



ACTIVITIES FOR CURRICULUM

"A holistic approach to the development of skills through project-based activities that integrate the learning outcomes will ensure that students are able to identify and apply these skills within authentic social and working environments." - VCAL Curriculum Planning Guide, Assessment and Reporting

ORAL COMMUNICATION

- Prepare a topic for discussion with your senior buddy - use props if necessary, eg photo, map, diagram
- Present your senior buddy's life to your class group
- Ask your senior buddy about a special "memory"...record it. Share a special "memory" of yours and record it. Are there any similarities?
- Find out about a historical/ cultural/ linguistic or any interesting point of difference between you and your senior buddy - research it and present the information. eg transport, communication, music, housing, education, fashion, etc.
- Explore the changes in language over the years - certain words or sayings no longer in use for example, "skite"....why have these words vanished from our usage?
- Prepare a short research presentation on a social issue, eg ageing, loneliness
- Prepare a lesson for your senior buddy - eg origami, a card game, how to write a text

WRITTEN ACTIVITIES

- Written recount of your senior buddy's life
- Write a poem, song, prose about your senior buddy to present to them
- Use multimedia to present your senior buddy's story
- Keep a diary to document each visit to your senior buddy - serves as a record of the growing relationship
- Write a letter – “To the Editor” of your local paper (perhaps expressing your views on intergenerational programmes, social issues on loneliness or ageing)
- Write a letter to your senior buddy expressing gratitude for the shared time together and reflecting on some of the shared activities
- Write a letter to your local member inviting them to come to your school or aged care facility and participate in any intergenerational activities in which you are engaged
- Write an invitation to your senior buddy to come to the school for a Senior Buddy Coffee Morning - Meet and greet your friends and fellow students and you engage in the introductions



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THE ARTS

- Wanganui Dance class will be choreographing an intergenerational dance routine in conjunction with their senior buddies in Term 2 and will culminate in a public performance in June
- The Photography and Art Depts are involved in design elements for the IWIA Story Van and T/shirt Competition and other activities relating to IWIA theme

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

- VCAL students taking a lead in catering for the Reverse Mentoring Computer lessons for their senior buddies - "Wanganet Cafe" - some students preparing the coffee/tea/cake whilst others teach the iPhone, ipad, Facebook
- Year 10 students involved in other activities which will culminate in stories of their senior buddies being filmed, edited and placed online