

# Parents' Techie Brekkie - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

## WHAT WAS DISCUSSED

<p>iEarned That</p>		<p>This app comes in a free and paid version. We haven't noticed much difference between them, so the free version would be fine. It allows you to add individual children, and then take a photo of a reward (for example, 20 minutes of painting). A photo of the reward will be put into a jigsaw puzzle. Each time the child demonstrates a particular behaviour (one that you have agreed that they will work on - for example, making their bed without being asked), they add a piece of their puzzle. Once their puzzle is complete, they get the reward that was in the original photo (painting).</p>
<p>Wolfram Alpha</p>		<p>This app allows students to use an interactive encyclopaedia to find out new and interesting information. This is a great way to allow your child to explore online, without using a search engine such as Google. Students can type in what they want to know about, or they can look at the categories available to them. For an extra challenge, encourage your child to type in their date of birth - this will give them a mountain of mathematical information that they probably had never considered!</p>
<p>Khan Academy</p>		<p>Ideal for students from Grade 3 and above, this app includes a number of video clips explaining information in plain language. A particularly useful part of this app is the mathematical section. Students can select their grade level and view videos of someone explaining how to solve different problems, with step by step instructions. For example subtracting a three digit number from</p>

		<p>another three digit number. Although some of the approaches may not have been explained by your child's teacher(s), it is useful for them to see that mathematical problems can be solved in a variety of ways.</p>
<p>Feature: make the iPad speak to you!</p>	<p><i>See separate video clip, which gives you step-by-step instructions.</i></p>	
<p>FlashCards</p>		<p>This app is FREE and is fantastic for a variety of vocabulary building activities. The app allows you to make interactive flashcards with text of your choice. Your child can input their spelling words, inquiry topic vocabulary, new mathematical words... the list is endless! The app allows you to use two-sided flashcards; in this way you can put a definition of the word on the back, a sentence that includes that word, or even a photo of the word in real life. Students can then play games using these words, so it feels like 'spelling homework in disguise'.</p>
<p>Translator</p>		<p>This app, costing 99 cents, allows children to speak out loud, and have their voice translated into a language of their choice. This is great for them to practise Indonesian, or simply learn another language. If students are doing some free writing at home, encourage them to include a few sentences in another language - in this way, characters in their stories can become multi-lingual and thus make their stories even more interesting!</p>

Woolworths



This app is free, and allows your child to investigate real-world prices at their local Woolworths supermarket. If you were planning to cook something special, encourage your child to get on and have a look at what the prices are of the specific ingredients needed. Weekly specials are uploaded onto this, therefore demonstrating to students a practical example of money in the real world.