Learning Technologies New Media Award
The Unit has been nominated for an Award as a result of the students efforts in designing a mini documentary film based on human sustainability in Africa. The students used flip cameras to document their journey from the Unit’s Kitchen Garden and Breakfast Programme to the assembly of Birthing Kits for pregnant women in Chad. The key message of the film is how a small group of students with disabilities use their local environment to act as global citizens and support life for mothers and babies in Chad, Africa. Congratulations to Matt and Maud who will be attending the presentation evening at the Mercury Cinema.

Kitchen Garden
This year the students have assembled three garden beds to grow herbs and vegetables. They tend, replant and harvest the produce which is used in their Breakfast Programme. Profit from sale of the produce has offset the cost of the birthing kits.

The Breakfast Programme
Each morning during Home Group, the students make a healthy breakfast in the Industrial kitchen using fresh produce. They design nutritious recipes and learn a range of cooking skills. The results are enjoyed by all.

V8 Supercars
The students enjoyed their annual visit from the Sustainability Manager of the V8 Supercars. After discussing safe driving, the students were invited to try on Mark Skaife’s racing helmet and Matt Hattam proudly wore the racing suit and helmet belonging to Mark Skaife. Congratulations to Daniel, Casey and Luke who won tickets to attend the Clipsal 500.
Animal Assisted Therapy

Guide Dogs SA
As part of our animal assisted therapy, the students enjoyed a visit from Bella and Inky with their handlers. They learned how guide dogs make living independently easier for their handlers.

Old MacDonald’s Farm
Paul brought a range of farm animals to the Unit including ducks, chickens, rabbits, goats, guinea pigs, a calf and lambs. Everyone enjoyed interacting with them and benefited from their calming influence.

Chicken Hatching
Everyone enjoys the chicken hatching programme which encompasses Math, Science, Life and Living and English. The mechanics of the incubator can be observed as well as the individual chicks hatching. Great excitement is evident as the students observe the eggs rocking and cracking before the wet, sticky chick kicks free from the shell. The chicks in the brooding area can be observed and provide a calming influence.

The Lions’ Hearing Dogs
Two hearing dogs visited the Unit and we learned that they have special sound training that teaches them to let their owners know when the doorbell rings, the kettle whistles, a smoke alarm is triggered etc.

Dolphin Watch
The students enjoyed their early morning trip out to sea to watch the dolphins. Despite the fact that it was a very cold, windy morning with a rough sea, we managed to observe several pods of dolphins.
**Auslan**
The students enjoy their Auslan instruction each week. This visual spatial language represented through hand movements has enabled them to sign numbers 1-20, letters, basic greetings and some useful daily living words.

**Science**
Science comes alive for students in the Unit as they focus on health and germs. They have made cell cultures and examined them with microscopes, undertaken dissections of hearts and muscles, measured vitamin C in food, examined the calcium loss in bones in the laboratory. The students enjoyed measuring their blood pressure and calculating their BMIs.

**Numeracy**
This year the students have focussed on further developing their basic skills including money management, time and measurement. A range of digital resources, the class shop, the chicken hatching programme and practical activities reinforce key concepts.

**Robotics**
Students in the Junior class have enthusiastically engaged in the construction and programming of Lego Mindstorms robots. This has further developed their team building, logic and motor skills as well as introducing them to icon based programming on the computer. Congratulations to Nicholas and Casey for their robotic scorpion.

**Structured Workplace Learning — Monarto Zoo**
Everyone enjoys their weekly visits to Monarto Zoo where they undertake a variety of projects including shade shed construction, car park border construction, roof construction, landscaping, paving, fencing etc. They learn how to use equipment safely and work as a team.
Unit Leadership

Congratulations to the Unit’s student leadership team 2010.

- Jacqualyn - Captain Senior Class
- Luke- Vice Captain Senior Class
- Casey- Captain Junior Class
- Grantley-Vice Captain Junior Class

Kiara and Kofi Enterprise

Students in the Senior class undertake the washing and ironing of the school’s bed linen, PE guernseys, lab coats and school uniform. They are designing t-shirts to sell and nursery posters. Profit made will sponsor a child in Africa.

Duke of Edinburgh 2010

Bronze Award

Maud O’Toole
Matt Hattam
Luke Egan
Jasmine Brumfield
Gemma Bradbrook
Chelsea Henson

Work Experience

This year, the students in the Senior class have undertaken work experience placements at Fresh Field Markets, Blockbuster Video, State Flora Nursery, Treasure Trove, Mulga Conservation Park, Antelco, Pet Shed, Orana, Treasure Trove, Beauchamp’s Shoe Store, Murray Bridge Car and 4 Wheel Drive, Murray Bridge Lutheran Homes and Rapture Hair. Congratulations to Jacqualyn Davis on her School Based Apprentice- ship with Antelco.

Suicase Tour

A travelling tour from the Adelaide museum showed the students a range of artefacts and discussed their history and usage.

Nintendo Wii

Students enjoy the Keep Fit and Mama Mia cooking programmes.
Future Activities 2010

- First Aid Certificate—St John;
- Obstacle Course—SA Police Academy;
- Drug and Alcohol - Murray Bridge Community Health and Services;
- Surfing with a Junior State and National Champion;
- Basketball—Special Olympics;
- Self Defence—SAFE;
- Video Conferencing;
- Trees For Life;
- Craft Fair.