

Newsletter



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I can't believe it is October already not long until the end of the year.

I have spent the past week at the ECA National conference in Adelaide. Wow- what a week on Kurna Country. Starting with a connecting Welcome to Country where Auntie Suzanne Russell encouraged us to be "champions", to be followed up by Karen Mundine's (CEO of Reconciliation Australia) opening keynote speech that left many of us deeply reflecting and emotional. Some many powerful keynote messages embracing play - from Dr Jools Page, Richard Louv and Dr Angela Pyle (my personal favourite), the generosity of knowledge sharing and friendships created through many, many, many researcher and practitioner concurrent sessions, and a panel of Prof Pasi Sahlberg, Prof Sharon Goldfeld, Dr Ros Baxter and Anne Hollonds (Australia's National Children's Commissioner), it is no wonder I am inspired, exhausted and connected to this wonderful community.

Now that I am back on home turf I turn our focus to September - what a month to be a member of ECA WA- our state conference! What a turn out! With Prof Pasi Sahlberg as keynote and Minister Sabine Winton- what a great way to show the importance of play and the work you are all doing in your centres and services. Special thank you to Amie and Cassie who worked round the clock on this conference.

With our Pedagogy committee supporting the roll out of the EYLF and the membership team focusing on practitioner perspectives of play schemas- we've had a super busy month.

October is shaping up to be as busy as September with our Be You Critical Conversation this Wednesday and elections occurring to join our WA committee. So if you are interested in being apart of our team- look out for a nomination.

Boorda wan

Tanya Steers

The Noongar Season 'Kambarang' is represented by the colour yellow as it symbolises the return of the hot weather. During Kambarang season, we see an abundance of colours and flowers exploding all around us. The yellows of many of the acacias continue to abound, along with some of the banksias and many other smaller delicate flowering plants including the kangaroo paw and orchids.

Building belonging

A toolkit for early childhood educators on cultural diversity and responding to prejudice



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Beyond
Blue

Educators are often the first to observe changes in children and young people experiencing signs of anxiety.

This article looks at some strategies you can use to support students in the classroom:



Critical Conversations

ECAWA Members only exclusive event series



Early Childhood
Australia
Western Australia

August

SchemaPlay in Practice
with
Leederville ELC
AISWA School

July

Conversations
with Lynette Brock
Director of SchemaPlay
via zoom

Sept

Reflections
SchemaPlay
and networking for
where to now

2nd Wednesday of
every month
6.30-7.30pm

In person and
online modes

October

Conversations
with Sandy & Emma from Be
You
Children's Wellbeing

November

Wellbeing in Practice
Schools
and Services

December

Reflections
Wellbeing
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Critical Conversations:

A ECA WA members only resource providing an opportunity to network, promote advocacy, gain support and exchange ideas within the early childhood field.

Exclusive access to Critical Conversations is **free to all members**. Once registered, you will have access to the following CC events which will be held every second Wednesday of the month between 6:30pm and 7:30pm. Check out the fantastic events we have lined up:

October 11th: Conversations with Sandy and Emma from Be You Children's Wellbeing
November 8th: Wellbeing in Practice: Schools and Services

To make sure you're involved in our ECA WA Critical Conversations, please scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CIUIR>