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This is the first newsletter of 2007 for the Early Childhood Education Council of NSW. Please refer any comments to the Editor, c/- PO Box 418 Leichhardt NSW 2040 editor@ecec.asn.au

Our Vision

The Early Childhood Education Council of NSW Inc. is a professional association promoting child centred practices through advocacy and professional development, informing on current trends in early childhood education and ensuring a high profile for early childhood issues.



Apology



Lesley Pike, Principal, Russell Lea PS.

We wish to apologise to Lesley Pike for wrongly suggesting she was retiring from Russell Lea Public school. The article was to celebrate her 30 years at the school not her retirement. Our mistake caused her friends and colleagues great consternation and

we are very sorry for the error. Lesley continues her wonderful work at Russell Lea and we wish her all the best for the future. Suzanne Ziems

President's Message

Welcome to the first ECEC Newsletter for 2007! We have a new team undertaking the newsletter this year, Diana Eqbal and Julie-Anne Dickenson.

I am sure they will do a wonderful job, and as new members bring a new perspective. Diana and Julie-Anne are two of the six new members of the ECEC Committee. All of the new members are introduced to you in this newsletter.

During 2007, we will be celebrating **25 years** of the Early Childhood Education Council of NSW. The association began with a small group of enthusiastic early childhood educators who wanted to share their expertise with younger teachers and other colleagues. We still believe that this is one of ECEC's strengths. Over the years there have been more than sixty educators who have volunteered their time as members of the committee, each bringing different interests and expertise to the group. We are planning several activities during the year to bring many of these colleagues together to help celebrate ECEC,

share their memories and our history. We hope many of our newer members will also be able to participate.

Whilst not a large association, we do have members across NSW, interstate and overseas. Many have been individual or school members for more than twenty years and the committee appreciate their loyalty. We believe the association has thrived because we have continued to provide what our members want. Over the past ten years we have needed to add a strong advocacy role to our activities to ensure the needs of young children are not overlooked when government reviews are being undertaken and legislation is being drafted. This has also been achieved through ECEC being on both the NSW Board of Studies and the Department of Education and Training committees, where we are acknowledged as significant stakeholders.

We hope that ECEC continues to meet the needs of all members and other early childhood educators during 2007.

Suzanne Ziems
President

ECEC Committee - 2007

** Executive Committee:-*

President: Suzanne Ziems
Vice President: Karen Buck
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** Committee:-*

Carol West (Public Officer)
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Kate Highfield Cheryl Turi
Kim Dunn

** New Committee Members:-*

Diana Eqbal Sara Shehata
Cindy Gardiner Karen Pearson
Julie-Anne Dickenson Ali Faraj

Meet the New Committee Members

Diana Eqbal –

Assistant Principal- Wheeler Heights PS

I enjoy working in the northern beaches area of Sydney. I teach a Year One class and supervise five staff. I have led the school technology team for two years, encouraging teachers to be innovative and explore the potential of ICT to increase student engagement and learning outcomes. My career as a teacher began with casual work. After several years as a Stage 1 teacher I moved to a relieving position as HSIE Consultant for Ryde and Granville Districts and subsequently to a three year appointment for Science and Technology K–6. I am now in my third year as Assistant Principal in a school with 10 classes K–2. I am a trained facilitator for Primary Connections (which links science and literacy) and represent the Professional Teachers Council on the Board of Studies K–6 Science and Technology Curriculum Committee. My other interest includes gifted and talented education. I joined the ECEC because I have a strong commitment to the principles of early intervention and quality teaching practices in early childhood.

Cindy Gardiner-

Assistant Principal- Narrabeen North PS

I completed my Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Social Science (Early Childhood Education) at The University of Newcastle in 1999. Following this I worked at Warners Bay Public School in Newcastle for six years: two as a classroom teacher, two years as a Reading Recovery Teacher and two years as Assistant Principal K-2. I moved to the Northern Beaches last year and am currently working as an Assistant Principal at Narrabeen North Public School and pursuing further study in Leadership and Management in Education via distance education.

Julie-Anne Dickenson-

Teacher- Glenmore Park PS

I am a qualified early childhood and special education teacher with a Bachelor of Education (EC) and Master of Education (Spec. Ed). I have been teaching with the Department of Education for over 20 years, in large schools, on mainstream and support classes in the Mt Druitt & Penrith Districts of the Western Sydney Region. I have been on two exciting & rewarding teacher exchange programs to California, USA & Gloucester, UK. In 2005, I trained as a Reading Recovery Teacher in Mt Druitt. This year I transferred to Glenmore Park PS and I am currently teaching a delightful Year One class. I enjoy teaching literacy, numeracy, ICT and the arts. Having been to many engaging ECEC Conferences in the past, I decided to join the committee last year to support the council in its endeavour of promoting the importance of early childhood education.

Sara Shehata

Teacher- Australian International Academy

My name is Sara Shehata. I am a qualified early childhood teacher. I graduated from Macquarie University in the year 2001 with a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education). I am currently studying a Master of Special Education at Macquarie University. This is my sixth year working as a mainstream teacher. I am currently teaching a year one class at the Australian International Academy in Strathfield. I joined the ECEC committee because I believe in supporting the implementation of early childhood principles and philosophies within school settings.

Karen Pearson

Teacher- Guildford PS

After working in software development in the computing industry for over 10 years, I returned to university in 2003 to study teaching as a result of my interest in children's development and the role of teaching. I have always enjoyed working with children – being involved in cub scouts, helping as a parent at preschool, school and Sunday School as my two children progressed. My experience with my own children showed early intervention to be invaluable and led to my particular interest in early childhood education. Upon completion of my degree, Masters of Teaching, at Sydney University in 2004, I began teaching in a casual and temporary capacity at Concord West PS. At the beginning of this year, I gained a Permanent Employment Position through interview at Guildford PS and I am enjoying teaching Kindergarten.

Professional Development Topics

Term 1

Working Towards Transition

Professor Sue Dockett – Keynote

Thursday, 29 March, 2007.

Time: 4.00 -6.00 pm

Venue: Professional Teachers Council
Cnr Norton & Marion Sts
Leichhardt

Cost: \$40.00 non-member
\$30.00 members

Term 2

Bringing the Classroom to Life

Follow up to the latest Current Topics-
Secrets of Success

Thursday, 17 May, 2007.

Venue: PTC

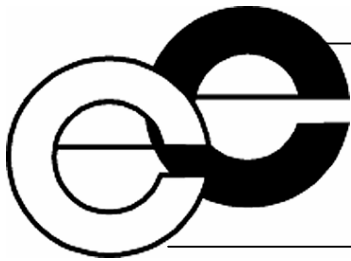
Pre-school Programming

Follow up from 2006-

Thursday, 14 June, 2007.

Venue:

PTC



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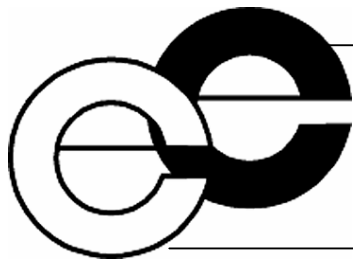
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