



DEC-NSW

Hospital School connections

Term 4

2013

“It always seems impossible until it's done”

Nelson Mandela

Note the quote from the term 3 newsletter was also from Nelson Mandela thought this was appropriate for term 4.



Members not attending combined SDD Thursday 19-12-13

We would love to see you please attend a tea/coffee informal chat from 3:30pm at The Reservoir café. Please RSVP by Wednesday 18-12-13 to Ros Lamaro 0433579350.

The Reservoir

47 Reservoir Street
Surry Hills 9281 2228

<http://www.urbanspoon.com/u/map/1790121>

H.E.L.P Conference

Health, Educators, Learning and Practitioners

Three members of staff from Sutherland Hospital School attended the recent HELP Conference at SeaWorld Nara Resort.

The keynote speakers were; Andrew Fuller, clinical psychologist and author, Professor Brett McDermott, Executive Director, Mater Child and Youth Mental Health Service and Professor David Bennett AO, Senior Staff Specialist, Department of Adolescent Medicine, The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Andrew Fuller's address was brilliant, 'Life: A Guide'. His session explored the shambolic, wayward mayhem of human life to reveal patterns and stages. Knowing these helps all of us to promote resilience and to create wonderful lives.

Michele Carpuso from the University of Perugia, Italy, spoke about the next HOPE (Hospital Organisation of Pedagogues in Europe) Conference which will be held in October, 2014, in Bulgaria. The reason behind holding the conference here is due to the lack of support children in hospitals in Bulgaria receive.

Overall the conference was a positive learning experience and a great opportunity to meet with other professionals involved in the care and education of students in hospital. The next HELP Conference will be in 2015.

Jacqui Conwell

Sutherland Hospital School.



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HOPE Hospital Organisation of Pedagogues in Europe

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Hunter Valley Zoo at John Hunter Children's Hospital



Animals often bring out the best in people. They can calm hyperactive children or stimulate movement and interaction in those with physical disabilities. The children at John Hunter Children's Hospital have regular monthly visits from Jason Pearson and the team at Hunter Valley Zoo. Along with being enjoyable the interactions can also provide stress reduction, relaxation, lowered blood pressure, increased attention span, increased memory recall, and improved self-esteem. Children get the opportunity to pat a wombat, cuddle a joey, hold a snake, play with guinea pigs and even touch an alligator. Sick patients often feel isolated and even the most withdrawn seem to open up and let the barriers down when the animals are around.

Amy Wilson
Teacher

John Hunter Hospital School



I received an email from my previous SED congratulating me on fabulous learning opportunities he had seen here at our school on twitter. I had recently had a PARS visit with my new SED. I downloaded twitter and added my SED and there was a great picture of my teacher and some students. I now use twitter to keep up to date with my SED and the Regional Director along with many other colleagues in my area. We have used it at a recent Principals conference where colleagues have taken photos of the speakers presentation and tweeted them along with comments whilst the presentation was still going. I have found it keeps me connected with school events in my area and it is a great professional tool.

Ros Lamaro

Principal
Bankstown Hospital School



Jan Green
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Fabulous learning opportunities for children at Bankstown Hospital School #nswdec



Congratulations

A big congratulations to Gina Davidson receiving her 40 year contribution to Public Education certificate from Murat Dizdar at the South Western Sydney Principals conference recently. Gina is pictured with her son Scott (received his 20 year certificate) and friend Sandra (also receiving 40 year certificate).



After 10 years, this is RNSH School's last Christmas in the Douglas Building. Next December we will (hopefully) be moving to the newly completed Clinical Services Building. The ward is looking beautiful with our theme of *Christmas Past & Present*. We've used many of the decorations made by students and staff over the past few years to create a multi-themed ward - from "Dreaming of a White Christmas" through to "An Aussie Christmas", Starry Night and more!

Gallery



St George Hospital School Christmas Tree