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K-Kids:

Is a Service Club within a Primary School

(usually students from the upper grades)

The K-Kids Club of Mount Barker South Primary School was formed in 2001 and was the first K-Kids Club in Australia and is proudly sponsored and supported by The Kiwanis Club of The Adelaide Hills.

The objects of K-Kids are to:

Develop leadership potential.

Provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community.

Foster the development of strong moral character.

Encourage loyalty to school, community, and nation.

The K-Kids' pledge:

"As a K-Kid, I promise to serve my neighbourhood and my school;

I will show respect toward my environment;

and I will try to make the world a better place in which to live."

The K-Kids' motto is "We Build,"

Community Service 2012 Activities/Projects :

- Delivered handmade Mother's day cards to women in local Nursing Homes and Retirement Homes
- Delivered handmade Father's Day cards to men in local Nursing Homes and Retirement Homes
- Delivered White and Yellow pages to homes across Mount Barker
- Pruned roses in School's Memorial Rose Garden
- Donations for local animal shelter
- Arranged fundraiser for Eliminate Project via whole school barbecue
- Currently working on Operation Christmas Child

One of K-Kids projects was to collect and call for donations of pet food for the animals at the Hahndorf Animal Shelter.

K-Kids, at the end of Term 3, pictured with Fay from the Hahndorf Interim Animal Shelter with donations from the School community.



News just in: 28/9/2012

K-Kids Breakfast Club in the finals for Schools Community Award

The awards will be presented by Hon Ian Hunter MLC, Minister for Volunteers and Youth, on Tuesday, October 16th in the Balcony Room, Parliament House from 6.00 pm to 7.30pm. During the Reception Jack will be invited to describe the Breakfast Club activities, as described in the project summary; thank the Minister for the invitation to attend the Parliament House reception as part of Service Clubs Week; and, if the winner or runner-up of the Schools Community Service Award, accept the award on behalf of Mount Barker South Primary School K-Kids Club.

See details of nomination below:

2012 Schools Community Service Award Nomination:

The Mount Barker South Primary School K-Kids Breakfast Club:

The Mount Barker South Primary School, with over 165 students, has a very high proportion of single parent families; with many children also coming from difficult or poor family backgrounds, The School currently has approximately 45% of students on school card, 22.5% of students with a disability, including two Special Classes of mostly autistic children.

In 2001 the Hills Kiwanis Club was very proud to be able to sponsor the first K-Kids Club in Australia, (A Service Club for Year 6-7 Primary Students) at the Mt Barker South Primary School and it was evident right from the start that students in the K-Kids Club gained tremendously in confidence, self esteem, and a greater exposure to needs within the Community.

In early 2011 The Adelaide Hills Kiwanis Club became aware that the School was funding and providing some sandwiches for some of the many students who were coming to school with little or no food at all. The Kiwanis club supported a request from Robbie Ratzlaf, the School Counsellor to assist the School in this area.

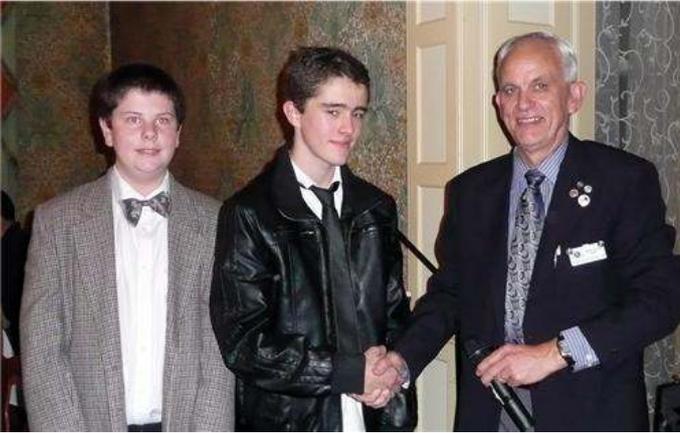
The members of the K-Kids Club decided that they would try and run a regular breakfast club. This has now developed to the extent that the K-Kids have now, over the last 12 months, been running the Breakfast Club initially with minimal

adult supervision and now independently, between 8.30 am and 8.50 am each morning before school.

Two members in particular, K-Kids President, Jack Jenkins and Jesse Williams, have this year, been regularly involved in rostering of the other K-Kids members and overseeing the smooth running of the Breakfast which consists of toast with toppings, fruit and a Milo milk drink and the numbers of students attending is often in the 30's.

There is no doubt that the K-Kids Breakfast Club has made a noticeable difference to the well being of many of the disadvantaged students who have been regularly having some breakfast before school.

Current Kiwanis K-Kids Co-ordinator, Yvette Scott, has noted a tremendous



increase in the confidence and awareness of the value of community service by all the members of the K-Kids.

This was particularly evident when K-Kid members Jack Jenkins and Jesse Williams recently stood up and spoke to a combined meeting of Kiwanis Clubs about their Breakfast Club.

This article from the Mount Barker Courier that was published on Wednesday the 31st of August 2011, that highlights the benefits of this program that the Mount Barker South Primary School K-Kids Club continue to enthusiastically support twelve months later.

