



Western Metropolitan Region Macintosh Schools Network

Notes from our last Get-Together!
20/11/03

Thanks to all those people who attended our final meeting for 2003 at Essendon North Primary School. Lynn Davie kindly offered to present and share with the group Essendon North's ICT program, Steve gave us a "guided tour" and answered our many questions!

Thursday 20th November

Teaching & Learning & ICT at ENPS
Presented by Lynn Davie and Stephen Palmer

[The following is taken from the ENPS web site.
<http://www.enps.vic.edu.au/>]

Essendon North Primary School: Learning to Learn

As we move further into the new millenium, schools need to prepare our students for whatever that millenium may bring. Many schools and education systems are in the process of restructuring education. While we certainly acknowledge that the traditional skills of literacy and numeracy are as valid and as important as ever, there is an absolute necessity that schools look at how they teach and how children learn.

We have developed a teaching and learning framework. The staff are exploring strategies and tools that enhance "great learning". The focus at our school is on giving students the skills to participate in a digital and information rich society. We acknowledge that children learn in different ways, that each child has skills and intelligences that are different and that may not fit the "traditional" view of intelligence. There is a genius inside every child. As Art Costa said, "All children can learn, but not in the same way and not on the same day".

Our "learning to learn" units in Term One establishes the class as a learning community. The unit aims to give our students, Prep - 6, an understanding that:

- Everyone is special, and we learn in different ways and have a range of abilities.

- There are "switch ons" and "switch offs" that affect our learning.

Essendon North PS is running a number of Professional Development Sessions which will give teachers an opportunity to explore aspects of our Learning to Learn program including:

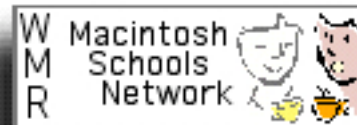
- Inquiry Learning.
- Learning Styles.
- Brain Research.
- Multiple Intelligences.
- Authentic Assessment.
- Thinking Tools.
- Brain Gym.
- Integrating ICT.
- Mind Mapping.

Postscript

The group would like to extend their many thanks to Lynn and Steve for offering to share the ENPS experience with us.

As this was our last meeting, we saw out the year with a shared meal and a few drinks at the Lincolnshire Hotel in Essendon! ☺

Thanks for your support in 2003 and Happy Surfing



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