAY IS THE WAY™ program is underpinned by the Self-Mastery Checklist and the following 5 key concepts:

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

For more information about this program and for ideas as to how parents/caregivers can help support children with this aspect of their development, visit the PLAY IS THE WAY™ website; <https://playistheway.com.au/content/9-for-parents>.

Richard Hall



Notices

Parent / Teacher Interviews – Feedback Tool

At Bute Primary School we are keen to seek feedback about Parent / Teacher Interviews. We value parental engagement and the meaningful partnerships that can be developed to further support student learning and development. We are asking for families, both those who attended interviews and those who did not, to complete a short survey. Thanks in advance for your feedback and insights.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XMCKTGY>



Do you have a child who worries a lot about being away from you, or about talking with others? There is a video for kids on Calm Kid Central about our 'Danger Checkers' which helps kids understand their worry and how to manage it.

<https://www.calmkidcentral.com/video/danger-checker-get-worried/>

There is a coupon code (below) so you get free access to Calm Kid Central until March 2019: [KADINAPARENT1](#)

Parent Club News

Parent Club thanks everyone who donated and sold tickets for the Easter Raffle. We made over \$400.



Winners were: Dayna Green, Jacky Ritter, Nathan Grant, Sam Daniel, Jimmy Wandel, Luke Wharton & Lauren Krieg.



Subway lunch will be on the last day of term - Next **Friday, 13th April.**

Could all envelopes please be returned to the Front Office by next **Tuesday, 10th April.** Thankyou.



Bute RSL Sub-branch invites all Community Members to attend it's ANZAC DAY service.

April 25th, 2018

Service at 6:30am in the War Memorial Garden, followed by breakfast & March at 8:30am.



What's been happening!

Week 9 Assembly



Our School Captains, Della & Dayna were introduced and spoke to the students.



Imogen was inducted into the SRC.



Year 5,6,7 students were presented with their 'GRIP Student Leadership Conference' certificates.



Imogen, William & Cameron were presented with their 'Sports Day' Record Breaker certificates.



Awards: Mr Hall's (Principal) - Shayla, Mrs Pridham's class - Brodie, Miss Knight's class - Laura, Mr Sharp's - Dayna



The classes presented some fantastic work: Mr Sharp's class 'Probability Posters', Miss Knight's class 'Narrative Writing', Mrs Pridham's class 'Easter Activities & a song'.

What's been happening!

GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Year 5, 6, 7
Class
News

On the 16th of March most of the Upper Primary went down to Adelaide for the GRIP Leadership Conference. It was held in the Entertainment Centre. We all had to be at the school by 6:15am to be down there on time. It started at 9:15am and ended at 2:30pm.

What I Liked: I liked how they interacted with everyone and the speech about transformers. They said that you can transform leaders better than they already are. Another subject was strawberry and watermelon leaders. I also liked the 'Loud Noise Boys'. They were funny and interactive with everyone. They would call people to come up and either dance or find bits and pieces.

Imogen

On Friday 16th March the Upper Primary Class went to Adelaide to the Entertainment Centre for a Leadership Conference. We had to be at school at 6:15am to leave at 6:30am. I went in Mr Hall's ute with Charlie, Josh and Hektor. My favourite part of the conference was the Gardner Basil and the Noise Boys. We had to go around to other schools and ask them questions. I would rate the conference 8/10.

Angus

On Friday 16th March the Upper Primary Class went to Adelaide for the GRIP Leadership Conference.

Being a Strawberry Leader: One thing I enjoyed learning about was types of leaders and how to make sure you are a 'Strawberry' Leader. A Strawberry Leader means you are the same on the inside and the outside, so you are good even when teachers or students are not watching you. Being the same on the inside and outside is like a strawberry - it is good on the inside and the outside.

Being a Watermelon Leader: A 'Watermelon' leader is the opposite of a strawberry leader. A Watermelon Leader pretends to be good around teachers, but is different when no-one is around. A watermelon is different on the outside.

How has it made you a better leader? Now I know how to be a 'Strawberry' Leader and not a 'Watermelon' Leader. I also know ways to transform myself into a better and more positive leader as well as ways to improve the school and community.

Dayna



What's been happening!

Easter Activities and Fun!

The children loved getting creative and busy in the craft area over Easter. From painting eggs to making Easter baskets to collect eggs from the Easter bunny. The children were lucky enough to have a visit from the Easter bunny who delivered some special treats. We also did some cooking and made some Easter bunny pancakes that we decorated with fruit. These were gobbled up pretty quick!

Kind Regards

Bute and District Kindergarten and Rural Care Team

Easter Bunny Pancakes

