

Ethics classes at St. Ives Park Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Could you be an ethics teacher for St Ives Park PS?

One of our current ethics teachers is unable to teach at the moment, and we also have a group of younger children who may be requiring an ethics teacher. We are seeking volunteers so that classes can continue this year, and into the future.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved by the Dept. of Education and Training to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills, and must be available from 11.30 – 12.15 each Wednesday of the school term.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

Our current teachers have talked about what a rewarding role it is, and how much the children both enjoy and benefit from the classes.

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact the SIPPS Ethics Coordinator, Cindy Smith at cindysasmith@optusnet.com.au

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