Welcome to our first Enrichment Newsletter for 2015. My name is Andrea Watt and I will be leading the Enrichment Program this year for Grades Prep to 8 for our College.

This week General and Maths Enrichment classes started for the first time and it was very pleasing to have so many eager people wanting to come and learn together. At the Kingston Campus, we are very lucky to have our very own little ‘thinking room’ just off the Library. At the Huntingfield Campus, we will be using the Art Room in Learning Centre 2 every Tuesday.

Every week we will have a Word Challenge which the children are encouraged to solve by the following week. During Term 1, we will be looking at Collective Nouns and this week’s challenge is to find out what you call a group of crows, a group of geese and a group of seagulls. We will also have a Word of the Week which will help extend the children’s vocabulary and this weeks word is sternutation (the act of sneezing). Along with the word of the week and the word challenge, we will also have a quote which I hope will encourage the children to think, to believe in themselves and to always strive to be the best person they can be. This term there will be focus on Dr Seuss and his insightful thoughts.
In Maths Enrichment, we will be conducting Brown Paper Bag STEM Challenges during Term 1. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Each fortnight the children will be given a Brown Paper Bag and inside will be a challenge for the children to work on either individually or with a partner. Sometimes I will send home a copy of the challenge just so you know what is happening in our classes and can follow up with your child if they are interested.

Our word challenge for week 2 is
What do you call a group of boys?
What do you call a group of flamingos?
What do you call a group of caterpillars?

I am really looking forward to a very interesting and learning filled year working with your child. If at any time you would like to talk and discuss any issues I have included by details in the orange box on the first page.

Oh the thinks you can think if only you try!