

Digital Preschool Newsletter October 2009



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I would love to have feedback and suggestions for the next newsletter.

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DIGITAL PRESCHOOL NEWS

National COAG Early Childhood Education and Care Quality Reforms and Qld government initiatives to offer universal access to all Qld Pre-Prep children along with Award Modernisations for Early childhood Services and Teachers have been a focus for myself and ECTA recently with submissions and attendance at various forums.

Early childhood is definitely in the spot light for this year and next so it will be interesting to see how it all pans out in the long run. Change is coming and we need to be prepared for this and try to influence the outcome as much as possible by becoming involved. If you haven't already go to the DEEWR website <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Earlychildhood/Pages/default.aspx> and or contact the early childhood government bodies in your respective states. In Qld it is the Office for Early Education and Care. Most sites allow you to register your interest so that you can be kept informed. Register for the Early Years Learning Framework forum at <https://projects.deewr.gov.au/Registration/Pages/Register.aspx?ProjectCode=eyc>

At the QCAN conference I was asked to submit details of presentations and training I offer to staff by a delegate. Somehow I lost the contact details can you send me an email please.

FIGURINE ORDERS for 2010 important message for all



Our very popular wooden figurines are so time consuming that Neil and I have had to sit down and do a business assessment of them.

We have come to the realisation that it just isn't profitable in the current form due to the time required to glue, cut and lacquer the figurines.

Basically Neil doesn't have a life outside of work and making the figurines. We still wanted to offer you something however as they make a wonderful gift and are such a valuable learning tool in the classroom. Therefore next year we will not be offering the wooden figurines. I would like to thank all of you who have purchased them over

the years and hope that you will like the new style. Many have commented that it is much more modern and the children and parents in my prep class (4 year olds) think they are better than the wooden ones.

We have commissioned a custom designed Perspex frame to hold the paper cut out and have been trialling it with children and parents. So far the feedback has been very positive. As the custom made frames are expensive the cost of the figurines will be \$12 each for the children and \$15 each for adults. If you would like a sample posted to you just email me.

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CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

If you are interested in having Kim present/train your staff, group of centres or facilitate a conference in your area contact her via email to discuss your requirements.

My Diary by Kim

On the 22 August, I did it tough at Gold Coast International Hotel as I presented at the QCAN conference. I presented on using ICT to enhance communication within Outside School Hours Care settings. Thanks to all the great OSHC educators who made the day so rewarding for me.

On the 28th I presented my evolving Craft to Creativity workshop for educators on their pupil free day in the Cooloola region. It was another exciting day. Especially so for me because I was able to listen in on the Keynote from Kathryn Berting. Kathryn teachings in Toowoomba in a multi-age class Prep and year one. She has developed an amazing negotiated curriculum. We have implemented so of her great ideas already into our Prep class.

On the 14 September I travelled to Brisbane to present for the Family Day Care educators in the Bayside area on using ICT to enhance communication and learning in their settings. What a great bunch of carers. They have a very supportive network in the area and key organisers who keep it all together. I was very impressed.

I have begun my role as a mentor for the PSCQ Action Research Project Wide Bay area which will keep me busy over the next year. The ladies in the research group are keen to enhance communication in their various settings. As a mentor it is my role to support their research and share information. We have OSHC, LDC and Family Day Care represented within the group so any advice you have would be appreciated by the research group. E.g. great meeting ice-breakers you have used, newsletter ideas that have worked well, preparations for a positive meeting etc. Also if you know of a great website with communication resources please let me know.

I will also present a workshop 'Capture the Moment' at the Centacare Conference Belonging, Being, Becoming through Ethical Practice in the Early Years in Brisbane on November 21st

Professional learning opportunities:

Ask Kim about any of the above presentations info@digitalpreschool.com.au or enquire about organising a professional learning opportunity in your area.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Calendar for 2010 a great Christmas present for the children to give the parents. I have attached two different tops one that you would insert photos into plus have the children draw/paint something and the other just a framed drawing/painting. We laminate the top picture and punch a hole in the top to hang. Then attach the months using a wire comb binder so that they hang below the top and can be torn off as the year progresses. I created these using Outlook Calendar 2003. This puts two months to a page. When I saved as a PDF the alignment changed a bit so you may have to trim around the months so that they are centred when you cut the A4 into two pages.
2. A larger picture of the figurines offered in 2010 – tell us if you want a sample posted out.

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PRODUCT FEATURE *Anna Bowers new book RRP \$49.95*

Hot tips for cool kids! Practical Ways to Guide Young Children's Behaviour by Anna Bower and Rosemary Perry



This book is user-friendly and very practical and is intended to assist you in dealing with difficult situations as well as increasing your skills in behaviour guidance with children in your early childhood setting. Contact Anna if you are interested in purchasing a copy.

Book Review

A new book on the shelves for practitioners and parents, and while the title may lead you to think the contents will be 'froth and bubble', this book is a valuable, informative and realistic resource. While reading the scenarios in the book, children in your class come to mind and your own observations can then be used in the action cycle of choosing appropriate strategies, acting on these and then reflecting on the outcomes.

The strategies outlined for interacting with young children are descriptive, but not prescriptive and allow this book to be used as a working document and tool for teachers, aides, specialist teachers and parents to work as a team and be consistent in their approach when working with individual children. Anne Prep Coordinator Independent School.

Anna's website is very interesting with useful practical information. Anna is also available for training.

To order contact Anna at annabower@gotalk.net.au or order online from her website.

www.childbehavioursolutions.com.au

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TECHNICAL ADVICE

Can I insert a PowerPoint slide into a word document? Julie
Yes you can.

The easiest way is to save the slide as a picture. To do this

Open the PowerPoint presentation

Click Save As (PowerPoint 2007 choose *Save As* then *Other Formats*)

In the *Save as Type* section scroll down and find *JPEG file interchange format*

You will be asked do you want to save the current slide or all the slides.

The slides are saved into a folder that is automatically created and are called slide1 slide2 etc.

Insert them just like any other picture.

Send your questions to Kim she will answer you via email asap (usually in same day) and your question may be posted in the next newsletter.

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