

# **Mount St Thomas Public Schools**

## **“SMART START”**

### **2005**

### **Parent Mentors**

#### **What is the mentoring program about at Mount St Thomas?**

Mentoring at our school is simply the support provided by a current parent, who will foster new kinder families in the transition to school process.

#### **Purpose of the Program is to –**

- Develop a prior to school relationship for both the child and the parent
- To foster the sense of community within our school, through the development of positive relationships.

#### **Expectations**

- To be available to meet families on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, time ??? .Mentors are then invited to other “Smart Start” sessions taking into account your other commitments.
- To make contact with your group of parents on the school premise, and out of school. This would include offering your personal contact details to your nominated families.
- To encourage and include nominated families in school functions and events.
- To assist kinder teachers if required during the orientation visits.

#### **Confidentiality**

You as parent mentors are being provided with personal details and information that the 2005 parents are willing to share. It is essential that you establish and respect the relationship with these parents. Confidentiality on your behalf is necessary for this program to be successful.

#### **You’re Role within the “Smart Start” program**

- To provide a friendly face at Smart start sessions
- To organise morning tea for any sessions held ( roster system will be useful)
- To attend the session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November ( the initial meeting of mentors with the nominated families)
- Develop a friendship with your nominated families.
- Attend the “Smart Start” BBQ on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> November from 6 -7.30 pm

#### **Your Role in term 1,2,3,4 2005**

- To continue the friendship with nominated families
- Be part of the welcome to new parents morning tea the second week in February 2005
- Offer support and advice to your nominated families regarding the starting school process, school protocols and other issues they may bring up.

## **IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS**