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Parent Information Workshop Series

PAST SESSIONS

| Date | Topic | Details | Presentations & Recordings |
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| Tuesday 12 November | Learning about Reading and Writing, Years 1-3 | Reading and Writing in Years 1 to 3 and how you can support your child at home. | Presentation Video Recording |
| Thursday 28 November | Technology Part I. Smartphone and Device Usage. Book discussion of "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt | This is a Zoom conversation about smartphones and smart devices where we reflect on the popular book. We will share the results from our recent survey titled, "Smart Devices in the Kennedy Community" and review the main ideas of the book and some other viewpoints in the space. | Presentation Video Recording Additional Q&A (Not covered during the zoom) Innovation Resources |
| Friday 10 January 8.30-9.30 am Session #1 | Getting to know West Island School (WIS). This in-person coffee morning will be held at Kennedy School for all Year 3-6 parents. | There will be a meet and greet with a general presentation from the WIS Team. The WIS team will also organise their presentation to meet your needs so please share your questions and queries in the RSVP form. | |

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| <p>Wednesday 15 January</p> <p>6:00 – 7:00 pm</p> | <p>Learning about Reading and Writing, Years 4-6</p> | <p>We will share how we teach reading and writing in Upper Primary and provide some tips on how to support your child at home.</p> | <p>Presentation</p> <p>Video Recording</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 4 February</p> <p>6:00 – 7:00 pm</p> | <p>Technology Part 2: Nurturing a Healthy Digital Diet</p> | <p>A Zoom workshop covering these important areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparing children for the Digital Age - Understanding the Landscape - A Glimpse into the Future | <p>Video Recording</p> <p>Community Resources</p> <p>ESF Digital Citizenship framework (learning & teaching at Kennedy)</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 11 February</p> <p>6:00 – 7:00 pm</p> <p>Session #2</p> | <p>Getting to know West Island School - academic and pastoral</p> <p>Parents of Year 3-6 students</p> | <p>A Zoom session to give a deep dive into learning and academic pathways at West Island School and their focus on pastoral care.</p> | <p>Video Recording</p> |
| <p>Thursday 13 February</p> <p>6:00 – 7:00 pm</p> | <p>Skills for the Future</p> | <p>We will share a quick overview of current research on skills and attributes that our students will need in our ever-changing world. We will then discuss how we develop these intentionally in school and provide some tips for how you can support your child at home.</p> | <p>Presentation</p> <p>Video Recording</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 12 March</p> <p>6:00 – 7:00 pm</p> | <p>Learning about Mathematics, Years 1-3</p> | <p>We will share how we teach Mathematics in Years 1 - 3 and provide some tips for how you can support your child at home.</p> | <p>Presentation</p> <p>Video Recording</p> |
| <p>Thursday 13 March</p> | <p>Learning about Mathematics, Years 4-6</p> | <p>We will share how we teach Mathematics in Years 4- 6 and provide some tips for how you can support your child at home.</p> | <p>Presentation</p> <p>Video Recording</p> |

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| 6:00 – 7:00 pm | | | |
| Tuesday 29 April 6.00 - 7.00 pm | Technology Part 3: Smartphone Free Childhood HK | A webinar introducing the Smartphone Free Childhood HK panelists, including author, Ross Parker of "Screens That Eat Children" and Charles Brantly, a local family physician. The guest speakers, include two of the founders who are also ESF parents, and will be raising awareness of the challenges & harms of a smartphone-based childhood. | No recording was made. Slides from the webinar and further community support can be found in our Digital Citizenship - Community Documentation folder |
| Friday 2 May 8.30-9.30 am Session #3 | Getting to Know West Island School - WIS transition Q and A session for Year 6 parents only | An informal coffee morning hosted by KS. The team will answer any questions you have about your child transitioning to WIS. | Presentation |
| Tuesday 6 May 6.00 pm | Exhibition (Year 6 parents) | This webinar is for Year 6 Parents where we will share information regarding the Year 6 Primary Years Programme Exhibition. The Exhibition is the culminating project for the IB Primary Years Programme and is an exciting time where students take ownership of their learning and share with the community. We will share information on the IB requirements as well as tips on how you can support your child in the process. | Video |
| Tuesday 27 May 6:00 – 7:00 pm | 4th Technology Webinar: Hooks and Habit Loops | Innovation & Learning Coach, Rory Douglas and gaming expert, Arthur Fang will discuss screen time, sleeping habits and look at how businesses and gaming | Video Recording |

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