

SAIL Program Newsletter 5

Footscray & Braybrook Campuses – October 2006



The 'let us know' list

- 1 If any of your contact details have changed, please let us know.
- 2 If you are planning to have contact with your student outside of SAIL hours you must let us know first and complete the contact request form.
- 3 If you intend to bring a friend to SAIL please direct them to the website first and direct them to apply online or just let us know beforehand.
- 4 Let us know if you are going to miss a Saturday via the online "Can't Come Sheet" for Footscray or here for Braybrook.
- 5 Please check and read your emails each week – if possible, Friday is best!
- 6 Please let us know before you speak publicly or publish an article about SAIL.

Ongoing offers

- 1 Photocopying- for any SAIL related photocopying, simply mark the pages from the books you want copied and give the book to the co-ordinators on Saturday – it will be ready for you the following week!
- 2 The Tutor Resources section of the website is available at all times to provide tutors with ideas, games, work-sheets and support. We strongly suggest that if you are experiencing difficulties of any kind when working with your student, you post a request for advice on the SAIL Panel of Experts Bulletin Board.

Diary dates

- 1 The week 5 tutor talks for 2006 occur on 22 November and 9 December (concert)
- 2 If you are interested in attending any upcoming African Australian events click here for the details.

Please read this newsletter in the following week it gives updates on SAIL past, present and future!



Week 5 Talk

Wednesday 22 November

6.00pm

Venue TBA

We've decided to have tutor talks at ONE location on ONE day each month for the whole SAIL tutor world, rather than have them spread out across all four SAIL campuses!

The Community Talks will happen as usual and this cycle, Todd, a regular volunteer at our very own Maidstone campus has kindly offered to share his knowledge with the SAIL Senior community about issues to do with school Parent-Teacher sessions. The talk begins at 11.30am so please do come, spread the word to fellow SAILors about it!

New faces at SAIL!

You may have noticed a few new faces at SAIL over the last few weeks. We've had a small influx of new students and tutors! Although things at SAIL are a little busier as a result, feel free to take time to welcome new SAILors by introducing yourself whenever you can!

SAIL Xtend

SAILors have been dancing their feet off in the latest cycle of Xtend, learning the finer techniques of hip-hop dancing. And we are still aiming to having a SAIL World Cup Soccer team with the SAILors participating enthusiastically in soccer sessions each week.

SAIL-without-a-boat Swimming Xtend lessons will be held once again in this new cycle and we are on the look out for more SAILors for this one. Please contact us if you think your student might be interested!

Big thank you to our Kitchen Team!

On behalf of all SAILors, we'd like to thank our kitchen team for cooking up a storm each week! While we're off working up an appetite by tutoring, the kitchen team is rushing about behind the scenes to make sure trays of food await us at 12pm sharp. Also a part of the intricate web that is the SAIL roll, we'd like to thank Lucy and Lou for preparing and picking up the food each week. Jamie Oliver ain't got nothin' on us!

Working with Children Checks

We've just received a new batch of Working With Children Check forms, so if you need a form please come and collect one from us on Saturday. Alternatively, you can pick up a form at any Australia Post that processes passports. Thank you to everyone who has already lodged a form. The first ID cards have just started coming through. Take note – don't worry if your photo looks terrible. From our personal experience, you're not alone!

Setting SAIL on time

The level of concern we have for the development of all our students is high. The somewhat meager ninety minutes we have with them each week needs to be adhered to as closely as possible so as to maximize benefit to the students. They need every second they can get! For this reason, we ask that volunteers aim to arrive at SAIL by 10.20am, so as to find their students and begin work by 10.30am.

If you find that your student is consistently arriving late at SAIL, please let us know and we will investigate the situation. If you find you are arriving at SAIL late due to your SAILor pick-up, please follow these simple steps to avoid such lateness:

Be Consistent: If you have the same pick-up every week, be sure to arrive at the same time every week. We suggest that all drivers aim to be at their pick-ups house at 10.10am (or earlier if need be). Explain to those who you pick-up, that you will be arriving at their house every Saturday at 10.00am to take them to SAIL. If you arrive at the family's house every week at the same time, they will be expecting you and will therefore be more likely to be ready and waiting to head off to SAIL!

Be firm: If you find that despite consistently arriving at 10.00am and your family is still not quite ready to go and you and the family are late to SAIL as a result, be firm. Let the family know that you will be arriving every Saturday at 10.00am and that they have to be ready to leave. It is sometimes the case that a tutor has arrived to find those they are picking up still waking up and getting out of bed! This might be the case on a first time pick-up, but if you consistently arrive at 10.00am, there is no





excuse! Simply explain that you cannot wait for them to be ready, as you will be late to SAIL. Let the family know that if they are not ready by 10.00am, they will not have a lift to SAIL.. You can be sure that, if you leave without them one Saturday because they are not ready, they will be waiting on the footpath for you the following Saturday, bright and early and ready to go!

Call ahead: If you are able to, call the family the night before, or early Saturday morning to let them know you are picking them up at 10.00am. A call to remind them that they need to be ready or else miss out on a lift to SAIL, will be very helpful in getting things moving on Saturday mornings! Please come and chat with Cait or Cam about this option if you feel it would be helpful.

Get help: If none of these ideas work, and you are still coming to SAIL late as a result of pick-up problems, get help. Come and chat with Cait or Cam about any problems you may be having with your pick-up, if you are consistently late to SAIL.. We are always happy to help!

WholeSAIL News

Protecting the people of Darfur – UN Peacekeepers Now!

Amnesty International is looking for signatures – 23,000 or more – to petition for 23,000 UN peacekeepers to be sent into Darfur to help put a stop to the killings, rapes and displacement of civilians, which has not decreased since the signing of a peace treaty on the 5th of May this year.

You can make your mark at <http://www.amnesty.org/protectdarfur/> and help bring the blue helmets to the region.

Refugee Week 2006. NOISE for Darfur

Saturday 28 October 2006
12.00pm – 6.00pm
Federation Square, City
FREE ADMISSION

The NOISE for Darfur Benefit Concert kicks off from midday on Saturday, 28 October, in celebration of Refugee Week 2006. Organized by the Darfur Australia Network, in association with the Darfur Community Association, it is a call for a show of support by Australians for the humanitarian crisis

in Darfur. So come on down for some awesome musical performances, colourful stores, fun workshops and show your support!

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY – And score some free tickets to a sizzling concert!

Friday 17 November 2006
Sidney Myer Music Bowl
Melbourne

The fabulous lineup for this year's MAKE POVERTY HISTORY concert has been announced and includes Eskimo Joe, John Butler Trio, Paul Kelly and more. All the money in the world won't be able to get you tickets – tickets are free – and the only way to get your hands on them is to WIN them.

For updates on the concert and information on how to win tickets, sign up for The Oaktree Foundation's newsletter at <https://theoaktree.org/Public/RegisterMph.aspx> and get yourself exclusive insider information!

TOTAL TRIVIA

People come from far and wide to join the SAIL team but there are two notable members who have come from very far. Iman lives in Khartoum. He emailed to offer his services and through his generosity, the SAIL website is now partially bilingual. Iman's contribution would rate as the second most remarkable international contribution after Tanya. Tanya managed the car collections of the Footscray campus for a few months.... after she moved from Melbourne to London!

With our sincere thanks for making time to keep SAIL on your agenda through essays, exams and busy periods of work,

Matthew, Cait & Cam

