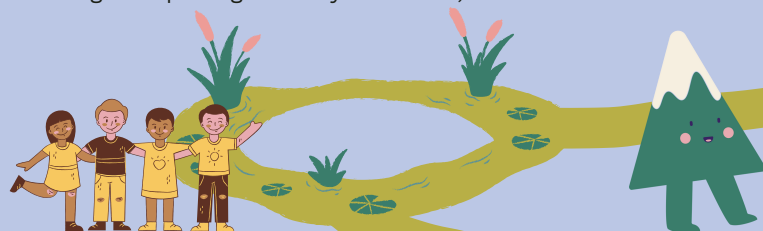


Conversations and fun activities about jobs, careers and study pathways after school

Year 6 at Mansfield Primary School have had three visits from the “Peak Pathways” team this year bringing uni students who grew up locally into the classroom to run some fun jobs and careers activities with the Year 6 kids. It’s great to have conversations with kids early so we can normalise exploring the roles and education pathways that might suit them.

Last week we had a session where the kids imagined what current jobs might look like in 2050 with the addition of various technologies. Previously they did the “Job Jumble” and “Business Brains” activities focusing on exploring a variety of careers, industries and transferable skills.



Peak Pathways

The program is designed to help students identify a broader range of careers, employers and professionals within their region. Parents and teachers are encouraged to keep the conversation going about career pathways in between visits. It's not about having to decide, but more about being open to try a range of things after school.



Conversation starters

Rather than asking “what do you want to do after school?” (can feel like a bit of pressure to decide) we suggest you try some of the following conversation starters:

What kinds of things do you feel like you're good at?
What kinds of jobs would you like to try first after school?

You and your kids can also chat to family friends who do different jobs when they come to visit. And don't forget your own job! It's great to discuss what you actually do in your job across the day or week - kids often can't see the variety of tasks and skills needed such as planning, managing teams, ordering stock and materials, rostering staff, visiting clients or business partners etc.



Hi mum - what did you do at work today?



Have you considered agronomy or physiotherapy?

With 5 jobs for every uni graduate, there's plenty of opportunity for agronomists where science meets agriculture. The allied health sector is also booming - physiotherapy, occupational therapy, audiology, podiatry, dieticians and gerantologists (aged care specialists!) Psychologists, counsellors and social workers are always in demand and general business, tourism management and digital marketing skills are needed to support regional small to medium business growth.

Resources and more ideas

We're not alone in helping explore our kids' futures. According to the Little Ripples website, “children start making subconscious decisions about their future from as young as seven years of age. It's important to create the right little ripples through conversations and activities that positively contribute to children's future aspirations and possible career paths.”

See <https://www.yourcareer.gov.au/resources/little-ripples> for more information, games, lessons and resources.



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