NB: Please note the change to how you access Faster Learners. You must now REQUEST a test by completing and signing the form and returning it to school.





















Faster Learners (WiseOnes) at Park Orchards Primary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

WiseOnes, lately re-named Faster Learners is a user pays (\$283.80 (\$258 plus GST \$25.80) / term) enrichment program that is offered in your school, in school time, and is available from Year 1 – Year 6. During the 4th term, Prep students have the opportunity to qualify for Faster Learners (WiseOnes), a program which is now in its twenty fourth year, working in schools with advanced thinkers and faster learners. This is a free test without any obligation, but which gives parents further information about their child's potential. The test administered is the 'Raven's Progressive Matrices' which is a leading global non-verbal measure of mental ability, helping to identify individuals with advanced observation and clear thinking skills The test, itself, is not related to reading, writing or spelling but to the child's creative ability. Parents and Guardians will be notified if their child has qualified. The test will be administered in a nearby classroom by registered teacher, Educational Consultant and former Principal Patricia Rogers-Truscott who has a Working With Children's Check.

For further information please contact Patricia B Rogers-Truscott (Pat), B.Ed., Grad Dip R.E., ACEL, IML. Mobile: 0407 313 657, Email: aptruscott@gmail.com.

All Faster Learner teachers are qualified and faster learners themselves so can mentor with great understanding of this ability. All enquiries are welcome.

Some indications:

- 1. Speaks fluently using advanced levels of words, seems older than his/her age.
- 2. Puts ideas together in creative ways, seeing things in a new perspective.
- 3. Refuses to write things down or hand in the required amount of work.
- 4. Gets into trouble for asking too many questions.
- 5. Can tell you all about the topic in detail, but can't present work in written form.
- 6. Has been assessed as gifted by a psychologist, Krongold, CHIP or school.
- 7. Thinks and argues well, is independent, self sufficient and may be bossy.
- 8. Very good co-ordination for dance, sport or gym or technical or craft work.
- 9. Great interest in the future, world problems, or perhaps dinosaurs or astronomy.
- 10. Likes to mix with children a couple of years older or with adults.
- 11. A few of these children have very few or no real friends.
- 12. Is a lovely, well mannered good person who is well balanced and friendly.

The program throughout its 24 years has always taught STEM units and Art with exciting names:

Science e.g. Astronomy, Expert on Shells Technology e.g. Electronics, Engineering e.g. Basic Engineering

Mathematics e.g. Hands on Algebra plus The Arts e.g. Draw with A Twist

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