MPWPS Parent Information Night:

Parenting and Restorative Practice - Dave Vinegrad

Thursday 16th October 2014
7:00-8:30 pm

Restorative Practices At MPW:

Moonee Ponds West PS has a long-standing commitment to the wellbeing of students and Restorative Practices. Student wellbeing underpins all we do as it effects student learning, relationships, behaviour and mental health.

The staff at MPW were involved in several training sessions with Dave Vinegrad in 2013 and 2014, exploring restorative practices in the classroom and the playground. This has supported staff to develop techniques to support relationships and learning. Restorative practices are strongly embedded in our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy and are used by all staff.

Parenting And Restorative Practices Parent Information Night:

The presentation will focus on how we can support our children to be the best people they can be. We will explore what research is telling us about brain development, risk-taking behaviours, the social context of discipline, and how the history of parenting influences what we do in schools.

We will explore the foundations of Restorative Practice and the links with maximising learning outcomes and safeguarding and enriching the social experiences of the young people at Moonee Ponds West Primary. In striving for consistency across all adult-child relationships we will examine the benefits of Restorative language and problem solving at home, at school and in our community. The interactive format will allow parents to ask questions and discover more about the philosophy and virtues of taking a Restorative approach to parenting, teaching and wellbeing.
About David Vinegrad:

As the Director of *Behaviour Matters*, David is recognised as a world leader in the development of school based Restorative Practice. He has pioneered the application of Restorative Justice in the classroom, corridor and playground to enhance, promote and repair relationships. With his colleague Marg Thorsborne, he has authored four books and training manuals about Restorative Practice.

David is a well-known presenter with extensive experience in the area of Behaviour Management both nationally and internationally. He taught for many years in Tasmania and Victoria in leading behaviour management roles. David’s expertise and abilities in this area have been recognised at all levels. Over the years he has initiated and supported several student management initiatives that may be regarded by some as being revolutionary. All who have taught with him would agree that he has the ability to ask all educators to think, to examine and to question; are there better or more beneficial ways of managing students than those we are using at present?

In 1993 David pioneered Restorative Practice in Tasmania and then moved onto Victoria to passionately spread the word. His experience includes working with Tasmanian Police to incorporate conferencing as a juvenile justice intervention, worked with the Singapore Ministry of Education training Guidance Branch Officers and the staff of pilot schools as a first Restorative Practice initiative for Singapore. David has recently returned to Melbourne to continue his consultancy after working for 7 years in a range of international schools in Japan and Brazil.

The Student Wellbeing Team, are pleased to be providing an opportunity that promises to be a highly valuable and informative evening for you. We hope to see you there.

Please return the following slip so we know you are attending. Please feel free to direct any further questions to Mandy Jones (Room 10).

Kind Regards,

Mandy Jones on Behalf of the Student Wellbeing Team.