Indigenous Focus

Recommended apps:

⇒ **Warlu Song - Australian Aboriginal Interactive Storybook**
Cost: *Free*

⇒ **Aboriginal Sydney-A companion to the Aboriginal Sydney book**
Cost: *Free*

Recommended sites:

⇒ **Respect Relationships Reconciliation**
www.rrr.edu.au

⇒ **Kinship online learning modules**
www.sydney.edu.au/kinship-module/

⇒ **Indigenous studies: Australia and New Zealand**
www.open2study.com/courses/indigenous-studies

THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD IS IN MY CLASSROOM TODAY.

IVAN WELTON FITZWATER

Hospital School Connections

Term 2   2017

Sutherland Hospital School says "Thank you"

The Sutherland Hospital School hosted a lovely morning tea for all the staff and volunteers involved in our Orientation Tour.

The tour has been operating for over 20 years and it is a wonderful collaboration between health and education. Our volunteers (pictured below) have been involved in the tour for over ten years.

Pictured: L to R Kevin (Hospital Security Guard), Paul (Senior Research Scientist), Jacqui (School Principal), Joanne and Jim (Volunteers).

Personnel involved in the tour include teachers, SLSOs , Volunteers, Hospital Security, Radiology, Medical Research Scientists and the Child and Adolescent ward doctors and nurses. Over 900 students a year visit the hospital and participate in the Orientation Tour. Visiting school's evaluations are very positive and teachers find the excursion effectively supports History and PDHPE Stage 1 outcomes.

The tour is fully booked until 2019 and we are now taking bookings for 2020.

We would like to invite any of our colleagues from Hospital Schools to visit and view the tour which operates every Tuesday from 10am — 12pm.

Combined School Development Day Term 3 Monday 17/7/17 hosted by John Hunter Hospital School.
Venue: Noahs on the Beach, Newcastle Time: 8:30am—3:15pm Cost:$88/person Focus: Wellbeing
Enrol via MyPL:NR15255
ALSO, special Sunday 16/7/17 PL session Focus: Eating Disorders , NZ Health Schools presentation, NSW Hospital Schools Association Incorporated meeting.
Time: 1-5pm   Cost:$56/person including a 2 course meal from 6pm.Enrol via MyPL:NR15599
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME contact Sally Graham ASAP phone: 4985-5090

CHERI conference

25–26th May 2017

Several staff from Royal North Shore, Illawarra, Bankstown and The Children's Hospital School Westmead attended the Cheri Conference at Parramatta recently.

The agenda included :

- Executive functioning: what is it, its importance to education and well-being, and how can we improve it;

- Mental health, young people and effective interventions;

- LGBTQ youth;

- Youth self-harm and suicide;

- Long term effects of childhood trauma;

- Refugees and trauma;

- Health and well-being in adolescents: protective and risk factors;

- Cyber bullying.

From L to R: Lisa, Gabbie, Ros, Carmel, Heather, Kim. Missing from the photo Cathy and Rae.

The International Keynote Speaker was Professor Adele Diamond, the Canada Research Chair Professor of Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, University of British Columbia. Professor Diamond is at the forefront of research on 'executive functions' and on the brain's prefrontal cortex on which they depend. Executive functions include 'thinking outside the box' (cognitive flexibility), mentally relating ideas and facts (working memory), and giving considered responses rather than impulsive ones, resisting temptations and staying focused (inhibitory control). Professor Diamond was recently recognised as one of the most influential neuroscientists alive today.

Presentations from this conference are available on the CHERI website.

The link below will also take you to a TEDx Talk by Professor Diamond on the power of Executive Function and its impact on student learning.

TEdxWestVancouverED on YouTube

Royal Prince Alfred

Finally! After many emails and calls to request a visit, we welcomed Captain Starlight to RPA. The visit was welcomed by all stakeholders of our community, following the visit, there was a notable lift in everyone's mood.
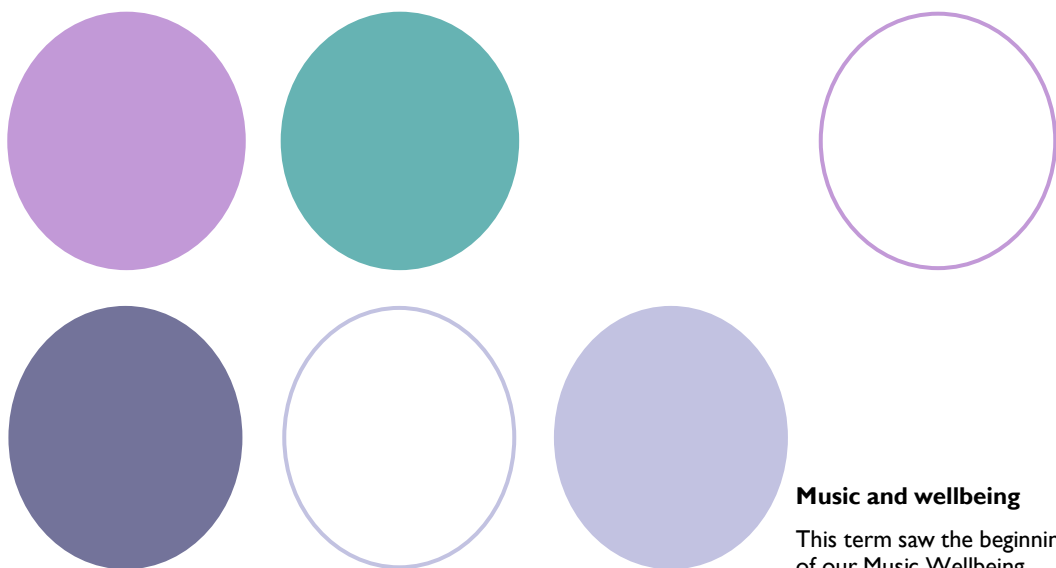
We look forward to many more visits, however, lack of funding seems to be the major issue for this organisation.

If you would like to help the Starlight children's foundation you can volunteer your time, donate money, or organise a fundraiser.

https://starlight.org.au/

Students aged 10-20, in hospital, can access **Livewire** activities by the day and starlight rooms at night in hospitals where this is available. Other students, in other hospitals or at home with chronic illness, may access Livewire via their unique online community with their own **login**. A magazine is also available and can be downloaded from their **site**.

For schools wanting to keep connected with starlight activities while waiting for a visit you can sign up for a **newsletter**, or follow them on **social media**.

LIVERPOOL

Pirate Day Friday!

To raise awareness for Children's Brain Cancer research, the staff donned their pirate gear and sailed the seven seas with our young buccaneers for a day full of dress ups, Pirate- themed Kahoot quizzes and treasure hunts for our friendly nurses. Nobody walked the plank but everyone had a whale of a time.

Music and wellbeing

This term saw the beginning of our Music Wellbeing program with our talented music teacher, Michael. Every fortnight, students experience a range of instruments and learn to play some of their favourite songs by ear! The laughter and range of sounds has sure been music to our ears.

Connecting the dots with our community

As part of reconciliation week, our students participated in numerous indigenous themed activities. Our parents also loved getting involved in our afternoon art session, where we shared stories and praised one another for our unique artistic talents.

Scratch and Scratch Jr and Bankstown

We have been developing resources for coding within our setting and have extended our Sphero team to include Scratch and Scratch Jr.
Scratch is one of the most used tools for teaching students to code, and there are lots of available resources to help you explore, and find ideas for your classroom.
The Scratch website has a huge number of projects that others have shared, but the best way to learn is to get online and have a play.
Click the link below to view a short introduction to Scratch by our teacher Kim.
(Note: This link will not work on mobile devices).
Scratch@Bankstown

Help us increase hospital school awareness by tweeting #NSWhospitalschools
Ensure you follow the Code of Conduct and DoE social media policy for all contributions.
https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/social-media-procedures.pdf

Follow the NZ health schools visit, July 3-6, with Kim Bell and Rosalee Lamaro via the hashtags #NSWhospitalschools #NZhealthschools

Contributions should be emailed to rosalee.lamaro@det.nsw.edu.au by the second last Friday of each term to be included for that