What is the difference between Kids Matter and Play is the Way?

You would have all heard about Stradbroke’s involvement in ‘Kids Matter’ over recent years. Stradbroke School enthusiastically committed themselves to the ‘Kids Matter’ framework in 2013. This framework guides the teaching staff through several components, over approximately four years, to reflect upon the social and emotional development and needs of our students and families. ‘Kids Matter’ has been and will continue to be one of the three priorities of the school. In 2016 the staff will be working through component 3 of the framework, “Working with parents and carers”. We understand that a child’s family is central to their healthy development and long-term wellbeing. This year the staff will be reflecting on our current collaborative relationships with our school community, how we can best provide support for parents and carers and what support networks and services we can work with to make parents and carers connect with each other.

During 2015 Stradbroke staff worked through component 2, “Social and Emotional Learning.” During this component the staff was guided through the process of choosing a whole school, social and emotional program that best suited our student cohort. That social and emotional learning program we decided to implement is called “Play is the Way”. Integration of this program throughout the entire school started this year. The staff had a highly successful and motivating training day the week before school started. Week 1 was a focus week on this program and we have certainly started noticing our students and staff using the language and thinking strategies to make better decisions about their behaviour choices.

If you would like to hear more about “Play is the Way” there is a parent information session at Stradbroke on Tuesday 1st March at 6.00 – 7.30pm. Please ring Anona in the front office to register your interest in this workshop.

Rachel Pontifex, School Counsellor

SPORTS DAYS

This year our R-2 and Year 3-7 Sports Days will be held in term 4. R-2 on Thursday 3 November and Year 3-7 on Friday 4 November.

Our Sports Days have previously been held at the end of term 1 however this is becoming an increasingly difficult time to schedule events due to swimming lessons, parent/teacher interviews and the Adelaide Cup and Easter long weekends.
Stradbroke School Fundraising Committee warmly invites you to our annual Stradbroke School Family BBQ. Bring along your family and friends and join us for a fun evening. There will be BBQ food, soft drinks, coffee, ice creams and amusements.

Thank you to the many families who attended our R-5 Acquaintance Night. It was great to see you here supporting your children and their teachers. A big thank you to all the families who accessed the crèche provided by Kids’ Zone, this is a great help in keeping all children safe and cared for during the evening. Thank you also to our teachers for their time and preparation and commitment to sharing their programs and routines with families.

There is a free app called Learning Potential, developed by the Federal Government with more than 160 hints and ideas for parents to help their children with their learning. It’s very popular, with over 110,000 downloads since its launch in August 2015. Additional content and functional improvements will continue this year. It is available for both Android and Apple devices. For more information visit www.learningpotential.gov.au

February 24, 2016 is World Read Aloud Day. Reading aloud motivates children, teens and adults worldwide to celebrate the power of words. Shared reading experiences are a great way to connect with others. Reading and enjoying books together creates a community of readers. On World Read Aloud Day we encourage families to set aside some time to read to each other and celebrate the joy of reading.

Borrowing Limits: Different year levels have different borrowing limits. We restrict Reception children to one book at a time, Year 1 and 2 students can borrow 2 books. Year 3-5 students can have up to 6 books but we encourage no more than 4 at a time and Year 6 and 7 students can have up to 8 books with dictionaries and other text books included in this limit.

Please telephone the school on 8365 5621 or email the school on dl.0923.absences@schools.sa.edu.au every day your child will be absent from school. This term we have initiated an email service of daily notification of any unexplained absences. If you receive an email, please contact the school to explain the absence. Another test email was sent from the school yesterday. If you have not received the test email or would prefer the email to go to another email address, please send-reply to dl.0923.absences@schools.sa.edu.au with Update email address as the subject.

The second stage of the Nature Play project is now open to our students. Children from across the year levels made a risk and benefit assessment of the new play areas. They then shared with other students the safety rules for using the Nature Play equipment. All students agreed the new play areas were lots of fun and a space where they can play freely with their friends.

Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at Stradbroke School to support their child’s learning. To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures. As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening. This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner.

A DCSI screen is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering as sports coaches or managers, at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students. As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at Stradbroke School. These include concerts, fundraisers or sports day.

Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child

Excellence and Achievement in a Supportive School Environment
Thank you to the families and students who have generously donated uniform items that they no longer need. We have had a great response.

We will be holding the next Second-hand Uniform Stall on: 
**Friday 19 February 8:30-9:30am** in the Koonga Quad. Items will be available for a gold-coin donation and proceeds go to supporting students in need in the Stradbroke community.

Donations of good quality, clean uniform items with logos on and nametags off are always gratefully received and can be left in the hamper outside the cashier’s office. “Keep the goodwill going!”

The Uniform Shop is open at the school on Wednesday and Friday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am.
Also the Uniform Shop is open at Unit 1/6 Montrose Ave Norwood. Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Many thanks
Sonia De Corso, Mobile 0419 004 522
Email adelaide@umspl.com.au

What a fun first two weeks. It was so nice to catch up with everyone who has popped into the canteen after the holidays, and welcome to all the new faces who have called into help, I really appreciate your time. Thank you to Jacqui, who has taken over as the "Friday Canteen Barista" (now that Andrew supervises the Stradbroke Playgroup on a Friday morning.) It’s becoming quite a social morning! Week two was "Pancake week", we hope all the students enjoyed this popular annual event.

A few reminders of menu items for term 1: Sushi chicken or tuna $1 per piece is available on Fridays. New banana flavoured milk $2-50. Fruit Salads $4. Char-grilled Chicken wrap with lettuce and tomato $5. Vaalia low fat French vanilla yoghurt $2. The full menu is available on the schools website [www.stradsch.sa.edu.au](http://www.stradsch.sa.edu.au) and the new skoolbag app.

Thank you
Kate Majewski, Canteen Manager

If your child is interested in playing Winter Netball, Football and Soccer, come into Student Services and see Mel for a registration form.
WINDSOR GARDENS OPEN DAY

Windsor Gardens Secondary College
OPEN DAY
Your Future begins at Windsor

Sunday 3rd April 2016
10.30am-12.30pm
McKay Ave, Windsor Gardens

We specialise in:
- MUSIC (new purpose built centre)
- SPORT & RECREATION
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)
- HOSPITALITY (new purpose built cafe & industrial kitchen)

For more information please phone: 8261 2733 or visit:
www.music.sa.edu.au

MARRYATVILLE INFORMATION NIGHT

Marryatville High School
Special Interest Music Centre
INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 11 April, 2016
7.00 - 8.00pm
The Stables
Marryatville High School
170 Kensington Rd
MARRYATVILLE

Information about the Special Interest Music Centre, course structures, curriculum and selection process.

Bookings: Music Centre 8304 8431

CHARLES CAMPBELL COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

Charles Campbell College
Performing Arts Entry for 2017

Performing Arts Entry for 2017
Charles Campbell College is a specialist Performing Arts School. Students can enter the Year 8 Performing Arts Entry Program, with applications due in March 2016.

Specialist Sports

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 23rd March 2016 5.30pm – 8.00pm

Special entry applications due Wednesday 13th April 2016
Applications are available from the Front Office or from Adelaide High School.

The following languages are offered Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek and Spanish.

Special Cricket or Rowing entries for 2017 there are places available through the Rowing and Cricket Programs.

Adelaide High School,
West Terrace Adelaide
Phone 82319373

SPECIALIST SPORTS

Specialist Sports Program
at Henley High School

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE