This page may include details of upcoming Parent Education Evenings, Parenting Notes, Insights’ newsletters and other information which may be of interest for parents in ensuring student wellbeing.

**Tuning in to Kids Parenting Program 2014**

Overnewton Anglican Community College will be conducting a group parenting program for parents of students in the Junior School during Term 2, 2014.

The Tuning in to Kids Program will be facilitated by our school counsellors, Jacqui Garkel and Shivon Barresi, and will run over a six week period for two hours per week.

**Who**
Open to parents of Junior School children  
(Numbers are strictly limited to 15 families)

**When**
Term 2, 2014

**Where**
Keilor Campus  
Community Development Building  
(OSHC Open Area - next to First Aid)

**Dates**
Wednesday 30/04  
Wednesday 07/05  
Wednesday 14/05  
Wednesday 21/05
Wednesday 28/05
Wednesday 04/06

**Time**
Sessions run from 6:30 – 8:30pm

**Expressions of interest email:** jacqui.garkel@overnewton.vic.edu.au or shivon.barresi@overnewton.vic.edu.au

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**What is the Tuning in to Kids program?**

Tuning in to Kids™ is a parenting program that helps children learn to understand and regulate their emotions. Previous research has found that parenting styles can influence a child’s emotional intelligence. Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand and control your emotions, as well as being able to communicate to others about how you feel. Children with good emotional intelligence often have better emotional, social, and physical functioning, as well as fewer behavioural difficulties.

Tuning in to Kids™ is a parenting program that aims to give you helpful ways of teaching your child the skills of emotional intelligence. The program teaches you about how you, as a parent, can help your child develop good emotional skills. It teaches parents:

- awareness and regulation of their own emotions
- awareness of their children’s emotions
- to use children’s emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching
- skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions
- skills in assisting children in problem solving
- to guide children’s behaviour with appropriate limits

Tuning in to Kids™ involves watching video material, group discussions and exercises, role plays, reading information, and home activities where you try out different ways of responding to your child’s emotions. Parents are encouraged to share experiences and ideas within the group and group leaders may use these as examples to explain and teach the skills of emotion coaching.

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**What is Emotional Intelligence?**

Emotional Intelligence is about using your emotions to guide you through the world. It is about being able to use your own knowledge of emotions to make decisions, to calm yourself down, to manage anger and conflict, to help you in your relationships with people, to know what is happening in social situations, and to assist you in many aspects of life where you or another person are involved.

Developing Emotional Intelligence increases your ability to:
• understand and talk about emotions
• understand other people’s emotions and respond with empathy
• motivate yourself optimistically – to plan, set goals and focus attention
• handle relationships successfully – problem solve around emotions and manage behaviour – including resolving conflict thoughtfully and non-violently.

For more information about the program visit www.tuningintokids.org.au

Developing Character Strengths

In this week’s Insights, Michael Grose talks about why developing character strengths is just as important to your child’s future success as building academic skills.

To view visit INSIGHTS True GRIT.pdf

For more information from Michael Grose, please visit http://www.parentingideas.com.au/