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# Links for Learning and Literacy

- 1. End of Term 3 webinar programme
- 2. Online 1 year programmes
- 3. Free Webinars from guest professionals
- 4. Free parent workshop.

#### Late Term 3 Webinar programme - Registrations now being taken

The final round of seminars for the term begin on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. This will be the last LSC/SENCO/RTLB/RTLIT and Teacher series for the year. We will offer 1 more teacher aide series in term 4. This will be a numeracy series.

The webinar flyers for the last part of term 3 are attached.

# LSC/SENCO/RTLB/RTLit Webinar - 9am - 10.30am

1/ Tuesday 25 August - The LSC/SENCO role, understanding at risk learners and underpinning cognitive weaknesses .

2/ Tuesday 1 September - Screening assessments and analysis

3/ Tuesday 8 September - Supporting Class teachers with differentiated teaching and accommodations

4/ Tuesday 15 September - Programmes and resources to meet at risk learner needs

# Teacher Webinar - 3.30 - 5.00 pm

1. Wednesday 26 August - Understanding at risk learners, underpinning weaknesses, and identifying learner types.

2. Wednesday 2 September - Differentiated teaching, accommodations, and strategies

- 3. Wednesday 9 September Screening assessments and analysis
- 4. Wednesday 16 September Programmes and resources

Raising Achievement is listed on the Ministry Website in relation to the new teacher aide professional development funding. The one year online programme (flyer attached) and the stand alone webinar series are the current options available.

### Teacher Aide Webinar 1pm - 2.30pm

- 1. Thursday 27 August Understanding at risk learners and identification
- 2. Thursday 3 September Phonological weaknesses and spelling
- 3. Thursday 10 September Supporting At risk writers 1
- 4. Thursday 17 September Supporting At Risk writers 2

# Webinars are suitable for primary and secondary settings.

#### **Online One Year Programmes**

We have had lots of inquiries and bookings for our online programmes. Registrations for these are taken all year round and the 12 month period begins from the date of enrolment. We have online programmes for:

- LSC/SENCO/RTLB and RTLit
- Teachers
- Teacher aide/support staff

All programmes are suitable for primary and secondary and the flyers for these are attached.

#### **Free Webinars from Guest Professionals**

The Betsy Sewell webinars have been extremely popular with extra sessions needing to be added. The course content has been superb with research, knowledge and practice being shared on the Science of reading and phonemic and phonological development.

Our next guest is Anne Marsh. Anne is the developer of the Weird Word Game we use in conjunction with the Alpha to Omega programme.

Anne Marsh (M.Ed., Dip. T.) has been coaching families how to coach their children basic literacy and numeracy skills using her programme **Families as Coaches** and its associated manual **How To Coach Your Children To Be Excellent Students**.

Research indicates that parents' support and encouragement is a key factor in how successful children are in everything they do, right through the high school years and beyond.

She will share learning gaps her students have presented with, particularly to do with phonics skills and number facts, and how those students hide their lack of knowledge.

She will describe how her new parent webinars programme will work with families to overcome those learning gaps so that their children develop the confidence and skills to succeed in the classroom.

She will show you why the phonics-based **Weird Word Game** can quickly teach students many of the core letter-sound combinations we use to read and spell.

This Free webinar will be held on Tuesday 25 August at 7.30pm

Please email to register your attendance <u>admin@raisingachievement.co.nz</u> and a link will be sent.

Can ask that if you do register that unless you have unforeseen circumstances that you do attend. If you need to cancel please let us know as soon as possible so we can give your space to someone else on the list.

#### **Free Parent Webinars**

Our next Free Parent Webinar will be held on Monday 24 August. Feel free to put a notice about the FREE webinar in your newsletter and/or on your school Facebook page. We have had a number of school staff attending the sessions and we would be very happy to have you if you would like to register.

Many parents have asked for screening assessments and are beginning to use this information to assist their children with home reading and spelling programmes. I will be giving assistance priority to Auckland parents over this time. With another round of school closures I am expecting an increase in contacts from the Auckland region.

Parents are saying they are getting a great deal of understanding from the course content below. The parent webinar topic is - "Understanding children's learning differences and supporting children with home learning."

- Understanding your child as a learner
- Understanding learning difficulties
- Specialist referrals
- Supporting at risk learners
- Literacy and supporting children with home learning
  - Tutor reading
  - Basic spelling activities.
- Next steps for those who want more

To ensure we keep track of numbers people can register by emailing their name and email address to <u>admin@raisingachievement.co.nz</u>. A link to attend the webinar is sent out once registrations are achieved.

The team at Raising Achievement looks forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming webinars or online programmes. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have questions.