



Fun and engaging



Personalised clear pathways

## Learning Cycle One Update

We are well into Learning Cycle one and our students have been not only producing outstanding work, they have also been learning academically, socially and emotionally. Parents are reporting that students are loving the autonomy, connection with their Learning Coaches and the consistency and certainty it has provided for their child/ren.

Already in week 5 of Learning Cycle One, students have been involved in several cross-curricular projects.

- Spectrum's Got Talent was all about identifying and sharing a talent or skill each student has and creating a how-to guide for others. This saw instruction books, infographics and videos produced. Procedural or instructional writing was at the core as well as learning to Think and Communicate with Clarity & Precision.

Music week was full of Mickey Mouse Madness as students learned how music changes the experience of a video or film. They then went on to design, create and showcase their own soundtrack to a silent Mickey Mouse clip. It was magical!

Taking Responsible Risks was a key to success as there were no right or wrong ways to do this task.

- The current project students are involved in is 'Happy Healthy You!' This involves developing a personalised fitness plan and following it, and older students are writing an article to promote teen health with perspectives from three different aspects of wellbeing. Tracking their own fitness over the coming weeks dovetails into graphing in their Maths activities. Through this project, we are learning about Persisting, staying on task and being able to persevere especially when it is hard or we are stuck. This applies to students, parents and Learning Coaches!



# GOTD

## GREJ OF THE DAY

### Have you seen the Breakfast Bar sessions?

This has got to be one of the most exciting moments of each day when the students arrive excited about finding out the new topic and facts of the day. They learn how to take notes, summarise and retell a new topic each day. Each day the students receive a clue for the following day's topic. Our clues have included:

- Wider than the moon
- Burns like crazy
- Almost impossible flight
- Only found on an island in Cook Strait
- Bullied at 5 - world champion at 23
- Sold more than 100 million copies worldwide

Check out our first week of the breakfast bar sessions [HERE](#)

### INTRODUCING LEARNING COACH BRIDGET



My one true passion is music... as well as tramping, cooking and eating great vegan food. If I can combine all three - that's my perfect weekend!

Interesting facts about me include, I completed my degree when I was 39. I once sold cars for a living (and will never do this again!!!), I am one of eight siblings and am a grandmother of two.

Picture drawn by 4 yr old granddaughter

## Learning Cycle Two starts on the 20th April

There is still time to enrol your child for the next learning cycle. If you are looking for a fun, friendly, personalised educational journey for your child, chat with one of our Learning Coaches to see how we can assist you to create a wonderful, broad and connected learning experience.

**LIVE WEBINAR**

### Parenting for Independence

Part of the Parenting Webinar series *Roots & Wings*

**Thurs 24th March 8.00pm NZT**

**\$49**

Join international speaker, Karen Tui Boyes, for 45 mins of insights, inspiration and ideas.

Topics covered include: encouraging helpful helpers, letting go of perfectionism, fostering a 'pitch-in' mindset, ways to praise to increase responsibility & independence and how to put the fun back into parenting.

[www.spectrumeducation.com/roots-and-wings-series-22/](http://www.spectrumeducation.com/roots-and-wings-series-22/)



**Complimentary tickets for all Spectrum Online Academy students & parents**



## STUDY SMARTER

TECHNIQUES FOR STUDYING SMARTER, NOT HARDER

### ONLINE WORKSHOP

**Note Making & Note Taking**

You will learn...

- ✓ 3 different ways to take notes
- ✓ How to make your notes memorable
- ✓ Short hand tips
- ✓ How to create a bank of symbols
- ✓ Why rewriting your notes is a waste of time
- ✓ Strategies for taking notes online
- ✓ ways to store your notes for easier access

what you will learn

**April 6th**

**7.00PM - 7.45PM (NZST)**

**Note Making & Note Taking**

Keys to creating memorable notes during and after class

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