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The SMILE workshop provides practical ideas to support classroom instruction and essential background knowledge about literacy learning for early childhood Teachers and Teachers' Aides, Learning Support, ESL and Reading Recovery Teachers.

PARTICIPANTS WILL EXAMINE:

- The links between language and brain development, and
- Simple, effective and fun ways to build early reading and spelling skills.

The SMILE workshop provides educators with essential knowledge about building the literacy brain and is based on current neurological and educational research. The strategies outlined have been successfully trialed in teaching settings with small and large groups of students over many years.

Central to the SMILE principle is that effective teaching is both explicit and fun, with high levels of student engagement. Teaching techniques and learning tasks outlined in the SMILE Workshop have been strategically designed to build skills for struggling and beginning readers. Students are moved from the known to the unknown using strategic instruction and scaffolding. The techniques demonstrated have been shown to promote generalization and transference of skills and knowledges from one setting to another in most students.

*“I have children that know their sight words,
but can't always read them in books.”*

Pam, Year 1 Teacher

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Supporting Beginning Readers

Pam's problem is not uncommon. Some students struggle to transfer their knowledge across settings.

Participants at the SMILE Workshop will be shown teaching techniques and examples of explicit play which promote both generalization and transference of early reading, writing and spelling skills.

Participants will be shown a selection of games to promote oral language and build alphabetic knowledge, and will examine ways to improve the effectiveness of popular strategies for building sight word knowledge.

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COST:

\$75 +GST

Start 3.45pm Finish 5.15pm

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