

14 DECEMBER 2012

TERM 4 LEADERSHIP REPORT 2012

SPECIAL POINTS

**LAST DAY
OF TERM 3**

**2-00PM
CLOSE
FRI 14
DEC**

**TERM 1
2013
TUESDAY
29TH
JANUARY
FIRST DAY
2013 AGM
WEDNESDAY
20 MARCH
1.30**

**GRAD DAY
TUES
11 DEC**

At this stage we look like having an enrolment of 43.2 students for 2013 with some staffing still to be finalised. This year we have ten students graduating - they are: *Daniela, Kimberly, Luke G, Maria, James, Martha, Miki, Michelle, Shornee and Simon*. We are very proud of them and their achievements and we wish them all the best for their future lives.

The end of the term is always a busy time with so much going on! So far there has been a whole school sports day at Rostrevor School and the Variety Christmas Party. In the last week we have the individual class outings and the Graduation celebration. It's a lovely time of the year.

During 2012 Kensington Centre continued to target individual student needs in aiming to generate positive outcomes for all students as they transition to the workplace and independent community participation. We value student diversity and work towards building a community of practice where students feel safe, are valued and develop connectedness and belonging. Students' individual and collective skills, interests and abilities are the catalysts in the design of programmes to engage students in learning, thus enhancing cognitive, social, emotional, physical and spiritual development.

Staff at Kensington Centre recognise the importance of knowing individual students very well, are familiar with the group dynamics and social settings and have a good understanding of teaching skills to facilitate learning. Learning occurs within the individual student's zone of proximal development. Kensington Centre staff have high expectations for students to achieve beyond their current level to maximise achievement. Students are empowered to pursue their potential level of development through the assistance of more capable peers, teachers, support personnel, caregivers and community members. Highlights of Kensington Centre initiatives which promote student independence through modelling, scaffolding and engaging principles in building communities of practice follow:

Highlights

Every Child Every Chance

The Department for Education for Education and Child Development is implementing a reform process intended to enhance service provision in line with this expansion. New legislation, currently being drafted, will accompany this process.

The following have been identified as key action areas which will direct the work:

- Strengthening families, safeguarding children
- Working in and for communities
- Establishing a better service experience for all
- Promoting and achieving high standards and outcomes
- Building an interdisciplinary DECD workforce

Ten students were chosen to be interviewed to have input into the outlined criteria above. As a result, productive discussions were had by all. Keith Bartley (Chief Executive Officer DECD) commented via his personal assistant that our students were excellent. Keith requested that five of our students communicate on a DECD blog on the 25th October to discuss further the issues around the key action areas.

Leadership Report cont:

Show Day 7th September

Once again the visit by Kensington Centre students and staff to the Royal Adelaide Show in September was an amazing success. The students really enjoyed the day watching demonstrations of wood-chopping, pig races and visiting the animals, providing our students with the opportunity to interact with elements of farm life enhanced their appreciation of different animals and farm jobs. Also being able to talk to people from the country encouraged our students to be confident in their interactions and ask questions along their lines of interest. They all enjoyed a picnic lunch on the lawns in the fine weather. As usual the trip to the show bag pavilion was a highlight with students given the opportunity to purchase show bags and products. Staff and students returned to school full of exciting stories. Thanks to everyone for working together to provide such a rewarding whole school event.

Pupil Free Day 14th September – 2013 Planning

This Pupil Free Day was used for staff to plan for the 2013 school year, looking at developing priorities around curriculum, and to develop a Site Improvement Plan for the school, and future directions for our school.

LearnLink 16th October

On October 16 the rollout for the new LearnLink system occurred across the state for all DECD sites. This is a significant update to the internet system.

Functionality in the LearnLink portal will be tailored to individual staff and students, who will be able to access their personal calendars in **Live@edu**, monitor their internet usage and access other applications. Teachers will be able to record student attendance for their classes and view information relating to their students without having to log into another system. The portal also provides the ability for schools and preschools to collaborate and share resources online both within their schools or preschools

and across the DECD community. Schools and preschools may also choose to create their own local intranet and online class collaboration sites. Links to other school based portals can be provided if required.

This process has been supported by Just IT and Anthony Patten as it has been a major restructure. We thank them for their efforts and for staff in being patient as the system was rolled out.

Other highlights include:

Special Olympics – World Cup Soccer, June, Rostrevor College

Work Experience – Bedford, Royal Adelaide Hospital, Product Action

Prospect Centre- Horticulture, Hospitality,

Online Learning – Reading eggs, Studyladder, Literacy Planet

Santos Athletics Day

S.A. Secondary Schools Football Carnival at the Richmond Oval

Pupil Free Day – SHine SA - Sexual Health information networking & education

Trauma Training –‘Working with vulnerable young people and educator wellbeing’ Dr Leigh Burrows August 2012

Footsteps Dance Sessions

Ladies of Variety HQ Disco’s

Whole School Picnic/Bike Ride

Show Day 7th September

Kensington Centre Café

Lab’n’Life Program each Monday afternoon

Variety Christmas Party 2012

New Students 2013 Transition Visits

Leadership Report cont:

Congratulations to the following students for outstanding sporting achievement:

Shane C was selected in the Special Olympics State Basketball team to represent South Australia in December. Congratulations to Shane for winning the following medals:

- Bronze Shot Put
- Silver 200 metres
- Silver 4X100 Relay
- Gold Basketball

Shane was also selected to play in the celebrity match, which included two students from each state. Once again, well done Shane!

Anthony C was selected to represent South Australia in the Special Olympics Soccer team which won Silver.

There have been nine new students transitioning over a three week period during term 4. Students experienced four visits to help them familiarise with their new environment and connect with our current students to make the transition in 2013 a seamless one.

The new school will be ready for business in 2014, Term 1, so we will have one full year left at our Kensington Centre site.

I would like to thank the School Council Joelle Casse, Katrina Ramsay, Meredith Levett, Angela Carlesso, Kathy Bereny and Vilma Jurkovic for their work throughout the year, it is much appreciated. I also wish to thank the school community and our colleagues in the Eastern Adelaide Region for their continued support during 2012. As a small school we rely on support from our community and we thank everyone so much for that – it is greatly appreciated.

Lastly thank you to the staff at Kensington for another year of dedication. The staff at Kensington, through their hard work and commitment give our young people every opportunity to succeed in whatever they do .



I would like to wish the staff, students and school community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday

Jamie Price - Principal

SACE

In 2012 Kensington Centre offered a range of SACE subjects. Subjects offered were taken from the Modified SACE Subject Outline. There were an extensive range of subjects offered at both Stage 1 and Stage 2. Modified SACE subjects encourage students to develop and demonstrate their learning in a range of challenging, meaningful and achievable experiences. At Kensington Centre there has continued to be a strong emphasis of building on student personal capabilities such as Communication and Community Engagement as well as Literacy and Numeracy.

Staff have continued their familiarisation of SACE. There has been an emphasis on building on understanding of the flexibilities within SACE and the range of ways that evidence of learning can be sourced.

In 2012 Kensington Centre had two students who completed their entire Modified SACE requirements. These students successfully completed their Research Project. Both students had a focus on their post-school options.

STATE TRANSITION PROGRAM

The State Transition Program aims to support students with additional needs in their final year of school to successfully transition from school to post-school training, education and employment. This year 1 student from Kensington Centre participated in the Program.

PROSPECT CENTRE

Prospect Centre is a DECD state-wide transition centre which supports senior students in a range of training and educational options as they prepare for the most appropriate post-school option. Students from Kensington Centre attended a range of courses offered at Prospect Centre including Numeracy for Work and Community Life, Integrated Learning, Retail Certificate II and Health.

WORK EXPERIENCE

ROYAL ADELAIDE HOSPITAL

Students from Kensington Centre have continued in their work education program at the RAH. Students have gained a number of valuable work skills such as communication, team work, patience and persistence. The group has also been recognised as contributing positively to the needs of the hospital by collating new patient files for the various departments.

BEDFORD INDUSTRIES

Kensington Centre continues to build upon its partnership with Bedford Industries. Bedford Industries provide a range of supported employment options. Students have received training in OH&S, grievance and harassment procedures. Students have participated in a range of work tasks related to packaging and processing. Students have gained valuable insights into the world of work and the expectations and responsibilities of employees.

PRODUCT ACTION

Product Action provides supported employment options for people with disabilities. The business focuses on packaging and processing. It is a highly supportive environment in which students can explore work options. Kensington Centre students continue to gain a range of positive skills and work experience at Product Action.

DESTINATION INFORMATION

There were 10 school leavers in 2012.

5 students are transitioning to Day Options and 4 linked with various Disability Employment Services. The DES providers will help students to develop their skills further and support them in their transition to work and further training such as TAFE.

FAREWELL TO OUR GRADUATES OF 2012



Simon W

Shornee A



James L

Martha N



Daniella L



Luke G



Miki F



Maria B



Kimberly P



Michelle S

THE STAFF OF KENSINGTON CENTRE WISH ALL OUR GRADUATES SUCCESS IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS

BIKE ED PROGRAM

The Bike Ed program at Kensington has been extremely successful this year – five students have progressed onto bicycles from tricycles, we have had successful ‘long rides’ every term, and each Friday the students have increased their fitness at Kensington Oval.



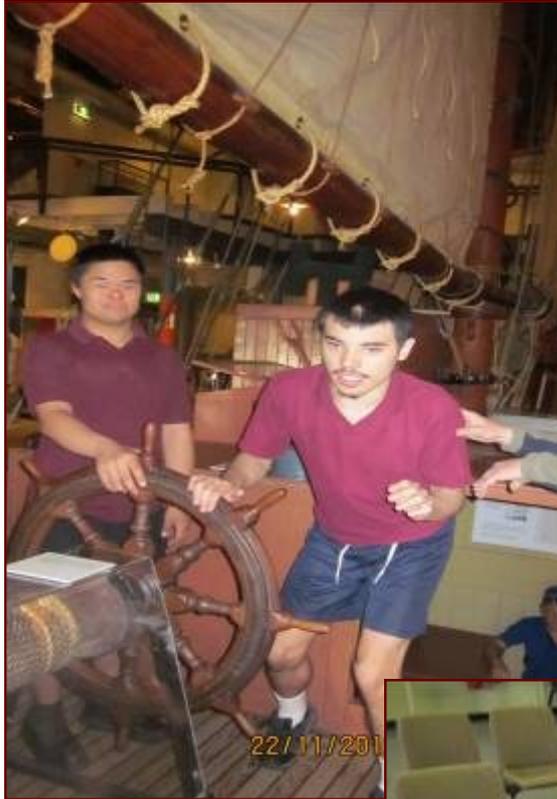
Our ‘long rides’ have encompassed a ride to Belair National Park (we caught the train up the hill!), along the Torrens Linear route to Elder Park and Bon-ython Park, and on our last ride we ‘called into’ the jumps park on Pulteney street on the way back. The students are now very capable of riding in a group on the roads. Their knowledge of road rules is excellent, and they have become very proficient at group riding. OK, we’ve had a few “stacks” along the way, but that is part and parcel of riding a bike, and all due care is exerted at all times. The students wear their yellow safety jackets which makes us (a group of 12 riders) very visible in the traffic. We only ride on roads when absolutely necessary – mostly we use bike paths.

During the last 3 weeks of this term we have been riding over to Tusmore Park on a Friday, splashing in the wading pool on arrival. As the weather has been quite hot, this has been a great outing for the riders.

My thanks go to Tim and John, my very patient SSO’s who have accompanied me on the rides. Their stress levels have been reduced over the year as the students have progressed in proficiency!

Jenny Bonnett

Maesbury has had a good year and the students have participated well. They especially enjoy their community access and have been to a wide variety of places this year, both indoor and outdoor. They have enjoyed the Ladies of the Variety Club movies, but mostly they liked the outdoor ones where they were able to walk and enjoy different environments, while improving their fitness, coordination and understanding of nature and our world. Here are some of them.



At the Maritime Museum We drove boats and went up Light-houses! Great



From the top of the Light-house

At Cleland Wildlife Reserve we met some interesting wildlife



THANK YOU FROM ALL THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF THE KENSINGTON CAFÉ FOR YOUR KIND PATRONAGE DURING 2012

2013 term 1 Menu

WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Tomato Soup
Tuna Mornay with Rice and Garden Salad
Fruit Jelly and Ice Cream

WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY

Chicken and Sweet-corn Soup
Baked Potato with Assorted Fillings
Mini Pavlova with Berries

WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Spring Vegetable Soup
Warm Chicken Caesar Salad
Trifle

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH

Minestrone Soup
Mexican Nachos and Garden Salad
Strawberry Mousse

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH

Potato and Leek Soup
Apricot Chicken with Rice and Garden Salad
Jelly Slice

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH

Pumpkin soup
Garlic Bread
Spaghetti and Meatballs
Italian Salad
Lemon Slice

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH

Spring Vegetable Soup
Chicken Wraps
Hot Cross Buns and Easter Eggs

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

Tomato Soup
Vegetable Quiche
Coleslaw and Garden Salad
Orange Poppy Seed Cake

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

Chicken and Sweet-corn Soup
Garlic Bread
Lasagne and Italian Salad
Fruit Crumble

Open Wednesday 12.00–1.15

Bookings essential: 83310549

Three course meal for only \$10.00

**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES SPORTS DAY
ROSTREVOR COLLEGE
MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

Monday arrived with a cool change after the heat of the weekend – perfect for our Sports Day at Rostrevor.

10am saw us eagerly awaiting the start of activities which were to be conducted by the students at Rostrevor. Our first sport was Soccer, and after some initial skills learning and practice, an energetic game followed. We then moved on to cricket, where Chloe and Casey showed us some brilliant bowling techniques. All students assisted Maesbury to be included in the game.

Our activity before lunch was life games with the parachute. Dila loved to lie under the parachute whilst it was being waved high and low. All students had a ball working the chute up into the air and down again.

Lunch was a delicious sausage and fruit drink, and there was so much that students could go back for seconds.

After lunch we participated in the AFL activity. Luke B, Harley, Brenton, Brett, Brayden, Paddy and Suchita were enthusiastic and very competitive participants.

Father Christmas arrived at 1.45pm giving each student a bag of goodies to remember the day. It certainly was a full on day for activities, skills and fun. We thank the Rostrevor students for their amazing contribution,

Jenny Bonnett



The Variety Club Christmas Party

Wednesday 5th December 2012

Venue: Goyder Pavilion Wayville Show Ground

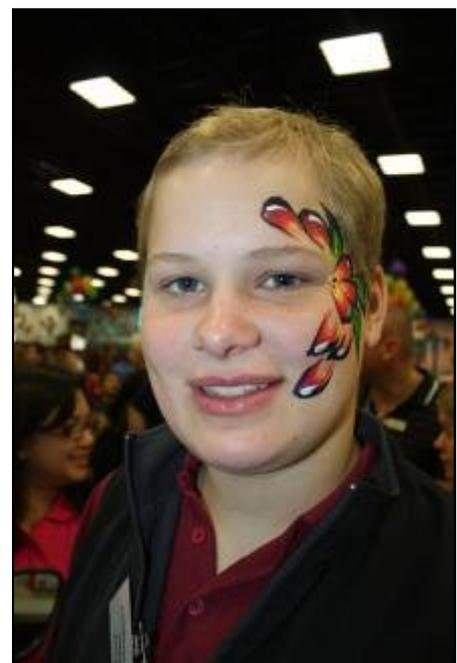
What a great day!

The Variety Club provided a bus for the whole school to be transported to Wayville Show Ground. When we arrived we were welcomed by Variety Club volunteers who escorted us to our reserved tables inside the Goyder Pavilion. Wow! The Variety Club had pulled out all stops (They did have to cater for around 1600 people). The pavilion was decorated in Christmas decorations the tables were creatively set and there was entertainment all around the edge of the giant room. Our attention was first caught by the singers on the stage at the northern end of the pavilion. The 'Flaming Sambucas' continued to entertain us for the three hours we were at the party. Many of the attendees enjoyed dancing on the large dance floor.

We took our seats at the tables reserved for us in the south east corner. The tables were near the toilets and gave the students a place to relax when they felt the need. It didn't take long for the students to start exploring the many activities provided. In the south west corner there were at least 20 face painters. In the north western corner there were 5 photo booths and a ten pin bowling activity. In the north east corner there was a Harley Davidson for people to sit on. In the south east corner near where we were sitting was a fire vehicle with Santa inside to greet anyone who wanted to see him. There were two giant screens one at the northern end and one in the middle of the pavilion viewing the entertainment on the stage.

The hundreds of volunteers, who wore red Variety Club T-shirts, were assigned to tables on the day and served us food and drink all day. What a treat for us all! For many of us it was a great chance to say hello to people they knew from other schools. As we were leaving the students received a bag of goodies.

Thanks Variety for a very memorable day!





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SCHOOL FEES

2013

\$340.00

\$50.00 Excursion
Levy

South Australian State Schools Term Dates

2012	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2012	30 Jan - 5 Apr	23 Apr - 29 Jun	16 Jul - 21 Sep	8 Oct - 14 Dec
2013	29 Jan - 12 Apr	29 Apr - 5 Jul	22 Jul - 27 Sep	14 Oct - 13 Dec
2014	28 Jan - 11 Apr	28 April - 4 Jul	21 Jul - 26 Sep	13 Oct - 12 Dec
2015	27 Jan - 10 Apr	27 Apr - 3 Jul	20 Jul - 25 Sep	12 Oct - 11 Dec

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8226 1083.

Happy and safe holidays to all