**Lyn’s Lines**

The importance of oral language to the development of literacy skills, reading and writing cannot be underestimated. Bittern Primary School is currently involved in a research project, ‘Classroom Promotion of Oral Language’ CPOL, which explicitly teaches students about the elements of oral language. Following are some ideas to make the most of conversations with your children to support them with their language development.

**TALKING WITH CHILDREN**

Talking with our children comes naturally and we don’t often give it a great deal of thought. It’s something that we just do, like preparing breakfast or making lunches. However, the quality of our communication does make a difference. Good communication helps children shape positive attitudes about themselves, allows parents a window into their children’s thinking and promotes good relationships.

**Bright Idea**

- Meals are great social occasions – more than just refuelling stops. They provide a great opportunity for families to get together and talk. Talk about each other’s day – the highlights and the low lights. Share your own day with your children.

- If you have a ‘conversational clam’ in your family try talking over a snack, or while doing an activity. Boys, in particular, tend to open up more while their hands are busy. Relax, go for a walk and watch how their tongues loosen up.

- If ‘nah’ or ‘yep’ are the only responses you get from your children consider asking questions that begin with What, Where, How or Why. Ask interesting questions that will spark more than a one-word response.

- Talk with children on their turf. Many children will open up in the privacy of their own bedroom, particularly when they are relaxed and feel secure.

- Respect children’s boundaries. There are times when a good listener will know when to keep quiet. Children will often divulge information when they are ready.

**Talking Turn – Offs**

1. Lecturing children: ‘When I was young...’
2. Shouting: Using a quiet voice is a more effective
3. Way to get a point across than a raised voice.
4. Put-downs: They lower children’s self-confidence and they turn children off listening to you.
ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
We are currently welcoming enrolments for 2015 and conducting individual tours. If you or someone you know would like a private tour with your child and partner please call in at any time, we are more than happy to 'show off' our school.

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Pins; $2 and $5
Wristbands; $3 and $4
Pens; $5
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GUESS HOW MANY LOLLIES IN THE JAR
Hello, we would like donations of jars with lollies or anything small and yummy inside. We are having a ‘Guess how many?’ jar stall at the Spring Festival and would appreciate your donations.

Thank you
Matthew Schneider, Alex Mueller and Max Piotrowski

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HOT DOGS!!

Hot dogs will be available this Friday, at a cost of $2.50.
If you would like your child/ren to purchase a hot dog, please complete the order form and return it to school this Friday, together with the correct money.

PLEASE NOTE – THE CANTEEN IS NOT OPEN ON HOT DOG DAY

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Beer Garden
Animal Farm
Lantern Making
Face Painting
Sausage Sizzle

Hovercraft Rides!

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Guessing Jars

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