



Passion

Passionate about improving educational outcomes

Wisdom

Using the evidence and wisdom of key thought leaders

Relationships

Building relationships to support educators

Dedication

Commitment and dedication to excellence in professional learning



Newsletter Number 3

Wow!!!! What an amazing Teach Like a Champion (TLAC) study tour to the USA. I visited several schools, completed the Engaging Academics workshop and worked with the Teach Like a Champion team at TLAC Towers.

Please find flyers attached for our upcoming workshops. Have a Happy Easter!!



Quote of the Month

“Working Memory is tiny and fragile” – Doug Lemov

“Focus equals Learning” - Denarius Frazier

Engaging Academics

It was great to attend the Engaging Academics workshop with Doug Lemov and the TLAC team. I have not been a participant at a workshop for over 8 years as I am usually the facilitator. It was an amazing workshop where I continued to build my knowledge on the TLAC techniques. We unpacked several key academic techniques – Wait Time, Cold Call, Everybody Writes, Means of Participation, Lesson Preparation, Right is Right and No Opt Out.

One for the new areas in Teach Like a Champion 3.0 is Lesson Preparation which has several techniques, in the workshop we focussed on the techniques of Exemplar Planning, Plan for Error (and Challenge) and Means of Participation (Cold Call, No Opt Out, Everybody Writes, Turn and Talk, Habits of Discussion, etc). Lesson planning and preparation are essential to effective teaching and learning.

Click on the link below to read Doug Lemov's blog on lesson preparation.

<https://teachlikeachampion.org/blog/examples-of-lesson-preparation-that-we-loved-from-our-recent-workshop/>

A big learning from the study tour was that schools who integrate Teach Like a Champion through their Strategic plan, Yearly plan, Term Unit plans and lesson plans are the most effective with a whole school approach to TLAC and this has then resulted in outstanding results.

Check for Understanding – Active Observations

It was great working with Denarius Frazier and visiting the schools in the Uncommon Schools Network. During our observations in classrooms one of our focuses was on the Teach Like a Champion technique – **Active Observation**.

One of my main learnings was that when we observe learning we can get inundated with data so we need a clear process to record this data and then act on what we observe. This Checking for Understanding data is then used to decide what to do as you can see in the chart below.

Responsive teaching and being able to pivot when required are what great teachers do.

If a sampling of students suggests...	Consider responding with...
>80% "got it"	<i>Continue monitoring – 1:1 feedback</i> Delivered to one student at a time (for the 20% of students who did not get it)
70-80% "got it"	<u>Almost There Show Call:</u> Teacher pauses to provide feedback by showing a student's work who was almost there – students zoom in on what would improve the work and make it 100% accurate.
50-70% "got it"	<u>Comparative Show Call:</u> Teacher pauses to have students reflect on a common gap by analysing an exemplar side-by-side with a non-exemplar – students work to identify the difference, which work is correct, and why
<50% "got it"	<u>Re-model It + another at bat:</u> Example: 'A lot of us are having difficulty with question 2, so I'm going to walk through how I'd approach it.'

Student Culture

A key to great schools is having a strong and positive student culture. In another school we watched the leaders of the High School complete a Pulse Check on the student culture – How many students had pen to paper, heads up (tracking the speaker) and in uniform. From this data the leaders then discussed what they needed to do to improve the student culture. Teach Like a Champion has a school culture curriculum, please follow the link below for more information.

<https://teachlikeachampion.org/dean-of-students-curriculum/>

If you would a copy of PWRD Leaderships Adult or Student Culture plan, please email me.

Research / Evidence

On the study tour I also met up with Paul Bambrick-Santoyo the Chief Schools Officer at Uncommon Schools and the author of *Leverage Leadership 2.0*, *Get Better Faster*, *Driven by Data 2.0*, and *Great Habits, Great Readers*. All of these books are exceptional reads for all leaders especially *Get Better Faster* if you are implementing Teach Like a Champion.

Review of Get Better Faster by Doug Lemov

<https://teachlikeachampion.org/blog/coaching-and-practice/review-paul-bambricks-get-better-faster/>

For all schools that are implementing Teach Like a Champion the book “Get Better Fast” has a scope and sequence for the implementation of Teach Like a Champion. Please find a link to the scope and sequence below.

<https://visiblybetter.cepr.harvard.edu/files/visibly-better/files/get-better-faster-scope-sequence.pdf>

Video of the Month

This year I am working with several schools in improving Mathematics through using the Teach Like a Champion techniques and our video is from 8th grade algebra teacher, **Madi Bienvenu**, from **Memphis RISE Academy**, modelling how to solve systems of equations using substitution.

Watch the video on Modelling through “Think Alouds” and Checking for Understanding.

<https://vimeo.com/767938855/8980f6ea29>

Resources

If you are looking for resources on effective Teaching and Learning, please follow the link below to the Education Endowment Foundations – Teaching and Learning toolkit.

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit>

New Resources can also be found at the PWRD Leadership website

- www.pwrleadership.com.au

Teach Like a Champion – Network “FREE”

It was great see everyone at the last Network meeting for term 2.

Enrol through the enquiries form on the website for our next meetings:

9 May 3:15 – 4:15 (AEST)

5 June 3:15 – 4:15 (AEST)

Up Coming Programs

29 April

Teach Like a Champion – Systems and Routines – Melbourne

<https://www.pwrleadership.com.au/teach-like-a-champion-in-person>

3 May

Teach Like a Champion – Systems and Routines – Brisbane

<https://www.pwrleadership.com.au/teach-like-a-champion-in-person>

20 May

Leading Pedagogical Learning – Brisbane

<https://www.pwrleadership.com.au/pedagogical-leading-learning>

We can customise and present any programs / workshops in your location.

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