 **WRAP** *During term 1 our year 5/6 students participated in our STEMpreneur project sponsored by A.B.C.N. (Australian Business Community Network). We partnered with mentors from 2 large international companies KPMG and Ernst and Young.*

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*Our project had ABCN staff onsite at school, the online sessions were hosted from Sydney and our mentors were online from their offices in Melbourne. This Blended Learning project was based on Design Thinking skills where students were challenged to find problems and create solutions to real issues. Some students designed apps that could be used, some did processes and PowerPoint presentations of their solutions. It had everything that a contemporary learning strategy should have (and more!)*

**Student Comments:**

* *My favourite part was meeting the mentors*
* *My favourite thing is to work with the group.*
* *I liked it because you have a say in the project.*
* *I like to share my ideas with my mentors.*
* *My favourite thing about the program was all of the fun activities and the positive atmosphere that I was able to work in.*
* *I learnt to always stand up and do what we have to do and never give up on our dreams and keep going.*
* *This program helped make public speaking easier for me.*
* *The most important thing I learnt from my mentors was to always be creative and keep going.*
* *I learnt how to pitch ideas to strangers*
* *The program was really fun - I enjoyed every bit*
* *This program was amazing - it helped me build up my confidence.*
* *This program was so enjoyable, and I am honoured to be the FIRST primary school to do STEMpreneur.*
* *I had fun - everything was 100% amazing*

*The mentors had some really positive things to say too*

* *I would strongly recommend it as this program provides an amazing opportunity to connect with school students, understand their ways of thinking and also it feels really good to make a contribution in their learning journey. Overall, it is a very fulfilling experience.*
* *It's a really great program, influencing the mind of students has been a really amazing experience.*
* *personally, it felt amazing connecting with students from year 5/6, learning their ways of thinking and solving problems. I feel I have grown as a mentor in using different techniques to make them feel comfortable, helping to communicate their ideas and make them feel more confident.*

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| **Rating Area** | **Before STEMpreneur**  **Rating 5-7** | **After STEMpreneur**  **Rating 5-7** |
| I understand that learning STEM and entrepreneurship skills are important for my future. | 45% | **90%** |
| I know what the 6 Ds of Design are | 19% | **80%** |
| I am able to think of creative solutions to problems. | 36% | **94%** |
| I can communicate my ideas to others. | 62% | **96%** |
| I feel confident using video-conferencing technology for conversations with professionals. | 49% | **90%** |

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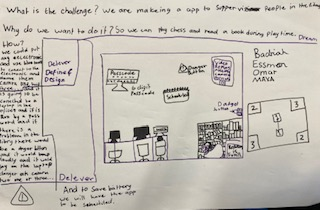
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