

NEWSLETTER

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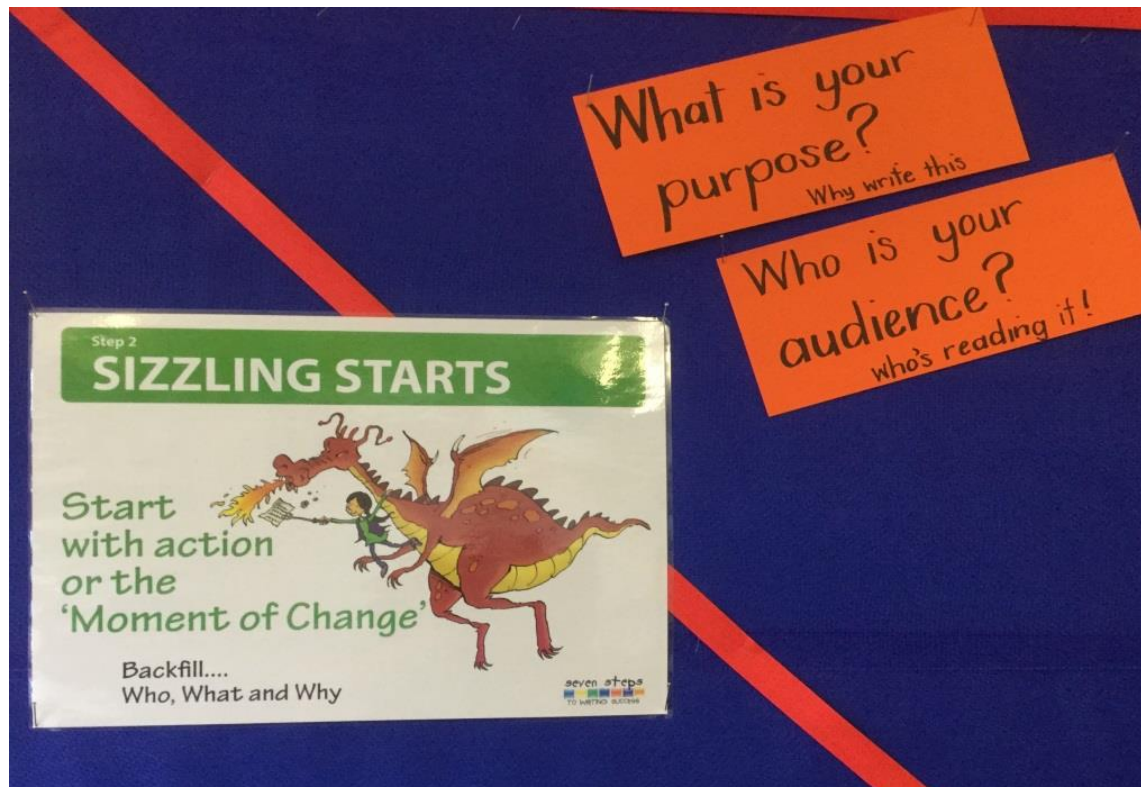
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seven steps TO WRITING SUCCESS



You may start to hear your children talking about "using a *Sizzling Start*" in their writing! A sizzling start is one aspect of "The Seven Steps to Writing Success", a professional development programme teachers were trained in before the students came back to school.

We are teaching the students strategies to grab the reader's attention straight away, have a sense of audience and become more highly motivated to write.



“Don’t run Coco!” Vesper - Year 1

“Ding, Ding went the bell!” Kaylee - Year 1



Step 2: Sizzling Starts

SEVEN STEPS WRITING TIPS

Series One

When writing, kids always want to start their stories at the beginning of the day, or the start of the week or even the first day of the school holidays.

Before:

I leapt out of bed that morning and hurried to get dressed because today Dad was taking us to the zoo. I was really excited because they have this big monkey enclosure there and I was mad about monkeys. I also needed to get some really good photos for my Science project.

After:

'Here,' I told my sister, 'hold my rucksack. I'm just going to get a bit closer to the monkey's cage.' A bit closer meant over the fence, past the sign that said 'No Entry' and right up to the wire. 'You're monkey mad,' said my sister. Well, maybe I was. But I was also desperate for an 'A' in my latest Science project. A picture of a cute monkey, smiling right at the camera, would make all the difference, right?

TOP TIP:

Start stories right where the action begins. Not in the morning, but at the zoo as the person sneaks up to the monkey's cage, shiny earrings dangling in the sun, just waiting to be grabbed by a quick sharp paw. Far more interesting!



ACTION ACTIVITY:

Next time you are watching a movie with your kids, see how the movie begins with lots of action to grab your attention. Adventure movies (e.g. James Bond) are especially good at this.

A USEFUL APP

The Federal Government has developed a free app called Learning Potential, with more than 160 hints and ideas for parents to help their children with their learning. It has been developed with parents busy lifestyles in mind and covers all levels of schooling from the Early Years to High School. It is available for both Android and Apple devices. For more information visit www.learningpotential.gov.au

HOT WEATHER

When the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius in Mount Barker, students will not go out to play but will stay inside the classrooms. Thank you to parents for continuing to support our policy with provision of sun safe hats and water bottles.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on **Tuesday 28th February** by MSP Photography. Envelopes have been sent home this week. Parents can send money in the envelope on the day or follow the instructions for on line ordering. ALL envelopes must be returned ON PHOTO DAY. Family envelopes (students at this school only) are available from the office.

EARLY YEARS, JOLLY PHONICS, OXFORD WORDS AND EXCELSIOR AWARDS WELL DONE EVERYONE



Reminders:

AGM Tuesday 21st Feb 7pm.

SPORTS DAY – Friday 7TH April



DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1

Week 4

Monday 20/2/17 **Student Free Day – OSHC available.**
Tuesday 21/2/17 Swimming continues Tuesday to Thursday – Yr 2-5.
Tuesday 21/2/17 AGM of Governing Council 7pm in Library.
Wednesday 22/2/17 Assembly 2.30pm in the Hall.

Week 5

Tuesday 28/2/17 School Photos.

Week 6

Wednesday 8/3/17 Assembly 2.30pm in the Hall.

Week 7

Monday 13/3/17 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday.

Week 8

Wednesday 22/3/17 Assembly 2.30pm in the Hall.

Week 9

Week 10

Wednesday 5/4/17 Assembly 2.30pm in the Hall.
Friday 7/4/17 Sports Day.

Week 11

Thursday 13/4/17 **End of Term 1 – EARLY DISMISSAL 2.10pm**
Friday 14/4/17 Good Friday Public Holiday.

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 1/5/17 **Term 2 commences.**



COMMUNITY NEWS

Ask at the office for more information on:

Foster Care – Information Sessions – 9 venues. Mt Barker Tuesday 21 february 6.30 to 8.30pm at Mt Barker Bowls Club, Mann Street or call Foster Care Services 1300236783.

Mt Lofty Volleyball Club – recruiting year 6/7 players for Junior League competition. Contact info.mtloftyvolleyball@gmail.com by 1st March.

Echunga Football Club – Junior Registration Night Friday 3rd March from 6pm. Contact Vaughan Brooks 0457537794.

Marryatville High School – Special Interest Music Centre; Information Evening Monday 10th April 7-8.00pm at Marryatville High School 170 Kensington Road.

Grasshopper Soccer – Term 1 program aged 2-12. Ph 0433422347.

Ink Pot Arts – Term 1 quill@inkpot.com.au or 0429673327.



SAY CHEESE



School Photo Day is:

Tuesday 28th February

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon *request and need to be ordered before or on photography day*. Please make your children aware they are having a family photo.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques, credit card and money orders accepted.

Why not give ONLINE ORDERING a go!! It's quick and easy.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Gift Dance at Mitcham

The Gift Dance Program at Mitcham Girls High School offers girls the opportunity to develop their skills and passion for dance performance. Students develop creative, technical and physical understanding and an appreciation of dance as an art form.

With intensive and skilful coaching students become successful performers. Our Gift dance teacher is recognised as a leader in Dance Education. She has had professional experience with teaching expertise in ballet, contemporary dance and jazz dance technique, including choreography for musical theatre productions and national choirs. She has also played a significant role in the development of the SACE Dance curriculum and the management of Dance assessment in South Australia.

For those of you who love dance and want to share and develop your gift, Gift Dance at Mitcham Girls High School is for you.

Entry by Audition:

Year 7 students: Tuesday 7 March, 9:15am & Tuesday 16 May, 9:15am

Years 8, 9 & 10 students: By appointment

Please register your interest at

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