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# NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 | WEEK 5 | THURSDAY 22/08/19

## STEM Showcase

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August, we welcomed approximately 500 grandparents, family members and visitors from other schools to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Vale Park Primary School STEM Showcase.

All classrooms were open to families to see, hear about and engage in STEM learning with their children and the gym hosted an incredible display of STEM work that has been happening at Vale Park Primary so far this year. There was a display in the library highlighting our commitment to wipe out waste and a book expo, in which many books were purchased and generously donated back to the school. Students served a sample of freshly cooked foods from the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program and a market stall provided freshly harvested and baked goods for purchase.



Feedback given on the day and sent afterwards in emails and on our Facebook page was overwhelmingly positive – you told us that the learning progressions from Reception to Year 7 were evident, that the visual display of learning was exciting to see and that you're excited for what the future holds for your children.

Well done to all students and thank you to all staff for their commitment to making the STEM showcase such a great experience for our guests. We look forward to seeing what the Showcase brings in 2020.

To see more photos from the STEM Showcase, please see the display board in the yard.

### Term Dates 2019

**Term 1** 29th Jan - 12 Apr

**Term 2** 29 Apr - 5 Jul

**Term 3** 22 Jul - 27 Sept

**Term 4** 14 Oct - 13 Dec

### Governing Council

Tuesday 10/09

### Principal Tours

Wednesday 25/09

**\*All welcome & bookings are required\***

### Pupil Free Day

Monday 02/09

### Key Dates

#### Term 3

23/08 - Choir at Magic Millions

29/08 - Father's Day Stall (Day 1)

30/08 - Father's Day Stall (Day 2)

03/09 - Life Ed Commences & SACA Clinics

04/09 - Year 4 Camp Departs

05/09 - Volunteer Morning Tea

06/09 - Year 4 Camp Returns

11/09 - Life Ed Concludes

12/09 - Festival Theatre Rehearsal

14/09 - Choir Performance at Festival Theatre

17/09 - Year 5 Camp Departs

20/09 - Year 5 Camp Returns

27/09 - Last Day of Term 3

**\*2:05pm Finish\***

#### Term 4

14/10 - First Day of Term 4

growing for the future...



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## NEWS & UPDATES

### **Governing Council**

Our Governing Council met in week 3. As you are aware we will have a new Principal in 2020. The Governing Council has nominated Judy Lamp as our parent representative to be part of the 4 person panel (along with a staff representative, an external principal, and the Education Director).

We continued to discuss our school development plan. You may have noticed (and the kids certainly have) the additional logs added to the nature play area. Next holidays we will continue with some additional improvements with some stepping pavers, plants and irrigation, and then more bark.

We are currently scoping up an Outdoor Classroom to provide an external all-weather teaching area that would provide more lunch protection also. We are looking into the feasibility of improving the running track, updating the netball court surface, etc.

Our cricket pitch will receive a mat covering it. Our long jump pit will be relocated / updated at some stage.

We did apply for a Community Sporting Grant (which is a bit of a long shot) to cover the basketball court which would provide shelter. Unlikely, but we'll see.

Thanks to the Fundraising Committee for funding the installation of the football goal posts. Please support the Fundraising Committee at the upcoming Father's Day stall (29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August).

Thanks  
Rohan Wundke  
Governing Council Chairperson

### **Ascot Avenue - Red Light/Speed Camera**

DPTI have installed a Red Light/Speed Camera at our school crossing on Ascot Avenue. Please ensure you obey the light signals and keep to the 60 km/ph speed limit whilst travelling along Ascot Avenue.

### **Term 3 Pupil Free Day**

A reminder to the Vale Park community that Monday 2nd September is a Pupil Free Day.

### **School Payments via BPOINT**

When utilising the BPOINT payment system, please ensure you enter the following details

- *Family Code* - located on your statement.\*
- *Student/s Name* - If making a payment for more than one child, please ensure that you state each child's name in this section.
- *Invoice Number* - located on your statement, or a *Description* of what the payment is for eg: school fees/ excursion name/sport's team.

\*If you do not know your *Family Code*, or have any questions regarding making a payment via the school website please contact the Front Office.

#### **Please note:**

BPOINT transactions made *before 6pm* will appear on our system the following day.

BPOINT transactions that occur *after 6pm* will not appear on our system for another 36 hours.

<http://www.valeparkps.sa.edu.au/payments.htm>

### **Staff Carpark**

For the safety of the whole school community, we remind Parents and Caregivers that as per the adherence that was sent out at the start of 2019, the carpark located off of Arundel Street is for Staff ONLY between the hours of 7:45am and 4:30pm on school days unless by prior arrangement with the Front Office.

Please utilise the streets surrounding the school to park your vehicle when dropping off and collecting students during these hours.

### **Volunteer Morning Tea**

A reminder that our Volunteer Morning Tea will be held from 10:15am-11:15am on Thursday 5th September.

# ROOM 13

Thank you to our family members who came to find out more about STEM learning in Room 13. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon.

VALE PARK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



## ROOM 15

This term students in rooms 14 and 15 were appointed as junior architects to design and construct their future dream house to scale. Initially, they researched a famous architect to explore their work, achievements and creativity for inspiration. In addition, the students looked at photos and viewed videos of modern architectural designs to influence the design of their dream house. Finally, they sketched floor plans of their dream house and produced a digital version of their floor plan. It was then time to collect re-usable materials from home and construct their 3D models. They reflected on their dream house project to acknowledge the positives, obstacles and processes involved, as well as further improvements. Recently, the students proudly displayed their dream houses as part of the STEM Showcase.

Please see a sample of their dream houses below.

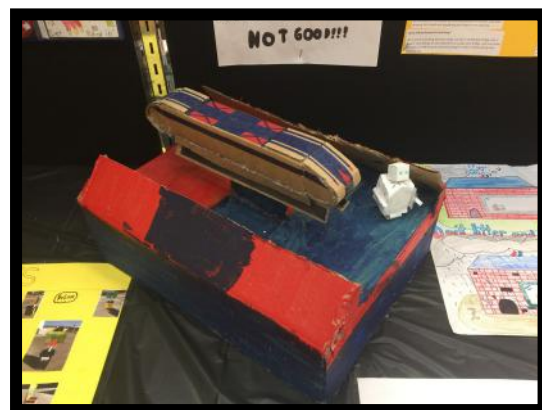
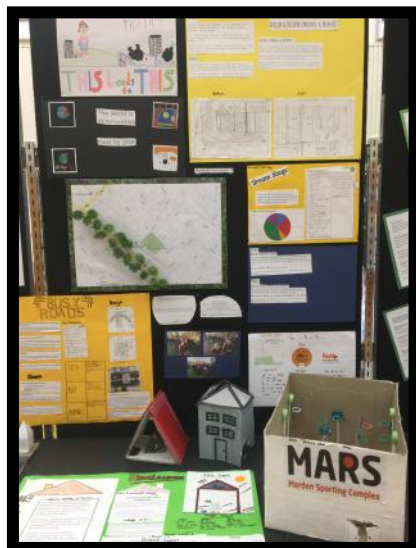
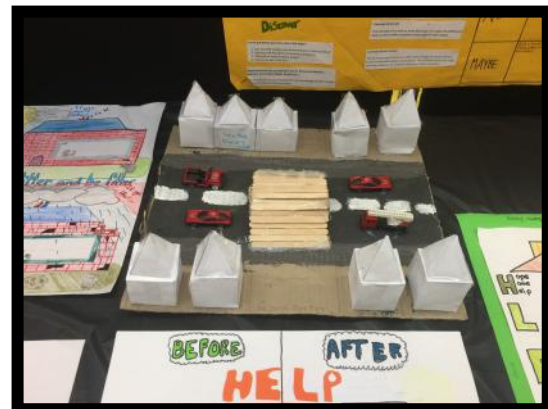
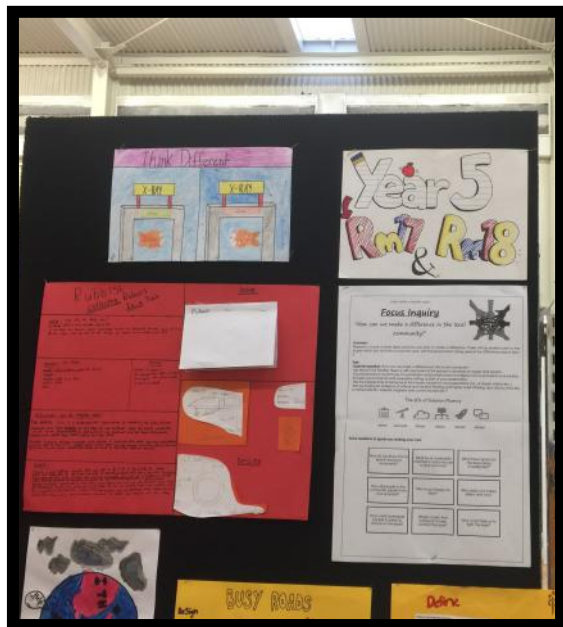


## ROOM 18

*'How can I make a difference in the local community?'*

This year in STEM, students in Year 5 have been researching a local or state issue and how they planned to make a difference. They used the 6Ds for solution fluency with their team to come up with a solution for their chosen inquiry question. The level of detail put into the projects is to be applauded.

These were some of the displays from the recent STEM showcase.



## SAKG KITCHEN

Term 3 has certainly got off to a busy start. Two of our Year 6/7 classes have been involved in the Nourishing Table program during Terms 2 and 3. This program is being piloted as a collaboration between Walkerville Council and Vale Park Primary School. Students have prepared and served food to the community as part of the sessions. They have also shared their favourite or special recipes with attendees. I have been very impressed with the students' participation in this program, they have been wonderful ambassadors for our school. We have received glowing feedback from community members attending and from Walkerville Council. Thank you so much to the students, staff and volunteers for making this program a success.

If you attended last Friday's STEM Expo, hopefully you got to sample some of the wonderful kitchen creations from our kitchen lessons. All of our classes' cooking during last week contributed to the food that we served. Our Kitchen Action Team and other student volunteers did a very impressive job of serving and mingling with the school community. Thank you and congratulations to all students who helped cook and serve our food at the expo. A big thank you to our dedicated volunteers who assisted in the classes and helped on the STEM Expo day. Thank you to Sally Weavers and Room 16 for designing and setting up our stall in the gym and Rooms 14, 16 and 20 for your wonderful posters, PowerPoint and video presentations.

This term we have welcomed the remaining junior primary classes into kitchen, and some new volunteers. It is great to see the enthusiasm of the students when they are preparing and sharing the dishes they prepare in kitchen. A number of our junior classes are short on volunteer help, which makes it difficult to cook with the entire class during some sessions. If you have any availability to help with your child's class (or another class) please talk to your child's teacher or myself. Grandparents and other family members are also very welcome to volunteer in kitchen.

This fortnight we have been cooking an Asian inspired menu: Crunchy Bok Choy Salad, Vegetarian Spring Rolls, Vegetarian Fried Rice and some Peach Muffins to complete our menu. Students have done a fantastic job in preparing and enthusiastically sampling their creations.



## CANTEEN

### Winter Warmer Specials

Winter Specials will continue till the end of term.

#### **Week 6 and 7**

Goujons are back by demand. 4 for \$2.00

#### **Week 8 and 9**

Homemade mini Savoury Quiche, Ham or Vegetarian available. 4 for \$2.00

#### **Week 10**

Jam donut and drink \$3.00.

### **McCain Pizza Singles**

McCain Pizza Singles are available now but are no longer packaged in a cardboard sleeve. We have been trialing the pizzas in paper bags. Please give us feedback if you order a pizza as we would like to know if the pizzas arrive to you as delicious as they leave the canteen.





# FATHER'S DAY STALL

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE IS HOLDING A FATHER'S DAY  
STALL FOR THE STUDENTS TO PURCHASE A GIFT FOR THE  
SPECIAL MEN IN THEIR LIVES.

EACH CLASS WILL BE ALLOCATED A SHOPPING TIME ON

**THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST**

OR

**FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST**

GIFTS AND CARDS  
ARE AVAILABLE  
FROM \$1 TO \$8







You are invited  
to join us for the  
VALE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**Volunteer's  
Morning Tea**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2019  
10:15am – 11:15am  
In the library  
Please RSVP to Liz or Mat  
In the front office  
On 8261 3733  
By 30/8/19

*Walkerville Miniature  
Christmas Pageant*  
**Walkerville Miniature  
Christmas Pageant  
2019**  
*The BIGGEST little Pageant in town*  
Walkerville Town Hall  
66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton  
**Programme**



Felixstow Community School is pleased to welcome back **Madhavi Nawana Parker**, behaviour consultant and published author, to run a series of three parent workshops in 2019. Topics covered over the three nights include:

- Supporting young people to regulate their emotions and increase resilience
- Wellbeing
- Anxiety
- Positive behaviour support

These workshops are free to parents and friends in the Felixstow Partnership of schools thanks to a **Parent Initiatives in Education** grant, however spaces are limited so bookings are required.

**Dates:** Term 3, Week 4, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August  
Term 3, Week 9, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
Term 4, Week 6, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Where:** Felixstow Community School (5 – 11 Briar Road, Felixstow, SA, 5070)  
**Cost:** FREE to attend  
**Creche:** A creche is available, please book in your child/ren when registering to attend using the email below. Cost is \$2 per child.  
**To Book:** Please email Chantal.rainsford418@schools.sa.edu.au

For further information please call 8365 7183  
Facebook: Solutions for kids  
[www.madhavinawana.com.au](http://www.madhavinawana.com.au)  
[www.theresilienceandwellbeingtoolbox.com.au](http://www.theresilienceandwellbeingtoolbox.com.au)



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waste-free  
lunch

## Waste Free Wednesdays

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## Go paperless!

Request to send or receive newsletters via email and reduce printing. Avoiding waste is the best option, ALWAYS!



### Contact Phone Numbers

**OSHC: (after 3pm) 8266 0439**

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### Uniform Shop

**Open Monday Mornings 8.45 - 9.15**

**Kristina: 0434 354 144**

**Mon - Fri 8am - 4.30pm**