Dave Mutton has been appointed as Deputy Principal for all of our new families. This was followed by the last of our Arabic Mother’s meetings which were funded by a Parents In Education (PIE) grant.

During the term students were involved in a range of activities including the Music Count Us In singing performance, leadership programs, Beacon career education workshops, the City of Charles Sturt Gardening Competition, our overnight field trip and a range of Community Service activities. We also had 5 students from class 28 represent Adelaide Secondary School of English at the West Torrens Partnership Thinking Carnival which was held at the Lakes Resort.

Staff have had the opportunity to reflect on their personal achievements for the year and the leadership team recently had a planning day where priorities and strategies for implementing school improvement for 2018 were identified. A 5 year strategic plan was drafted and this will be refined over the next few weeks before being shared with the school community early in 2018.

Throughout the year teachers have been working in Professional Learning Teams on projects related to the new curriculum, including developing resources and trialling new classroom strategies/techniques to improve student learning outcomes. Recently staff presentations enabled teachers to share all of their strategies to improve student learning outcomes. We have had more than 800 students in the school this year and have had a number of staff changes. I’m very pleased to announce that our current service provider will continue in 2018.

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Having recently successfully completed our Council of International Schools (CIS) preliminary visit, the school is now scheduled to have a full CIS re-accreditation visit and a DECD external school review in 2018. Thankfully we have been able to arrange for both visits to occur simultaneously in late October-November.

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As the year draws to an end I’d like to take the opportunity to thank staff and the school community for their on-going commitment, dedication and support to the learning and wellbeing of our students.

Wishing you all the best for the new year and the festive season.

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Thinking Carnival

On Thursday of week 4, five students from Class 28 participated in an inaugural Thinking Carnival at West Lakes Resort Hotel. It was based on a problem solving process known as Solution Fluency using the 6Ds, with around 25 schools from the Western region being represented. We were privileged to have the founder of the concept, Canadian Lee Crockett, address the gathering and offer his assistance during the course of the day. Schools were paired together and each took turns to present a problem faced by their own school. It was a day of high engagement, hard thinking and huge stimulation, as solutions were sought and exchanged, and friendships formed. We returned to school feeling very tired but extremely satisfied.

Congratulations to Solomon, Aline, Joyeuse, Abou and Ashmita.

Ms Schipanski

Children's Week is a national celebration of children's rights, talents and citizenship, held annually in Australia in October. On 24th October we celebrated this event with a Family Picnic. Special thanks to Life Be in it, ARA and MCCSA who coordinated some fun activities and Prospect Rotary Club for cooking and serving a BBQ. Thank you to the families who joined us on the day, it was a fantastic celebration that encouraged children and their families to play, learn and grow together.

Ms Wilson (Community Partnership Coordinator)

Music Count Us In

Congratulations and thanks to class 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 26, 29, 31 for their participation in the Music Count Us In event on Thursday 2nd November which was streamed live from Federation Square in Melbourne. At 12:00pm 180 of our students and 17 teachers stood and sang the theme song Shine Together with over 2500 schools in Australia and over 500,000 students across the country. The whole room was filled with joyful singing. It was a very successful event. Teachers and students expressed how wonderful and positive the whole experience was for them.

Ms Bleys

Beach Safety

On Thursday 30th November, classes 2 and 28 went to a beach safety day at the Surf Life Saving club, Glenelg. Students learnt how to be safe on paddle boards, where to swim at a patrolled beach, and how to rescue someone with a float. It was a great day, and everyone went home tired and happy.

Mr Krachenbuhl

Flinders Visit – PLP

On Wednesday the 8th of November, students from Transition PLP classes 5, 30 and 32 attended a guided tour of Flinders University. They participated in a variety of interesting, educational and unique learning activities, introducing them to potential future study pathways and university life. The classes had a rare opportunity to tour the health sciences and nurses’ training ward. They also visited the School of Engineering, where they had to use teamwork, communication and problem solving skills to create their own water filters. Finally, the classes participated in a "speed mentoring" event with current university students and mentors, where they could talk and ask questions about university life.

Mr Parkin

Moogy Sumner Visit - History

On Wednesday the 23rd of November, History students from classes 1, 8, 11, 12, 19 and 31 attended a special presentation about Indigenous history and cultural artefacts by Ngarrindjeri elder, Major ‘Moogy’ Sumner. The students enjoyed Mr Sumner’s fascinating stories about the Dreaming and his people’s traditions and connection to country. They also had a chance to see, touch and ask questions about many different traditional Aboriginal tools, hunting weapons and other artefacts, providing them with a memorable, unique and enjoyable learning experience.

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Overnight Field Trip

Students of class 13 completed their own version of Fitzroy reader 1, Mal and Ann. They added to the book by using the grammar features they have learned over the last 5 weeks. These included apostrophes, describing words, sentence connectors, emotive words, prepositions, pronouns and a reference item. Their work is now on display in the school Resource Centre.

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