At a recent Educational Conference, the following story was told and I made many connections with the work we are doing at Moonta Area School based on Wilson’ McGaskill’s Play is the Way program where students are learning to take control of their attitude and associated behaviours. I hope you will enjoy the story as much as I did.

Positive Thinking
by Stephen on June 13, 2011 · 183 comments in Inspirational stories

Jerry was the kind of guy you love to hate. He was always in a good mood and always had something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, “If I were any better, I would be twins!”

He was a unique manager because he had several waiters who had followed him around from restaurant to restaurant. The reason the waiters followed Jerry was because of his attitude. He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Jerry was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Jerry and asked him, “I don’t get it! You can’t be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?” Jerry replied, “Each morning I wake up and say to myself, Jerry, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood.’ I choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life.”

“Yeah, right, it’s not that easy,” I protested.

“Yes it is,” Jerry said. “Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It’s your choice how you live life.”
I reflected on what Jerry said. Soon thereafter, I left the restaurant industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it. Several years later, I heard that Jerry did something you are never supposed to do in a restaurant business: he left the back door open one morning and was held up at gunpoint by three armed robbers. While trying to open the safe, his hand, shaking from nervousness, slipped off the combination. The robbers panicked and shot him. Luckily, Jerry was found relatively quickly and rushed to the local trauma center. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Jerry was released from the hospital with fragments of the bullets still in his body. I saw Jerry about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied, “If I were any better, I’d be twins. Wanna see my scars?” I declined to see his wounds, but did ask him what had gone through his mind as the robbery took place. “The first thing that went through my mind was that I should have locked the back door,” Jerry replied. “Then, as I lay on the floor, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live, or I could choose to die. I chose to live.” “Weren’t you scared? Did you lose consciousness?” I asked. Jerry continued, “The paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the emergency room and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read, ‘He’s a dead man.’ I knew I needed to take action.” “What did you do?” I asked. “Well, there was a big, burly nurse shouting questions at me,” said Jerry. “She asked if I was allergic to anything. ‘Yes,’ I replied. The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply... I took a deep breath and yelled, ‘Bullets!’ Over their laughter, I told them, ‘I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.’” Jerry lived thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything. By Francie Baltazar-Schwartz

I wish all staff and students a productive week 10 before a relaxing winter break and look forward to the return to another exciting term in two weeks!

Willis Daveson awarded Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarship

On the 30th May Willis Daveson and his family travelled to Mawson Lakes. Willis was one of five Aboriginal students in South Australia to be awarded with the Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarship. The scholarship is in its 20th year and is awarded to year 10 students to support them in their senior years at school. Students write an application which includes information on their community participation, career aspirations and how this scholarship would help support their learning in year 11 and 12. This application must also be supported by school staff. The scholars are given $2000 which they receive in payments of $500 per semester during years 11 and 12 to support them with their educational needs. The scholars were presented their awards by the Chief Executive of Department of Education and Child Development, Keith Bartley. Willis is well known for his commitment to study and sport. His contribution to coaching young athletes and umpiring basketball and his ability to persist with study in a busy life have been acknowledged with this award. Well done Willis.
On Tuesday 28th May 2013, the Year 12 Hospitality students took part in a two day excursion to Adelaide as part of their studies. Students visited the Central Markets, Convention Centre, went out to dinner at Sah’s restaurant in North Adelaide (followed by decadent desserts at Chocolatree!) and participated in a cake decorating workshop where they learnt many new skills.

Students involved were Chloe Adams, Jasmin Johns, Chloe Boswell, Tayla Scarce, Courtney Hicks, Sarah Moss, Taylah Wardle, Brittany Woods and Hannah Wardle.

Tour of the Convention Centre

“Come Out” activities at Festival Centre!!

Out to Dinner at Sah’s, North Adelaide, followed by decadent desserts at Chocolatree! Mmmmm!

Breakfast at the Pancake Kitchen

Cake decorating workshop. Some very talented students!
Congratulations to the following students for completing their Premier’s Reading Challenge during the last two weeks.

Barb/John – Jordan Prout
Ms Spaans – Lucas Waters, Angus Andersen
Mrs Stutley – Brandon Humphrys, Emily Lowe

Congratulations to Rebecca Stock, Michaela Woodward, Asha Johns and Tom Cockshell for finishing Beyond the Challenge.

This week’s voucher goes to Lucas Waters.

Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes on 6th September (end of week 7 Term 3) this year. Students who have not yet completed their challenge, or who have read the books and have not passed their completed sheet into the Library, please get them completed by this date.

As part of our Cornish Heritage history study, students from Mrs Jarman’s class and Mrs Crosby’s class made necktie scarecrows.

Lorraine Povey, who is Rex Leach’s grandmother, sent us the instructions on how to make a doll-sized scarecrow.

We needed two dowel sticks, a tie, a stuffed stocking head, wool for hair and various decorating items.

We had lots of fun creating our own design and constructing them. They are currently being displayed in our library.

1. Aged between 18 and 70 years?
2. In the last month did you do less than 20 bouts of physical activity?
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Road Crossing Monitors
Term 2, Week 10
Sarah Skinner, Abby Prout, Leah Drew

Term 3, Week 1
Seth Osborn, Drae Hopkins, Jack Hobbs
On Thursday 6th June, the classes of Mr Hall, Mrs Jarman, Mrs Perkins and Mrs Crosby culminated their historical study of Moonta’s heritage with an excursion.

It was a pleasant day for walking and the classes set out eagerly together in the morning. When we arrived at the Moonta Museum the four classes dispersed to commence their rotation of activities. Throughout the day each class visited the Moonta Museum, Cornish Cottage, The Old Sweet Shop and took the train ride around the mines.

At the museum the students enjoyed looking through the different rooms at all the historical artefacts. The mining display was of particular interest. They were able to look at copper and other rock samples. They enjoyed the working mine and crept through the small, dark, log-lined shaft.

The students found the headmaster’s office rather daunting with the cane hanging visibly on the wall. The old classroom was an eye opener with very little visual stimulus, well used wooden desks with inkwells and a blackboard with an old cursive alphabet. The lolly shop was very popular with students and adults alike. Each student brought two dollars to spend on a selection of their choice.

The train ride was enjoyable but we needed to rug up as a chilly wind was blowing. The driver gave a very informative talk about our copper mining history.

The students enjoyed the Miner’s Cottage and learning about the family who lived there. They were asked to try and put themselves into the shoes of the people who lived back then. Would the girls enjoy cooking on a fire stove, ironing with heated coal irons, washing with a mangle? Would the boys enjoy carting water, getting the logs for the fire and working in the mines? What about the long drop toilet out in the back yard? (Remember, no i-pods, computers, mobile phones or televisions!)

We all enjoyed learning about local heritage and wearily trudged back to school.

**Excerpts from student’s recounts.**

"We went into an old classroom. I was hit with a ruler just for using my left hand!" Emily Jolly

"We went into the death room. It was all about what they did when someone died. Firstly they would put their loved one on the carriage and ring a bell. Everyone would come out of the shops and bow or curtsey to show respect for what had happened” Emily Jolly

"We saw the old washing machine called a mangle. It was shaped like a box with a handle." Christina Cocks

"Once everyone had bought their lollies it was time to head down the dusty track to the miner’s cottage.” Savannah Prout

"The people who lived in the cottage had ten children but unfortunately two of their girls died” Savannah Prout

"I bought a lolly pop and it was delicious” Ryan Turner

"The cottage was my favourite part because of the garden. There were plants and paths everywhere. We played in the garden for a very long time. I found a long drop toilet in a little room. There were so many beautiful flowers. Emily, Savannah and I spotted a lily. It gave us the idea to be little children skipping around a lovely little island” Amber Aldridge
DMC Proposals

The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting to be held on Monday 1st July:

Proposal One: Japanese Cultural Day Excursion
Proposal: 20 students from years 3-6 (competition and panel to select). Japanese food for lunch, tour of Japanese Gardens and Treasure Hunt at Asian Grocer.
Requirements from home: Details to come.
Cost: Details to come.
Date: Thursday 19th September, Term 3, Week 9.
Proposer: S Golding / R Dalziel

Proposal Two: Science Day ‘A Century of Australian Science’
Proposal: Science Day on Friday to culminate Science Week. Theme: Antarctica”. Range of activities to rotate through (R-2 and Year 3-6) run by a selected group of interested students.
Date: Friday 16th August, Term 3, Week 4.
Proposer: K Crosby / M Ellis

Proposal Three: Stall at recess to sell goods to raise funds for Daffodil Day
Proposal: Fundraising committee with the support of Fiona Anderson & Home Ec students would like to sell cupcakes, honey crackles, drinks (pop tops and Kirks soft drinks) at recess time to raise money for Daffodil Day. Students to bake goods in Week 5.
Cost: Money to purchase from stall at recess time.
Date: Friday 23rd August, Term 3, Week 5.
Proposer: J McCauley / F Anderson / K Shipard / R Clarke / K Amos

Proposal Four: Term 2 Casual Day – change of date
Proposal: Casual Day to move from Week 10 to Week 5 to support and raise funds for Daffodil Day. Students may wear casual clothes. Theme is dress yellow but any (appropriate) casual clothes may be worn. No thongs or singlet tops.
Cost: Gold coin donation.
Date: Friday 23rd August, Term 3, Week 5.
Proposer: J McCauley / K Shipard / R Clarke / K Amos

Proposal Five: Year 8 Camp
Proposal: Dates have already been approved. Providing more details and costing. Organised aquatic activities in snorkelling, sailing, sailboarding, knee boarding, kayaking, body boarding and surfing.
Cost: $150.
Date: Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th December, Term 4, Week 8.
Proposer: R Stutley / B Schmidt

Proposal Six: Band to compete at Balaklava Eisteddfod
Proposal: Band to complete in the Rock Category at this year’s Balaklava Eisteddfod.
Requirements from home: Music, lunch or money for lunch, uniform.
Date: Friday 2nd August, Term 3, Week 2.
Proposer: N Hamdorf / R Dalziel

Proposal Seven: R-6 Action Group Training / Group Leadership Activities – Change of Date
Date: Friday 9th August, Term 3, Week 3.
Proposer: J McCauley / K Amos

The following proposals were approved by the Principal:
2. YP Zone Football Open Boys – Wednesday 26th June, Week 9.

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 17th June:
1. Year 11 Bushwalking Camp – Change of Date – Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th July, Term 3, Week 1.
2. Year 10 Australian Business Week – Monday 25th – Friday 29th November, Term 4, Week 7.
3. Schools Captains to travel to Adelaide to Government House to meet the State Governor – Tuesday 19th September, Term 3, Week 9.
4. Term 3, Week 5 Assembly – Change of Date – Tuesday 30th July, Term 3, Week 2.
6. R-6 Action Group to participate in end of Semester Celebration Games and Activities – Friday 5th July, Week 10.
8. Semester 2 R-6 Action Group participate in Training/Group Leadership activities and shared lunch – Friday 2nd August, Term 3, Week 2.

Public Notices

Paskeville Netball Club are running their NetSetGo Clinic again this year commencing week 2 Term 2 2013. Monday night 29/7/13. Cornerstone Stadium (Harvest School Gym). Enrolments commence 3:30 pm. Clinic runs 4-5 pm for 8 weeks. Children aged from 5-7 years. Cost $65, includes fun pack (bag, ball t-shirt etc). All enquiries to Karen Willson 0409 340 400.

Hockey SA will be conducting some Hockey Development Clinics this July School Holidays at Clare on Friday 12th July. To register or check other locations for Hockey clinics visit the Hockey SA website Events page. Development Clinics:
- Under 9 – 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Under 11 – 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Talent Identification Clinic
- Under 13 – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. will be an under 13.
# July 2013 Vacation Care

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Congratulations to the Year 5, 6, 7 girls Knock-Out Soccer team. A new sport for all this year, all girls played well in cold and windy conditions at the Port Wakefield oval.

Kira Gibbons and Tiffany Clarke shared the goalie position with strength and agility - they saved many goals from a fierce Angle Vale attack. Jasmine Crocker, Nicola Smith and Jess Bones held the back line with impressive power and excellent foot eye coordination. Our speed in the midfield with Olivia Congdon, Zoe Linke, Ruby Markham, Kara Hackett and Claudia Hatcher put the opposition off their game several times as the girls used each other to go past opposition defence. Libby Adams, Zarli Willshire, Kira Gibbons and Kelsie Woods were also impressive up front having several decent shots at goal. Unfortunately the more experienced side, Angle Vale got a lucky goal and we went down by 1.

All girls should be proud of their effort and excellent demonstration of teamwork and sportsmanship.

As part of her Research Project Jasmin Johns researched the latest trends in costume jewellery, the equipment, components and processes for making jewellery, how to advertise and market jewellery and how to set up a small business. She then designed and made her own jewellery which she offered for sale at Chloe Adams’ Catwalk for Cancer Fashion show on Friday 14th June 2013 at the Moonta Town Hall. Proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Council of Australia to further research.

Week 10 (continued)
R-12 Semester 1 Reports sent home
2:05 p.m. Dismissal

Term 3, Week 1
Monday 22nd July
Term 3 Commences