Ready…Set…School!

Getting them Right From The Start in Doveton

A Day in the Life of Doveton
- Getting ready for school
- Teaching the whole child

Doveton - Our Community
- Outer SE suburb of Melbourne
- Cultural diversity
- Post-war factory workers-Housing Commission accommodation
- 7th most disadvantaged Vic. Postcode (1999 Jesuit study- Unequal in Life)
- 2007- Dropping off the Edge

Cumulative Disadvantage
- Unemployment / low income
- Poor health / educational outcomes
- Crime
- Child mistreatment

‘If only they could sit, look and listen….’

Doveton 2000- Community Consultation
- Isolated, stand-alone services
- Poor attendance at generic EC, and specialist EI services resulting in poor school readiness
- Community - lack of awareness of services - poor accessibility - trust & judgement issues
Why in a School?

DNA’s in Doveton

Halfon – 2002

The School Setting:
  a. Compulsory
  b. Safe – for some!
  c. Accessible-universally known
  d. Chaos theory- ‘One-Stop Shop’

Considerations:
  Any old school?
  Any old community?
  Any old way?
  flexibility/creativity/ staffing/attitudes/shared vision/values

It takes a village…….

- Who provides what?
  - DNPS-physical space-FRC/school hall
  - utilities
  - IT support
  - Rotary-construction
  - GBA - funding(staff/resources,training,phone)
  - CCCHS- staff & referral service
  - City of Casey-MCHN
    - Best Start(funds/resources/P.D)
  - Smith Family- Let’s Read
  - Each One, Teach One
  - Neighbourhood Renewal-funding/support
  - Other funders-Give2Asia,Connections/local church/FGEC/business
  - Philanthropy

Before the Rot Sets In

Smiley Day
Thursday August 23rd 2007
Autumn Place
Maternal & Child Health Centre
12-3pm-bring the kids for lunch!
FREE! FUN! FOOD!

Games Puzzles Stickers Showbags
Food Recipes Prizes Activities
Costumes
BRING: Smiley photos of your children
 ( prizes for the happiest smiles )

Everyone comes to the party
PARTNERSHIP
...interdisciplinary teamwork

Earliest Intervention-Pregnancy

Mums ‘n Bubs

Toddlers’ Group

Playgroup
Doveton North Family Resource Centre

A school-based community hub for local families providing RELATIONSHIPS & LINKS
- Support
- Information
- Referral
- Services
- Advocacy

Doveton North F.R.C.
- Maternal & Child Health
- Allied Health
- Parent groups
- Supported Playgroups
- Early Literacy groups
- Drop-in Centre
- Breakfast Club
- Meeting Space

Our Vision

Right from the start.........