Natural Mathematics Family Workshop
Presented by Ann Baker – 2015 Mathematician in Residence

On the 22nd of June, 2015 Ann Baker came to our school to run a workshop for families on Natural Mathematics. The workshop ran from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the school hall. We had approximately 60 families attend the workshop.

Ann firstly complimented all families for attending, as it shows how keen Fairview Park families are to support their children with learning. She also complimented staff at Fairview Park Primary school for attending the evening, as it shows they are passionate teachers who are prepared to give their own time for student learning.

The workshop showed us some different mathematics strategies we have been using in class. We looked at the Secret Code to help work out mathematical problems. For example - rainbow facts, which are different ways to remember how to get to 10, for example: 0+10= 10, 1+9= 10.

We played many fun mathematics games. One of the games we played was Guess My Number. It was lots of fun. There was lots of discussions using mathematical language and concepts in Mathematics.

At the end of the workshop, Ann Baker sold some of her mathematics books to families that explain Natural Mathematics and show how families can support student learning in mathematics.

Further information about Ann Baker, Natural Maths is available on her website: http://naturalmaths.com.au/ Home

Thank you very much to all the families who attended the Mathematics Workshop, it was great to see so many families attend.

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During term 2, the Community Enterprise Team worked on making enrichment boxes for the chimps at Monarto Zoo. Jake’s mum, Laura, came in to talk to us about what the chimps like to eat and what we can include into the boxes.

We began by choosing boxes of all different sizes and putting them in each other. We hid foods such as pellets, sultanas, dried fruit and popcorn, we also added different herbs so that the chimps we able to recognize the enrichment boxes. The team wrote special messages on the boxes for the chimps.

When the chimps got the enrichment boxes they were very excited and tore them apart straight away. Zuri, the youngest chimp, came in for the leftovers of the boxes and found all the hidden food. Some of the chimps picked up the boxes, ran away, hid and secretly ate the food. The chimps need enrichment as it gives them a different feel for their environment such as different smells and sounds.

A big thanks to Laura Hanley for using your time to help us make the enrichment boxes for the chimps, I’m sure that they had lots of fun.

By Jordan, Tahli and Jake