Journey Into Play

Early Childhood Professional Development with

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Our philosophy is based in play, where children have opportunities for long uninterrupted periods of engagement that is child directed. We believe in providing collaborative and inclusive environments, rich in open materials and loose parts, which provide invitations for exploration, investigation and experimentation.
We met in 2007 and quickly realised we were on the same journey in our practice. We were both at a stage where we knew our philosophy and program weren’t marrying up. We believed the children deserved an environment that was truly child focused, offering a variety of play experiences, utilising open natural materials.

We entered a period of self-reflection. We attended professional developments, visited centres, spoke with other Early Childhood professionals and began to implement new ideas and changes. What we witnessed in the children was amazing. They were engaged and involved in their environment, eager to experiment and utilise materials in various ways. It was beautiful to watch and be a part of.

At the end of 2010 we decided to start *Journey into Play*. We were so excited by the changes we had implemented and by the reactions to those changes, not just by the children but by other staff members, parents, families and the community as a whole, we wanted to share it with others. Going into our fourth year we love every minute of what we do. We get to meet and share ideas with other passionate Early Childhood professionals and talk about our ongoing journey in the Early Childhood field.
Journey Into Play present
an evening presentation on
‘Communicating and Working Effectively with Colleagues’

Thursday, March 13th
7.00pm – 9.00pm
Northcote Library
32-38 Separation St, Northcote
$80 per person

At times it is difficult navigating your way through workplace relationships. There are differing opinions
and at times it feels hard to ensure everyone is working towards the same end. Explore ways to build
successful working
relationships with colleagues. By nurturing these relationships you will be ensuring a strong sense of
teamwork, respect and honesty in your work life. It
will also develop a positive sense of community within your centre and children and parents will
respond. Investigate ways to tackle delicate issues while maintaining your professionalism.
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