

## COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE JULY 2017 EDITION

The first half of the year has been both interesting and stimulating. Many adults have joined in new projects, and have continued to develop skills in literacy, English-speaking and many have embarked on developing computing skills. The Parenting Group has continued to develop the playgroup each Wednesday morning with new activities.

### EXPLORING CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Over the past 6 months, the Community Centre groups have been discussing how we can make sure that ALL our parents and families feel accepted and valued in our school community. We joined together with many other groups across the State to explore how we could make a difference.

A special Cultural Inclusion workshop, facilitated by 2 very inspirational leaders from Community Centres SA, helped us explore the many positive features that we share, and we spent time discussing the 'myths' about cultures that can sometimes create barriers.



As a community we decided we wanted to create a positive message that demonstrates that all people are valued. After many suggestions, the consensus was to produce a Mural for the Community Centre which highlights the unique and special aspects of our diverse cultural community.



*The workshop was a great success thanks to all the parents who participated so actively, and our very talented facilitators Anna Williams and Ina Kasumaningrum from Community Centres SA.*

### THE WELCOME MURAL PROJECT

Interest in the mural project was overwhelming; with approximately 35 parents joining in workshops with Artist Simon Burt to explore how best to reflect each person's unique and special cultural aspects. The workshops produced an abundance of creative ideas and artistic flair which was certainly reflected in the final design.



Parents shared their time and talents eagerly with enthusiasm and joy, and as the mural developed and took shape, so did the community spirit and friendships. Everyone worked together and shared the task of creating what is becoming a stunningly beautiful work of art!





We look forward celebrating the launch of our new Mural which will be featured at the Community Centre entrance.

## Multicultural Week

*Embracing Diversity*

September 11th – 15th

*Special events and Parent Morning tea*

*Come and join the activities in this special week.*

## RECONCILIATION WEEK – SEA OF HANDS

Parents joined in with students and staff to acknowledge Reconciliation week. Parents created some beautiful hands highlighting the special aspects of reconciliation... friendship, respect, sharing, trust.



## EALD PARENT MORNING TEA

We celebrated this special event with the Parents from across the school, along with school staff and Bala Bhattarai and Jian Ali, DECD Community Liaison Officers who have supported our programs over the past 2 terms.



The event was an opportunity to share information with parents, to hear from our EALD team, and also hear some student perspectives on the learning programs here at Paralowie. We were entertained by students who presented amazing performances in dance and music.

We enjoyed a delightful morning tea – thanks to everyone who contributed to a wonderful celebration.

## Semester 2 Activities

- ❖ EALD Parent Group – playgroup (Wednesday am)
- ❖ Computing for beginners
- ❖ Diversity Group/Citizenship sessions (Nepali/Bhutanese Group) (Friday mornings)
- ❖ Parents & Friends group – meets twice each term.

Come along and join in the activities. Meet new people, gain some new skills and have fun too!

Contact Mary Jo or Selia in the Community Centre to enrol or enquire about any of these opportunities.

*For more information, please call in to the Community Centre, or phone at any time.*

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