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BRINGING BACK THE MAGIC
CONFERENCE 2006

Saturday 30th September 2006
8.00am - 3.30pm
Bond University -
Health Science & Medical Building



Special Key Note Speaker
Mem Fox
author of
Poosum Magic
and many more...



Presenter of Learning to Love Languages workshop
and Special Keynote Speaker
Mem Fox author of Possum Magic

PROGRAM

8.00	Registration and Trade displays	11.00 - 12.30	Morning Workshops
8.30 - 10.30	Welcome - Opening, Keynote Speaker Mem Fox (doors will be closed so be on time)	12.30 - 1.30	Lunch
10.30 - 11.00	Morning Tea	1.30 - 3.00	Afternoon Workshops
		3.00 - 3.30	Closing

Workshops Available On The Day



Learning to Love Language -

Mem Fox (morning) Tricia Hull (afternoon)

Mem Fox is Australia's most highly regarded picture-book author. Her first book, *Possum Magic*, is the best selling children's book ever in Australia, with sales of over two million. Mem has written twenty nine picture books for children and five non-fiction books for adults, including the best-selling *Reading Magic*, aimed at parents of very young children. She was an Associate Professor in Literacy Studies at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia, where she taught teachers for twenty four years until her early retirement in 1996. Over the years she has received an embarrassing number of awards and accolades in Australia, including two honorary doctorates.



Programs, Observing and Planning using Digital Techniques -

Kim Walters

Kim Walters has presented workshops, hands on training and conferences throughout Australia including a presentation for the World Early Childhood Conference. Her three books and website www.digitalpreschool.com.au aim to help early childhood professionals gain the skills and tools necessary for effective and efficient use of the digital camera to document children's learning and communication with parents. **Synopsis of Presentation:** Come along and be inspired to create an engaging curriculum for your students with the use of digital photography. Kim will demonstrate the effectiveness of using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint to documenting children's thinking and create classroom resources. Learn how to give each child a VOICE and make their learning visible to peers, parents and the community whilst enhancing the many learning opportunities available in a negotiated curriculum.



Science in the Outdoors - Susan Shaw

Susan Shaw is a dedicated and innovative early childhood professional who combines her nursing and early childhood training in her work as a teacher, manager and leader. She consults, advises, trains and supports services through visionary leadership, change management, quality improvement and staff development. **Synopsis of Presentation:** Often, we overlook a rich natural resource within our early childhood environments - the outdoors. Children can

explore, co-construct learning, discover and theorise about the many treasures awaiting their discovery. This presentation looks at how we can encourage and equip young children to interact with their 'outdoor laboratory' by providing many low cost resources and ideas for children's research.



First Impressions for Children and their Families -

Caroline Fewster

Caroline Fewster works with services throughout Australia, developing customised professional development programs for early childhood practitioners. Her popular workshop series will motivate you to 'apply and try', demonstrating a variety of useful 'low-cost, no-cost' resources for your centre. **Synopsis of Presentation:** First impressions for children, re-thinking routines in children's services, 100 low cost practical ideas for children's services, creating resources to enhance the environment for infants and toddlers.



Reggio - Karen Schulz

I have worked in the child care industry for 12 years. I am an early childhood trained teacher specialising in leadership and management of child care services. My main role has been to support and guide early childhood educators in their programs. **Synopsis of Presentation:** Come and be inspired to think differently about your program by adopting a Reggio Emilia philosophy. We will be exploring areas such as creating invitations for learning, setting up an environment that is homely, self selective and acts as a third teacher and a program that follows the children's interests over a period of time. We will explore the important role the natural environment has on our programs and the use of portfolios and learning stories to document children's learning.



Music and Movement - Renata

Renata Halpin has been a professional in the Early Childhood Industry since 1991. Many of these years were spent collecting ideas overseas and working as a Relief worker in a wide variety of centres. Her "Music and Movement" workshop will bring you great new ideas for transition songs and fun musical group times! Don't forget your dancing shoes!!