A strategic approach to spelling

Presented by Christine Topfer

‘A strategy is a mental plan of action that enables an individual to approach a particular task in a systematic way’, Westwood 2008. To teach spelling effectively we need to teach students a repertoire of strategies to use when spelling. It is through strategic thinking that effective spellers accurately spell words when writing (and during NAPLAN assessments).

How strategic are the spellers in your classroom?

In this workshop we will explore:

- What students need to learn about spelling and how this is linked to phonics and vocabulary
- How to link spelling to the students’ current understanding of how words work
- High yield learning activities (that can be adapted for use with texts already being used in your classroom) which encourage students at all year levels to notice words and think about how words work eg

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Participants will become familiar with how to develop a classroom culture which supports the rhythm of thoughtful learning about words in meaningful contexts.

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WHEN: Saturday 2nd April 9.00am – 12.00pm
WHERE: Moonah Arts Centre: 23 - 27 Albert Road, Moonah
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