As the weather warms up it is a great time to get outside and explore. Our school garden is the perfect place to do this. When I first started here students, staff and the parent community all told me how much they loved the garden and they had lots of ideas about how to improve it. The changes have started to happen and the garden is looking very different.

Students love galley and garden classes because they are fun. Food education is about students experiencing the joy of digging in the garden, picking fresh vegetables, smelling and tasting the food they prepare and sharing the experience with their classmates and helpers. It teaches students how to grow fresh, seasonal produce and use it to prepare nutritious, delicious food. Students are given all the skills and experience they need to learn to love vegetables and make healthier choices about what to cook and eat.

Food education can be integrated into any curriculum area to provide hands-on understanding of literacy, numeracy, science and much more.

Teaching children to grow, harvest, prepare and share their own fruit and vegetables is proven to have a positive impact on the food choices students make. This learning extends beyond the classroom where research shows that engaged, excited students are likely to share their new skills with their family.

We use our garden in a variety of ways from our Garden/Galley program to Room 1 and their outdoor learning days to Ms Mel and her lunchtime garden crew and many more.

Staff have even been up in the garden planting apple trees as a symbol of how we work together to produce great outcomes at our school.

We would love for parents to be more involved in our garden and help out in the galley so please see the information in this newsletter from Jenni (our Garden/Galley coordinator) about parent gardening and cooking classes and if you wish to volunteer in and assist Jenni with student classes please contact Jenni through our front office and see Sheila or Mel to ensure you have the training/clearances necessary for volunteering.

Thursday, 1st of November is Outdoor Classroom Day and we will be participating in lots of great activities in the great outdoors.

Regards
Rachael
ROOM 11 NEWS

Room 11 had an action packed Term 3 and start of Term 4. Throughout Term 3 students engaged in a theme park inquiry, which integrated a range of subjects including The Arts, English and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). We used virtual technology to immerse ourselves into the unit and view a range of different theme parks around the world. Later on we started to map and design our theme park, followed by the construction. We look forward to sharing these at the KidsMatter Expo in Week 5.

On Tuesday, Week 2 we went on an excursion to The Adelaide Convention Centre for a conference hosted by the University of Adelaide called Ingenuity. This was a wonderful opportunity to explore a range of new technologies through interactive stalls and discussions as well as understand where STEM can take students in the future. There were five key themes; Healthy Society, Future Energy and Resources, Securing our Future, Transforming Technologies and Our Built and Natural Environments.

This is what some students had to say.

“My favourite part about yesterday was learning about the Adelaide University Racing Team. I found out about how fast the cars are, how much horsepower they have and where to go if I want to find out more in the future” Riley

“I really enjoyed hunting for stickers as I was able to see cool inventions and talk to people about them.” Gabby

“I enjoyed being able to ask people about their projects and what they built. My favourite activity had vacuums on the end and you had to hold the button of the vacuum to make the balls go from one end to another through the tubes.” Sue-Ellen
In Room 2 we have been continuing our learning about Numbers and Place Value. We have been answering open ended questions and playing lots of games.

In the mornings we count how many people are here each day. We fill in the ten frames and then use tens and ones to record the numeral.

If 20 is the answer, what might the question be?
We have been coming up with as many answers as we can to open ended questions.

We played a trading game where we roll a die and place that many pop sticks on our board. We keep going, however we need to make sure that we trade some ones into tens when needed.
**Parent Cooking Classes with Jenni**

Friday fortnightly 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Come along and cook for the family

**When:**
- Friday 2 November
  - Vegetarian Lasagne
- Friday 16 November
  - Carrot Cake / Chocolate Cake
- Friday 30 November
  - Christmas Ginger Bread

**Where:** In the Galley
After each session, we will enjoy a coffee and chat until pick up time.
If you are interested, please let the front office know by phoning 8384 4395 (spaces are limited). If you can’t make it for these sessions we will be offering the classes again at a later date.

Would you like to come along and play in the garden, share knowledge and watch the plants grow?

**Jenni will be in the garden on Thursday afternoons from 1:00pm until the end of the school day.**

**Bring a hat and come and enjoy the sunshine.**

**Free Positive Parenting Program**

Do you sometimes find you have questions about your child’s behaviour and development and not quite sure where to turn?

→ Positive Parenting (Triple P) teaches simple and practical strategies to confidently tackle parenting challenges
→ For parents of children aged between 3 and 12

Join us for three FREE sessions:

**The Power of Positive Parenting**
Tuesday 1.00pm – 3.00pm 13 November 2018

**Raising Confident and Competent Children**
Tuesday 1.00pm – 3.00pm 20 November 2018

**Raising Resilient Children**
Tuesday 1.00pm – 3.00pm 27 November 2018

Light refreshments provided

**Where:** Noarlunga Downs Primary School
Canterbury Crescent, Noarlunga Downs

**To book:** Email Melissa Matto;
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Everyone is welcome to join us for these engaging and informative sessions, however bookings are essential