A NOTE FROM EARLY YEARS LEADERSHIP

Explicit teaching is one of the 4 Pillars of MOC (Entitlement, Engagement, Empathy and Explicit teaching) which underlie our approach to improving learning outcomes.

This week Ms Symons, Ms Hoare and I accompanied a group of teachers and principals to Haileybury School in Victoria to attend a 2 day seminar on Explicit Instruction: A means of improving outcomes. We spent the first day observing teachers in their classrooms across the year levels from Reception to Year 4 and came away excited by new ideas and also affirmed in our belief that we are well on our way to successfully implementing explicit teaching.

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All EY and PY teachers have been implementing a Daily Writing Warm Up during which the children write a Scintillating Sentence, developing their vocabulary and sentence structure. As children move from EY to PY the expectations of complexity and depth increase. This term we are developing our Numeracy Warm Ups as well as the structure of our Numeracy Block.

Kim Cooper
Executive Leader (Birth-Year 6)
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION \& TRAINING \nTHE UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS
Monday 2.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 8.30 - 10am
Thursday 8.30 - 10am

MEET THE STAFF
Angie Madison
“Hi my name is Angie Madison.
As an Early Years teacher I am so fortunate to have my students for 3 years…this year I am a Year 1 teacher. I am passionate about every aspect of education and am a strong believer in inclusive practice within my classroom, as I believe no two learners are alike. In my down time I like to spend time with my family and friends and walk ‘Mufasa’ down the beach.”

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Leader (Learning and Teaching Mathematics)

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EY PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - Next Tuesday 4th August
Early Years Parent Teacher Interviews occur next Tuesday night the 4th of August. The opportunity to meet and chat with your child’s classroom teacher is invaluable. It is an informative time when you may have something specific to discuss or a time for your child to share his or her learning. Teachers who teach your child Aboriginal Cultural Studies, Science, Health and PE are also available to book a time with. Parent Teacher Interviews provide yourself, your child and the teacher an opportunity to focus specifically on your child’s progress.

Here are some topics you may wish to discuss with the teacher:
• What are my child’s strengths?
• What does my child struggle with?
• How much homework should my child be doing every night?
• What can I do at home to help my child with schoolwork?
• What can you tell me about my child’s behaviour in class?
• How is my child getting along with other students?
• What support services are available for my child at this school?

If you have not yet selected a time to meet please do so through www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the booking code BXHF.

Candice Horton - Senior Leader

AMAZING ATTENDANCE!
What a fabulous start to Term 3! Last week we had 10 classes achieve perfect attendance and we maintained an attendance rate of 93% or above in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It is so wonderful to see children being enthusiastic about their attendance and the excitement that is displayed when a class achieves 100% attendance to earn their next letter. Please remember to contact the school or your child’s classroom teacher if your child is going to be absent. If you require some support with getting your child to school each day please come and see me in the purple building as I am more than happy to assist.

Jodie Molitor - Leader (Learning and Well Being)

COLLEGE WELL BEING
SCHOOL EYE TESTING
Advance Notice
This begins NEXT TERM – October 19th and October 30th. OPSM is supporting this initiative.
In October 19th and October 30th we are planning to offer eye tests for those students in need. This program is being supported by OPSM. This complements the dental checks earlier this year, and is another important facet of our Wellbeing focus.
The testing will be here at the college, there are no out of pocket expenses and at the very least, students will receive advice and information about looking after their eyes.
The success of this scheme is very much a team effort between all staff.

THE LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION
The Child Support Unit – provides free legal advice about:
• Completing Child Support forms
• Changing your Child Support Assessment in Special Circumstances
• Child Support Agreements
• Adult Child (over 18) Maintenance
• Spousal Maintenance
• Court applications

Contact phone numbers are: 8115576 or 1300366424

They are located in the Windsor Building, Elizabeth Shopping Centre or at 159 Gawler Place Adelaide. www.lsc.sa.gov.au

Maryjane Tenison Woods
Coordinator of College Well Being

SUSTAINABILITY
This term the Preschool is focusing on sustainability. We have been busy helping to plant fruit trees in our outdoor learning environment and discussing ways in which we can care for our planet. We planted a fish onto a huge board and have been gluing recycled coloured bottle tops to make a special art piece. We would like to enter this art piece into the Gawler Show. We are about to embark on making recycled paper and growing a sustainable food garden for our new Guinea Pig. It’s week two and we have been so busy already!

Michaela Jones - Preschool

ELDER PARK - SUNDAY 16 AUGUST
START: 10am-12pm   FINISH: 4pm
Register at: www.naturefoundation.org.au

Treasure Hunt for Nature
Nature lovers, kids and adults are invited to join in this exciting, interactive, family-friendly outdoor challenge. The aim is to discover the unique nature that surrounds us, whilst learning about our environment and having fun!

Sunday 16 Aug 2015