

Hospital School connections

Term 3

2014

Bookweek 2014

On Thursday 28 August, Bookweek was celebrated at the St George Hospital School. The students, staff, ward grannies and doctors all dressed up as their favourite book character. The morning tea was interspersed with readings from favourite books. It is great to see that Reading is still the all time favourite pastime.

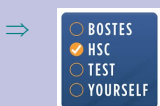
Susanne Rosier
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Recommended sites:

- ⇒ www.mindmatters.edu.au
Online learning modules
- ⇒ www.whatworks4u.org
Mental health site for young people
- ⇒ ReachOutCentral.com.au
Online game designed to help improve communication skills

Recommended apps:



Price: free with in-app purchases for each subject eg. Mathematics \$1.99
Style: Multiple choice tests



Price: free with in-app purchases for each subject eg. Visual Arts 2013 \$29.99
Style: Workbooks



Price: free
Daily life coach recommended at CHERI conference 2014. Includes tips for exercise, diet, yoga, mindfulness, setting goals.

"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world."

Robin Williams

POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Supporting School Aged Students with ASD

This year The Sutherland Hospital School has been involved in the Positive Partnerships professional learning program. Jane Coleman (teacher) and I have enjoyed being involved and it has provided us with the opportunity to establish a professional network between The Endeavour H.S. and our hospital school. The school had to commit to four full day training sessions and completion of several action learning tasks. The program culminates in a Pecha Kucha Presentation. I had no idea what this exotic sounding activity was. Pecha Kucha is the Japanese term for 'chit chat' and it is a presentation consisting of 20 slides, on display for 20 seconds, so it is exactly 6 minutes and 40 seconds in length.

Jane and I will be modifying a classroom in the support unit at The Endeavour H.S. so that the strategies explored during the professional learning can be utilised to better support the learning of students with ASD.

I would also like to publicly thank The Cronulla Paper Shop. This newsagency, located in Cronulla Mall (near the station), regularly donates wonderful gifts to our patients, from 'Dinosaur Eggs' to 'Fairy Wands'. These special surprises make a difference to the students and always brightens their day. If you are down our way I hope you stop in and say Hi! to their lovely staff. (They also make great coffee).

Jacqui Conwell
Principal

The Sutherland Hospital School

John Hunter Hospital School

The Teachers Mutual bank supports local schools through donations for educational programs. Andrew Cosgrove, Business Relationship Manager, was approached by the Principal of JHHS during term 1 in regards to donations to support digital excursions that have become very popular with our students. A donation of \$500 was secured through this program and has been allocated for semester 2 digital excursions.

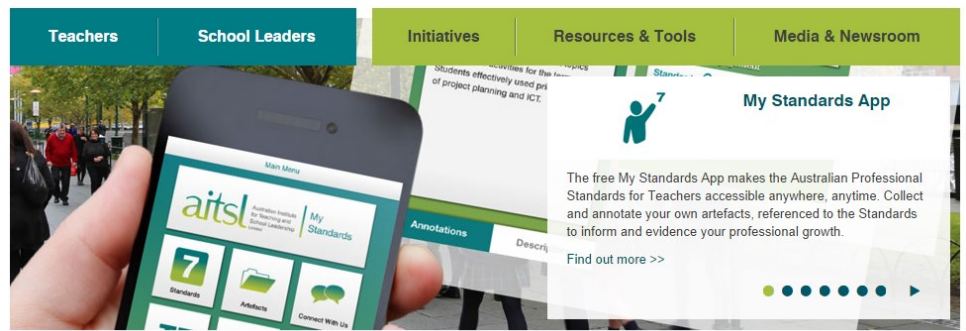
These excursions vary in fee from nil cost to \$260. Owing to the nature of our school we do not request any remuneration from our students and therefore the expense is incurred by the school.

In term 3 we have

- revisited the NASA Space Centre after popular demand
- investigated engineering and flight with Questacon
- discussed environmental issues and habitats through Questacon
- Taken an historical tour with an Indigenous elder through Bennelong Point and the Opera House



aitsl has launched an app to help teachers take control of their professional growth. This is of great use to Hospital School teachers as we can use this on our phones as we work with students in their ward rooms. The aitsl site also has a self assessment tool (SAT) is an online questionnaire enabling teachers at all career stages, in a range of contexts, to reflect upon their practice in accordance with the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.



scootle is a great site to access for all KLAs.

Log in with your DEC portal login, type in the subject or topic you are looking for and you will be presented with a list of matching resources. You can refine your search by clicking on the year level and type of resource eg. Video.

Many resources are linked to other great sites eg. *National Museum Australia*

Aussie English for the Beginner – Flash interactive



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