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### **Capturing a piece of time at Elizabeth South Primary**

Last week children from Elizabeth South Primary School marked a moment in history when they buried a time capsule at their school grounds as part of a project for the SA History Festival.

The time capsule project 'Elizabeth South: From their Mouth' contains art work from Elizabeth South Primary School children and a link to a video featuring past and present students of Elizabeth's first school. The digital time capsule was buried after a special screening of the film last Friday.

Young filmmaker Damon Sparks from Northern Sound System made the short film along with Fatfish Films. Current students interviewed old scholars who went to Elizabeth South Primary in the 1960s. They asked questions about what they did at lunch and recess and found out what the classrooms used to look like and what sort of pens they used to use.

The time capsule will be opened up again in 2068.

The event was organised by the City of Playford Council in partnership with Elizabeth South Primary School and was sponsored by the Office of the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

#### **QUOTE TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE HELEN CONNOLLY**

"We sponsored this project to ensure young people are active voices in the present, the future and the past. We also wanted to reflect on the experiences we have of being young and going to school. It's important that our living history is passed down through the generations and it is equally important that the history as told by young people is part of that."

#### **QUOTE TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO CITY OF PLAYFORD MAYOR GLENN DOCHERTY**

"It was an honour to be part of this celebration of Elizabeth South School's history and to meet some very talented Playford students."

#### **QUOTE TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO ELIZABETH SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL STEVE CLARKE**

"In 50 years' time hopefully these children will have an opportunity to come back and open this time capsule and they will have a sense of pride and connectedness to the school they went to. It was great to have the involvement of all of the school children with their art work for this project and for them all to experience the relevance and purpose of this history project. "

#### **For more information**

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Elizabeth South Primary School opened in 1956 and started with 90 students, but soon grew to 2000 students with the influx of industry and families to the area. The school remains in its original location and has an enrolment of around 200 students.

### **Background**

The Commissioner for Children and Young People Helen Connolly was appointed in April 2017 and is responsible for promoting and advocating for the rights, interests and wellbeing of children and young people across South Australia.

The Commissioner is committed to supporting SA children and young people to be involved in decision making that affects them, giving particular consideration to hearing the voices of kids who are doing it tough.

### **Notes to Editors**

For further information on the work of the commissioner go to [www.ccyp.com.au](http://www.ccyp.com.au)

**The SA History festival runs until the 31<sup>st</sup> May. For more information and for a full program go to: [www.historyfestival.sa.gov.au](http://www.historyfestival.sa.gov.au)**

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