



I hate maths

The SA Numeracy Chair project at Wits School of Education, in collaboration with the Wits B Ed Concepts and Literacies in Mathematics course, AMESA Western Cape and Focus on Primary Maths is proud to host its inaugural:

Fri 9th November 2012

'I hate maths' seminar in Cape Town

presented by

Professor Mike Askew

Monash University, Melbourne

Friday 9th November, The Grove Primary, Claremont, 14.00 for 14.30 – 16.30

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In this seminar/ workshop, Prof Mike Askew will introduce some of the issues relating to primary teacher mathematics content knowledge and pedagogy in the international landscape. The central part of the session is focused on the presentation, working through and discussion of some mathematics problems with the audience – problems based on primary mathematics concepts which require some thinking, representing and explaining – all critical features of the 'connected' repertoire of understanding and skills needed for good primary mathematics teaching.

The aim of the seminar is, in particular, to attract an audience of primary teachers and parents, as well as primary teacher educators and other academics – many of whom freely express the 'I hate mathematics' sentiment, to engage in some fun and communal problem solving and discussion! And hopefully to leave the seminar entertaining the possibility that you do not maybe need to hate maths as much as you might have thought. Bring pencil, paper and willingness to engage.

Prof Mike Askew brings extensive experience of research and teacher development in the field of primary maths across the UK and Australia. He worked at Kings College London for many years before moving to Monash University. He is the author of several books for primary maths teachers, and for parents interested in understanding key maths ideas and helping their children with school mathematics.