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MONTESSORI MATTERS

STUDENT EDITION!



SCIENCE ALIVE

On the 4th of August, a group of 20 middle school students, along with 2 teachers, Siobhan and James, went on an excursion to Adelaide's Science Alive. This was a unique experience focused on getting kids from many schools across Adelaide more interested in learning about STEM subjects through the use of more than 80 visual and hands-on exhibits. It also showcased possible career paths for students interested in these subjects, as there were multiple universities demonstrating their activities. It was a really fun and fulfilling day for all the students who attended, providing a great learning experience.



With all of these unique displays, there was a lot for the students to do. Many of the displays were focused more on technology. These exhibits included ones about how to get into programming and how limitless it is; the possibilities that drones can provide; as well as some about cyber safety, demonstrated with a code-breaking game. There were also many other types of exhibits, ranging from the wonders of marine biology to the future of cars and transportation, the effects of black holes, and many more. All of these provided an engaging excursion for the students, which they will hopefully remember. For a full list of exhibits, visit the Science Alive website at:

<https://www.sciencealive.net.au/adelaide/exhibits>.

Once again, thank you, Science Alive, for hosting this amazing experience.



Cyber Safety Seminar

NOA HILDER

In week 3, the Carly Ryan Foundation came to our school to give a seminar on cyber safety. They educated us on the story of Carly Ryan, and the many dangers online.

The Carly Ryan Foundation is a not for profit organisation dedicated to protect and inform children on how to use the internet safely. It was formed by CEO Sonya Ryan, who's young fifteen year old daughter, Carly Ryan was tricked into meeting a man whom she met online. Carly thought she was speaking to a young 18yr old musician, Brandon Kane. However, in reality she was speaking to 50yr old predator, Greg Newman. Unfortunately this resulted in Carly losing her life. Carly was the first person in Australia to lose her life to an online predator.

"It was very informative, and we learned how to stop people tracking us online," - Millie Sturt, Year 7.



They talked to us about a number of things including how to manage your privacy settings; by making sure nobody can see your location, what to do on online platforms and games if someone is using the chat or messaging you in inappropriate ways; the sensible thing to do is just to block the person or leave the game. They also informed us of different ways people use the internet to get inappropriate images or footage, money and other things, as well as teaching us how to avoid and/or deal with it. They used a number of real life examples, including two informative and eye opening stories which helped us to understand the real dangers of the internet.

We also discussed other social media platforms like TikTok, Snapchat and Instagram. It was explained how these platforms mine your data by monitoring your reactions, location and audio. You can stop these platforms from gathering this information through a few simple steps in your settings. Your location can be found easily by Snap map, and that the easiest way to stop it is to turn the settings onto Ghost Mode, so no-one can see your location for however long you choose.

"I feel safer now that I know how to be safe on my phone," Arlia Helps, a Year 7 student, explained.



After visiting our school, The Carly Ryan foundation also held another seminar for the parents. They informed them how to ensure that their children are safe online, as well as educating them on how their children can set up the correct security measures to prevent them from being in any danger.

We appreciate the Carly Ryan foundation for coming to our school and taking the time to inform us all on how to be safe online.

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P.E.



By Marlon Smith



During our second lesson we learnt more about how to improve our stance and make shots from further distances. While we enjoyed our time doing archery some of the students thought it was a bit too repetitive and that we could explore different P.E options.

This term the Middle School students are participating in many different sports for P.E such as archery, basketball, croquet and yoga. From weeks 3-5 we participated in archery classes. We visited Southern Vales Archery Club and their wonderful instructors taught us some of the basics during our first lesson such as how to hold the bow, the proper stance and how to aim properly.



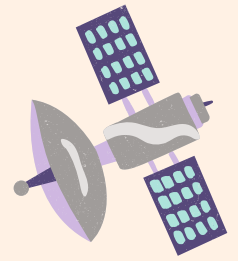
We will also be visiting the Morphet Vale Basketball Stadium and Southern Table Tennis to participate in both sports along with the Hills Montessori School. During this term we are also doing sessions of croquet and yoga.



"Liam and I had a good time at archery and we enjoyed competing against each other although Liam was undoubtedly the best archer there".
Zavier Falzon, Year 8



SPACE MUSEUM EXCURSION



BY LIAM YOUNG



On the Monday of Week 4 this term, the Year 8s and 9s went on an excursion to Lot 14, home of the Australian Space Discovery Centre. The day started at the Noarlunga Train Station, where the students participating in the excursion met before travelling into the city together via train. Before the 12'oclock workshop at the Australian Space Discovery Centre, the students walked around the city, passing well-known Adelaide landmarks such as the Torrens River, Adelaide Oval and the Botanic Gardens.

Once the workshop began, the 8s and 9s were given a presentation on satellites, and their uses, before being presented with their goal of the workshop - to design a satellite that has the ability to measure some sort of weather on Earth, such as surface temperature or ocean temperature. Students then divided into groups of three where they went about planning their satellites, making sure to consider every element that they would need to construct their hypothetical satellite. To get inspiration, students were able to wander around the centre, where they could find many helpful resources as well as interactive games and challenges. This excursion provided students with a better understanding of space and the work behind the many projects and creations involved in our everyday lives, as well as careers in space.



BUISNESS TASK

By Xavier Falzon



Throughout the term the students will be using a booklet with sections and deadlines that need to be completed by a certain week. This will keep the students from falling behind and it will help keep them on task.

The students will also need to find a way to advertise their product. This could be through a variety of different options such as the schools social media, posters, school notes etc. The aim of the advertisements is to encourage more customers to come to their stalls and buy their products.

Some small buisness's the students have come up with include: Cookie in a jar, Candles, Coasters and Marmalade.

Keep your eye out for our Market advertising. We look forward to you trying our products.

This term students have formed small groups to create their own business using the schools Occupations budget. The purpose of this task is to sell their products at an end of year Market. The profit made will go back into the school occupations fund.

The students will have to calculate the costs of their products and the costs of the items they will need to get to create their product. Students have also been tasked with making sure they stay inside the 150-dollar limit, to add to the challenge they will make sure that wherever they get their materials from is ethically sourced.



Visit from the Governor

BY LIAM YOUNG

On Wednesday the 23rd of August, Southern Montessori Middle School was visited by the Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC. She was joined by her husband Mr Rod Bunten. Their aim of this visit was to meet the students and talk to them about being active citizens of South Australia, and to answer any questions. This visit also aligned with work the students do regarding Australian Civics and Citizenship, as well as the Australian Government.



Her Excellency was then able to tour the main classroom, where students were showcasing their work. The Governor was also provided student-catered morning tea which she shared with a group of students, including those who had met her earlier in the day. She then talked to the whole school about what her role in the government is, and how she came to be the Governor. It was interesting for the students to be able to meet someone who is extremely important in our democratic society, and Southern Montessori Middle School is very grateful for this opportunity we were given.



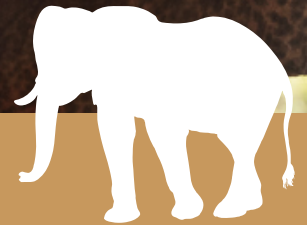
The Governor and her husband were greeted by our principal, Heather McInerney, as well as Year 9 student Jai Maher. Jai, along with fellow Year 9 students Liam, Alyssa, Anjali and Jade, met the Governor, as well as Middle School coordinator James Mingorance and assistant principal Alison Fish. Those five Year 9 students then gave a brief overview of the history of the Southern Montessori Middle School, and what Montessori means to them.



MONARTO ZOO



By Jai Maher



Danielle Johncock

Danielle Johncock is passionate about animals. She has willingly offered some of her time volunteering at Monarto Zoo on a weekly basis. There, she is the tour guide for the safari park bus on alternating Thursdays and Sundays. She is also spending time throughout our school community to educate students about the important happenings on at Monarto Zoo.



Elephants

Monarto Safari Park has big plans to create a home for Asian Elephants at Monarto Safari Park. Putra Mas and Permai from Perth Zoo and Burma from Auckland Zoo could be the first to call South Australia home!

The female elephants Permai and Burma are currently struggling with being alone at their respective zoos as they are herd animals. Creating a new herd at Monarto Safari Park would ensure they are with other elephants and can establish a new herd.

Asian Elephants are classified by the IUCN as endangered with an estimation that there are less than 52,000 Asian Elephants remaining in the wild, making regionally coordinated conservation programs more critical than ever.

By bringing the elephants to Monarto Safari Park, Zoos SA will play an important role in raising awareness of elephant conservation. If you have any questions about the elephants and the plans to bring them to Monarto Safari Park please take a look at the Monarto Safari Park Facebook page or follow the link to the frequently asked questions.

<https://elephants.monartosafari.com.au/faqs>

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Visual Arts Evening next week and any proceeds made from the Art Auction will go to helping bring the elephants to Monarto.