



PRIMARY ETHICS

It is my pleasure to announce that the beginning of Term 3 marks the first anniversary of the Primary Ethics program at our school. Each week our committed ethics teachers deliver lessons to more than 160 students across all stages at Carlingford West.

On 4 July, we celebrated our 1st anniversary by holding a morning tea for our team of teachers. A special thank you to Ms Mimi Lloyd for organising this event and making a beautiful cake. Ethics classes aim to help the children develop the skills of critical thinking. Students are learning to view ethical issues from different angles, carefully listen what others have to say, respectfully disagree with others if their opinion differs, build on other students' ideas and to be able to reasonably support their argument.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in ethics classes, please contact the school office. For more information about the Primary Ethics, please visit: www.primaryethics.com.au

Vera Polzin

Volunteer Ethics Coordinator at Carlingford West Public School



Primary Ethics Volunteers Urgently Needed!!!

We have been lucky in Primary Ethics that despite only needing to commit to twelve months, our teachers have been with us since the first year it commenced at Laurieton Public School. Now in its fourth year, several teachers have recently moved on, and all of these positions have not yet been refilled. In addition, in Term 2, two teachers will be unavailable to teach Primary Ethics. This will leave us with a short-fall of teachers, which will likely mean several classes will unfortunately have to be cancelled. If being a Primary Ethics teacher appeals to you, or you are keen to get involved to ensure that your child continues the program, then please go to the Primary Ethics website primaryethics.com.au for more information or call April on 0413 727 145.



Stage 1 & Stage 2 Non Scripture Students

Next term ethics classes will be commencing at Blackwell Public School for children in Stage 1 & 2.

Each week children discuss a topic from the approved Primary Ethics curriculum. Ethics classes include scenarios, poems and stories, group work and activities to encourage the children to think about what they should do in different situations, about how those circumstances might make a difference and about the consequences of their actions.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

The curriculum aims to help children develop a life-long capacity to make well-reasoned decisions on ethical issues. We hope students will become informed and inquiring adults with the ability to recognise ethical issues and explore them with others in a considered, productive and respectful way.

They are encouraged to think about the impact of their actions, not just on the people close to them, but also on the broader community.

Lesson plans are provided by Primary Ethics and have been approved by the Department of Education. The classes are facilitated by a trained volunteer ethics teacher who received full training through online modules and a comprehensive 2 day workshop.

For the program to be extended to other stages, we need more volunteers. Grandparents and other members of your family and friends' network might also be interested in volunteering, so please speak to them about volunteering.

For more information about the program or to view the curriculum please click on the button to visit www.primaryethics.com.au.

The following is from Mrs Lobsey who has trained and volunteered to be our Ethics teacher at Blackwell.

I am a parent of three children at Blackwell Public in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 3. I have been parent helping in the classrooms of each child every week since my eldest started school.

I love watching the kids discover what they are capable of and how incredible their minds and thoughts are. I come from a family of teachers and I have been leading programs for adults for the past 15 years.

I have recently completed the extensive training to be able to teach Ethics in Primary School as a Volunteer. It is an amazing program with detailed lessons and support material that encourages young people to look at areas of life and asses things for themselves. They will be empowered to have their own thoughts and learn how to both communicate them and have evidence to support their own thinking. It is such a privilege to be able to give the kids this skill for life.

Madeleine Lobsey



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