The Digital Strategy Community Forum hosted by School Council with School Staff took place on Wednesday 7th September in the Library. A very committed and enthusiastic group of 16 parents and carers engaged in extensive conversations with each other and the teacher facilitators. This was further supported with an update on progress to upgrade the infrastructure of the school to enable current technological opportunities to be fully utilised. Family input in response to the expertise of USG has made valuable contribution to the development of the school’s digital learning vision and how the school and families can work together to achieve this. Important issues were shared such as internet safety, digital citizenship, learning culture and access to devices. There was also a staff forum earlier in the day to explore the same matters. Student forums will be held in the following weeks to ensure their ideas and opinions are included. Jonathan Gardner with the leadership team will collate the feedback from the three forums.

It is anticipated another series of community, staff and student forums will be held early next term to share the findings, consolidate the vision and present a number of strategic proposals.

This process will be a significant contribution to the continued improvement of the high quality learning and teaching environment along with strengthening the school/family partnerships to achieve this for our students and children at Plympton PS.

**LEADERSHIP NEWS**

### STEM Works UPDATE

Everything is beginning to happen. This week, we have been assigned our STEM Works Architect - Nicole Dent from DASH Architects. She attended the "Innovation in Schools" Design Thinking workshop on Thursday at the New Venture Institute at Flinders with Georgia, Kenny Baldwin, Lauren and myself. This was an ideation workshop to explore ideas for flexible and innovative learning spaces. This will be followed up with a school visit by the architect on Wednesday next week for a walk around and further discussion.

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**OSHC**

**Book now to avoid disappointment for Vacation Program**

More new toys have been purchased for our OSHC service. The new playhouse brings us loads of fun and excitement. We have a lot of puzzles with us now. "Shopkins is my favourite". Come join our sewing club! Our new cars are great!

**WEBSITE UPDATES**

- [www.plymptonps.sa.edu.au](http://www.plymptonps.sa.edu.au)

**STUDENT AWARDS**

Room 1 (Reception) Kerry Baldwin
Jacob for working hard during Literacy activities
Lachlan for working hard during Literacy activities

Room 6 (Reception) Stephanie Kokoschke
Koyo for taking time to care for others
Bethany for putting her best effort into her learning and for being a great

Room 2 (Year 1) Georgia Ninos
Alice for respecting our classroom values
Jim for transitioning well in the mornings and practicing to bounce back from tricky situations

Room 5 (Year 1) Kenny Briggs
Uzma for great improvement in reading and writing
Yudi for continual focus in all areas of learning

Room 13.7 (Years 1 & 2) Kelly Rivett and Jane Finlayson
Grenn for settling into his new school and trying his best
Jawad for care of his class and team members at all times

Room 13.8 (Year 2) Emma Falconer & Jake Innes
Samual for putting great effort into his Oliphant Science project
Chelsea for taking responsibility for her own learning

Room 13.2 (Year 3) Jonathan Gardner
Aiden for showing enthusiasm towards his learning and going above and beyond
Downon for caring for his classmates by fixing their kites
William for showing enthusiasm towards his learning and going above and beyond

Room 13.1 (Year 3) Polly Bowditch
Esha for being a focussed and interested learner
Travis for playing with exciting and interesting words and extending his vocabulary

Room 2.4 (Year 5) Cath Newbould
Arisha for effort on her Personal Learning Project
Mia for effort on her Personal Learning Project

Room 2.5 (Years 4/5) Tracey Niekel
Kaisinhira for always working to the best of her ability in all curriculum areas
DJ for trying hard to complete all tasks to the best of his ability

Room 2.3 (Years 4/5) Brenton Woolford
Afton for never giving up in her work on her inquiry into the Solar System
Jack for keeping focus on his Science, Geography and History inquiry

Room 2.7 (Years 6/7) David Edwards
Cooper for always being a caring friend
Radya for persistence and effort in Mathematics

Room 2.1 (Years 6/7) Rose Stone
Jamie for ensuring he is up to date with his learning in Art
Kiara for settling well into her new environment

Room 2.2 (Years 6/7) Lauren Ireland
Henry for embracing learning with writer’s notebooks and choosing to use it in his own time
Jessie for always using good manners and treating staff and her peers with kindness
**Wellbeing & Care**

We would like to welcome Brooke Rigney to our school. Brooke is a proud young Ngarrindjeri woman who will be working as our Aboriginal Education Worker. Brooke is new to this role and will be working alongside children, teachers and families to develop the role for Plympton Primary School.

Brooke has a particular interest in music and brings with her an involvement in the Aboriginal Music Industry. She will be working to pass on ideals of self-determination, community engagement and the passing down of culture and language. Brooke has a strong interest and passion for continuing her work in and with community. Brooke will be arranging to meet up with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families over the coming weeks.

**Community News**

2016 Parents in Education Week – book your spot! You are invited to attend a series of free evening information sessions delivered by renowned international and national child development and learning experts.

Information sessions will run from Monday 12 September to Thursday 15 September in 4 keys locations across the State and can be viewed online or attended in person.

You’ll hear about practical tips and easy ways that you can support children’s learning at every age and stage.

One of these sessions will be on Monday September 12 at Thebarton Senior College Ashley Street, Torrensville at 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm with Andrew Fuller who is a well-known Clinical Psychologist and family therapist.

Andrew Fuller works internationally and nationally with schools and communities to improve the wellbeing of babies, children, young people and their families. His fun and common sense approach make him an entertaining and informative speaker. Some of the areas that will be covered are, dealing with setbacks, developing a mindset for success and overcoming anxiety and developing confidence.

If you would like to attend you can let Lynn Johnson know, or to find out more and to register for a session, visit www.decd.sa.gov.au/2016PWEWeek

**Specialists**

**Year 6/7**

Plympton Primary School has had the wonderful opportunity to take part in Nature Play incursions with Climbing Tree Nature Play. They provided opportunities for children to explore, create and reconnect with nature.

On Wednesday our class was involved in a rugby clinic. We reviewed rules and skills and played some practice matches. We enjoyed the session and are looking forward to the next one.

Mrs Pfeiffer is very proud! With one more major rehearsal to go and 15 songs to prepare, the students are excited about performing at the Festival Theatre Millions rehearsal at Morphettville Racecourse on Tuesday 21st September.

The Choir has been working hard in school rehearsals and reviewed rules and skills and played some practice matches. We enjoyed the session and are looking forward to the next one.

**Year 3/4/5**

One of the challenges the Year 4/5 classes had was to build a shelter from sticks, ivessian and rope to keep them safe overnight. Everyone worked in groups of three or four to make their shelter.

**Year R/1/2**

The Choir has been working hard in school rehearsals and performing at assembly in the lead up to the fantastic opportunity of the Festival of Music 2016 Concert – Wednesday 21st September @ 7.30pm with 22+ other Schools. Magic Millions rehearsal at Morphettville Racecourse on Tuesday afternoon was a great success with 33 students attending. The students are excited about performing at the Festival Theatre with one more major rehearsal to go and 15 songs to prepare. Mrs Pfeiffer is very proud!

Rooms 2 and 5 worked together and our facilitator Simon asked us to make something that has never been made before. On a beautiful Spring day, we worked in groups of 3 or 4 and used the ‘junk materials’ brought by Simon to create and build. The children enjoyed using their imaginations and working together as a team. All the creations were amazing.

**Special Treats Stall**

As part of our Personal Learning Projects in Room 2.5, we are raising money for Cancer Research. To help us do this, we are going to hold a special treat stall to sell cookies, brownies and butterfly cakes. Each item will cost $1.00 and all money raised will go to cancer research. So on the Thursday, 15th September at lunchtime inside the canteen, you will be able to buy some delicious treats. It would be really nice if we could sell all of our treats.

Date: Thursday 15th of September

Time: Lunch time

Where: In the canteen

Cost: $1 each

Thanks from Erin and Akii (Room 2.5; Year 4/5 Students)

**MILO IN2CRICKET**

Cricket Australia and MILO have teamed up to deliver a program. The MILO in2CRICKET program offers children 5 to 10 years the opportunity to kick start their cricket career, learn lots of new cricket skills like batting, bowling, catching and throwing, as well as social skills allowing them to make new friends and most importantly HAVE FUN!! The West Torrens District Cricket Club will be running clinics on Saturday mornings from 9-10am at the Henley Oval, commencing 22 Oct. Training will be provided by West Torrens players.

This year, the MILO Starter Pack is better than ever, including a backpack, MILO, waterbottle, bat, hat, shirt, ball and other giveaways. Anyone interested should register online by visiting the In2Cricket website http://in2cricket.com.au and then click on “Sign up Today”, and then type in West Torrens in the “Where can I Play” box. Please contact Colin Cocks via email on col.cocks@bigpond.com if you need any further information.

Your Old Gardening Gran has found a beautiful dragon fly resting on a log at the top end of the “Old School”. It was well camouflaged with lime-green-yellow colouring. With careful looking and quiet sitting you may find other fascinating animals.