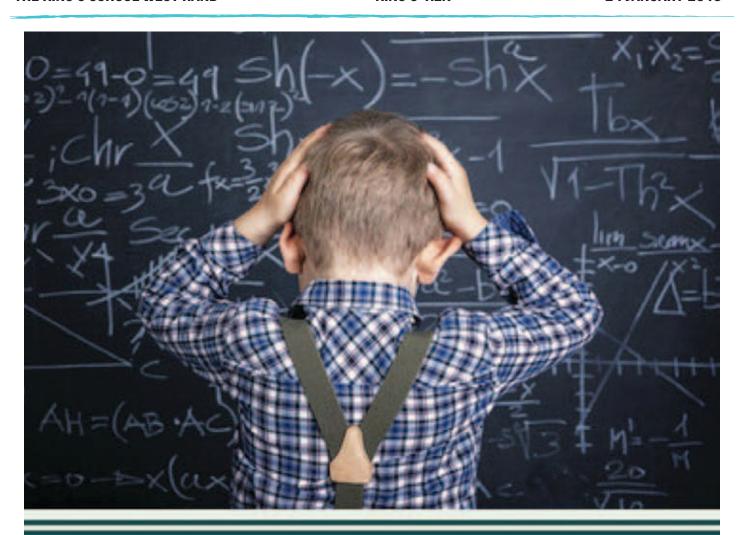




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I had an interesting chat to a friend in the marketing industry recently. She pointed out that hers was one of the few sectors that pay attention to the trends or patterns of thinking that are emerging in culture; then projecting such trends into the future in order to forecast scenarios. I have to agree that we do far too little of this generally in the education field, we don't pay attention to cultural trends, and get caught off guard when predictable consequences are reached.

More and more research is being published depicting the consequences of the proliferation of digital technology, and as educators and parents, we must sit up and pay attention. A survey from 2013 found that we check our phones 150 times per day, or roughly once every  $6\frac{1}{2}$  mins; a more recent study found that the average smartphone user spends around  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours each day on his or her phone, spread across 76 sessions. This leads to increased distractedness, and further studies say that millennials are distracted up to 50% of the time;

while office workers are shown to take on average 25 minutes to get back to an original task after an interruption.

Susan Dynarski, a professor of education at Michigan University has banned laptops from her lectures. In several research studies, it was shown that students who used laptops for note-taking had better notes than those who used pen and paper (their notes resembled perfect transcripts of what the lecturer had said) but did substantially worse in standardized testing than their counterparts. It seems that their fingers were fast enough to capture the lecturer's words but the concepts didn't stop long enough in the brain for substantive processing.

For more on these interesting studies, I'll include two articles in the Christian Education Forum mailer this week. Next week I'd like to look at how we can quantify the time we are occupied with online activity (we all tend to underestimate it) and how we can allow for more 'substantive processing' of the explosion of information at our fingertips.

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1.https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/22/business/laptops-not-during-lecture-or-meeting.html

2.https://bankunderground.co.uk/2017/11/24/is-the-economy-suffering-from-the-crisis-of-attention/





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#### RIDGECREST FAMILY CHURCH //

7 Erasmus Road, Radiokop – Cell 074 307 961 Sunday Services at 09:30 Epic Kids/Tot and Frontline Teens at 09:30 Youth meetings every Friday at 18:00 at the Church Life Groups each week. (See website for details) Visit our website at www.ridgecrestchurch.org.za

Sunday 29 January is our VISION SUNDAY – "DIGGING DEEPER & REACHING WIDER" Theme for this Year at Ridgecrest Family Church.

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Incredible Kids (6-12 years) on Friday at 14:30 [staring Friday 2 February 2018]

HolyCulture (Youth 13-18 years) Friday at 19:00 [staring Friday 26 January 2018]







25 January - High School Information Evening (19:00)
26 January - High School 100% Certificate Assembly

26 January - LRC Announced 27 January - New Moms Tea

29 January - LRC Training (14:00 – 17:00)
 10 February - Daddy/Daughter Picnic
 10 February - Gr. 12 Maths (08:00 – 10:00)

14 February - Nursery School Grandparents Day

12-16 February - Fun Week

16 February - School Picnic/Civvies Day

17 February - Agape Ball

17 February
 20 February
 21 February
 Spur Teachers Evening
 School Day Prayer Day

24 February - Gr. 12 Physical Sciences (08:00-10:00)

26 February - Intermediate Phase Blue Certificate Assembly

27 February - Spur Teachers Evening 2 March - HS Certificate Assembly

7-9 March - School Camp (Gr. 5 – Matric)

7 March - Gr. 4 Day Camp

16 March
 Wintersport Interhouse
 Nursery School Theme Day

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