This week we had 2 guest speakers, Mr Darren Pfeiffer and Mr Matthew Lobbe came in from the Port Adelaide Power Football Club on Tuesday 5th of March to talk about their AFL journeys and their life experiences, especially during adolescence. They had a particular focus of encouraging the class to think about making positive choices in their lives. I would like to thank them for taking the time out of their week to come and talk to us. It was an excellent insight into the challenges that professional footballers face and for young people in general and they left us with many inspiring quotes.

Here are some of the quotes students took away from the session......

“Plan all your work and you will find whatever you’re doing easier” (Samuel, Year 7)

“I realised I should balance my diet, my activities and the other things I do.” (Naomi, Year 7)

“I learnt that when you get set backs you can learn from them.” (Tayla, Year 6)

‘Be strong and stand up for what you believe in” (Sarah, Year 7)

“You might have to sacrifice things to achieve your goals” (James, Year 6)

“I learnt to never let setbacks destroy your life or career“ (Zakeray, Year 6)

“Do not let anyone change who you are” (Lachlan, Year 6)

“Don’t spend too much time on your social media as this can be bad for your face to face skills.” (Jarod, Year 7)

“I learnt to set goals and stick with them” (Hayden, Year 6)

“I learnt that when you get older you don’t really care about what others think because you realise it doesn’t matter what people believe.” (Daisy, Year 7)

“If we spend 10000 hours towards an area (sports, music etc) you can reach your full potential”. (Riley, Year 7)

“I learnt that mental and physical injuries can shatter our dreams if we don’t get back up and set ourselves new goals” (Matthew, Year 7)
The Year 6/7 class have also been learning about different challenges adolescents may face and different choices they may have to make. Over the last week they have been creating role plays that show a challenge an adolescent may face and they have demonstrated 2 different scenarios that could play out when faced with that challenge.

“I think the role plays were good because they involved teamwork, communication and that everyone is doing something. I learnt that it is good to think about the solutions to a problem to help you make the best choice.” (George, Year 6)

**Maths:** Over the last two weeks we have been looking at prime, composite, square, triangular and cubic numbers. The students have investigated the properties of these numbers and have used some concrete materials to test their theories and identify these numbers.

“I learnt that Composite numbers are the opposite of prime numbers because they have more than 2 factors” (William, Year 7)

“I learnt that Prime Numbers are numbers that can only be multiplied by 1 and itself, for example 3.” (Aeden, Year 7)

“I have learnt that you can use MAB blocks to make square numbers, like 4, because it makes a square.” (Kody, Year 6)

“Triangular numbers are numbers that you can make into a triangle.” (Patrick, Year 6)

**English:** “In English the Year 6/7 class have been writing book reviews and sharing them with our peers (Molly, Year 6)

“We had to write a review on our books about the plot, summary, an overview and a recommendation.” (Alana, Year 7)

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