Thursday, 28th May 2015

Strategies

John Hattie is a Professor of Education from New Zealand who has worked around the world and extensively in Australia and New Zealand looking at what works in education to improve student performance. His top 5 strategies from extensive ongoing research include:

1. Feedback
2. Student's prior cognitive ability
3. Teaching quality
4. Direct Instruction
5. Acceleration

Learning through Feedback

Some of this I understand is Teacher jargon and not necessary to go into in great detail. However, I wanted to give you a little bit of information about the number 1 priority and what we are doing at Carole Park State School to use this strategy. The name we give the process has either been called Planning FOR Feedback (at the planning stage) or Feedback FOR Learning (referring to the whole process).

What it involves is looking carefully at what the students need to do, to meet the requirement of the work in English (currently only working with the process in targeting English) and how we get students to achieve that work.

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Stephen Rowe
Principal
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Volunteers Wanted for childcare project!

Do you have a child aged 0-8 years old?
Do you use currently childcare or wish that you could?
Do you have a weekly income of less than $1200 (before tax)?
If so, you may be interested in participating in a study examining Australian parents’ experiences accessing flexible childcare.

You will be asked to take part in two interviews (three months apart) about your experiences, desires, and expectations regarding childcare.

The interviews will take place at a time and location that is convenient for you.

You may also be asked to keep a childcare diary for a short period of time.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions about the research please contact the chief investigator:

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The Inala PCYC is hosting its biggest event of the year Multi-Cultural Youth Day this coming school holidays on Tuesday the 30th June from 10am – 3pm. There will be more rides than you can shake a stick at, from camels, donkeys, rock climbing wall, bungee flips, quad bikes, tea cups, roving circus acts, a photo booth, face-painting, crazy hair and so much more.

Entry and rides are FREE, food and coffee will require a fee, but everything else on the day is free. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever before, and ties in with our 40 year anniversary where we have several VIP’s in attendance supporting our event.

Please contact Carrie Buttars, Youth and Communities Development Officer

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Highlights:
- Guided Tours
- Information sessions with the Principal
- Enrolment Interviews
- Experience the 7/8 learning spaces
- Meet the teachers
- Join your child in a range of activities
- Sausage Sizzle