







Early Childhood Professional Development Sessions and Events – Term 1 2018

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Welcome to 2018. We are thrilled to be planning sessions for Early Childhood Professionals (working with children from birth to 8 years of age) and our primary school colleagues in the Cooloola Region. Remember you make this network strong through the sharing of ideas and attendance at PD's! The committee look forward to contact with "oldie's" as well as new members at ECTA sessions. Many sessions are relevant to all primary school and before school settings so check the age range for each PD. Your support at our PD events will further strengthen our Gympie links.

Our annual get to know you afternoon is on Thursday 22 February at Kingston House. We hope you can join us ☺

Topic	Presenter	Date & Time	Venue	Registration RSVP	Cost
ECTA Webinar viewing Popcorn and animals make my muscles strong!	Ingrid King <i>See attached flyer</i>	Thursday 15 February 5pm to 6:30pm	One Mile State School Prep 	cooloolarg@ecta.org.au	NIL ECTA Cooloola and ECTA QLD members (or join on the day) Snacks provided and Julie will make you a coffee
Meet and greet 2018 (&AGM) Welcome to the school year	Informal discussion	Thursday 22 February 4:00-5:30 pm (Drop in)	Kingston House	cooloolarg@ecta.org.au	NIL ECTA Cooloola members (or join on the day) We'll shout the wine, coffee/tea, kingston platters and desserts. 
Sharing Great APPs and YouTube clips <i>bring along the URL and we will look at it on the web.</i>	Email links to your app or youtube clip to Kim at cooloolarg@ecta.org.au before the day and she will share with all via email.	Thursday 22 March Sharing 4pm – 5pm	Kingston House private room	Cooloolarg@ecta.org.au	NIL ECTA Cooloola members (or join on the day) We'll shout the coffee/tea and light snack. 
ECTA Webinar viewing How not to annihilate play: building respectful interactions with children	Katchia Avenell <i>See attached flyer</i>	Webinar 28 March 5pm – 6:30pm	One Mile State School Prep 	cooloolarg@ecta.org.au	NIL ECTA Cooloola and ECTA QLD members (or join on the day) Snacks provided and Julie will make you a coffee

ECTA Webinar regional group viewing (No cost to ECTA Cooloola Regional Group Members)

Webinars are held in Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov

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ECTA Webinar: Popcorn and animals make my muscles strong!

In the context of play-based learning, be inspired by creative and user-friendly ideas and activities to maximise children's muscle strength and coordination. Based on the principles of child development and research, you will learn how to effectively enrich your environment and current program, including provocations for play-based learning. Enhance children's motor development for success at school and share this knowledge effectively with parents and caregivers for use at home.

Australian Professional Standards for Teachers: 1,3,4 | NQS Quality Areas: 1,2,3 | Age range taught: Kindy – Prep

Ingrid King is an occupational therapist and author of Songs and Games for Fantastic Fingers. Ingrid has worked in South Africa, the US, New Zealand and Australia assisting children at-risk and those with mild to moderate sensory and motor delays. Ingrid has a Masters in Occupational Therapy and has conducted research on perceptual motor and fine motor programs. She has a special interest in school readiness and how to effectively prepare young children's bodies and minds for success at school. Ingrid enjoys sharing her knowledge in a user-friendly and creative way with educators, teachers and parents. She has conducted many workshops and her resources are used in over ten countries. Ingrid is married to a primary teacher and they educated their own children for the first five years while travelling and living overseas.

How not to annihilate play: building respectful interactions with children	Katchia Avenell	Thursday 28 March Webinar 5pm – 6:30pm	One Mile State School Prep Building	Cooloolarg@ecta.org.au	NIL ECTA Cooloola and ECTA QLD members. (or join on the day) snacks and Julie will make you a coffee
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ECTA Webinar How NOT to annihilate play: building respectful interactions with children

As educators and teachers, we are often trained to step into the play frame, asking 'educational' questions, commanding answers and developing resilience with phrases such as 'You're OK!' or 'Be Careful!' In this session, Katchia takes participants through the play cycle, looking at places within the frame where a teacher or educator can step in to facilitate learning and when to step back. Participants will also investigate the language of their interactions and learn how to engage and converse with children in a respectful and thoughtful manner.

Australian Professional Standards for Teachers: 1,4 | NQS Quality Areas: 1,2,5 | Age range taught: Babies – Grade Three

Katchia Avenell is the Pedagogical Leader of Inspired Family Day Care (QLD). A Nature Pedagogue, she is a former educator at The Cubby House in Birkdale, founder of The Garden Gathering (an unstructured gardening play experience within Community Gardens locations), co-founder of the Brisbane-based Nature Playgroup (a weekly nature immersion experience for children in all weather in a variety of local suburban, near-wild and wild spaces) and is currently the lead Nature Pedagogue and Kindergarten Teacher for an all weather, outdoor kindergarten on the banks of a river in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. Katchia is a Kodaly-trained music specialist and certified in the Primary Years International Baccalaureate; she is a fully qualified and registered teacher who has taught all ages in both the public and private sector, and is currently studying her Masters in Education. She has worked with high-needs and at-risk youth and has provided respite and alternative education to children with diverse schooling needs and socio-developmental requirements. Katchia has a deep love of nature and the healing benefits of nature education and outside play. She believes in the educational benefits of unstructured outside play, child-led investigations and peer-to-peer teaching, in conjunction with appropriate scaffolding and provision experiences. She is an advocate of play work, loose parts and role play, as well as the importance of music and the arts in our everyday environment.

To attend ECTA webinar regional group viewing RSVP to Kim at cooloolarg@ecta.org.au

Date Claimers...

ECTA Annual Conference is on Saturday 30 June @ Sheldon College, 1 Taylor Road, Thorlands, Brisbane.

Little Kids Day Out is on Sat 11 August @ Gympie Civic Centre. This year we are planning an art installation based on the book Hooray for Fish by Lucy Cousins. We will be sending out a flyer for you to register your interest shortly. It will be an interactive Underwater World type of installation with everyone make a fish tank or ocean display. Lucy's book using imaginary fish e.g. strawberry fish, pineapple fish, fly fish, eye fish, 1,2,3 fish etc etc. So the children can go crazy and make really creative fish.

Useful local sites for teachers and families below. These sites are managed by ECTA with Kim as the Admin.

All Aboard Gympie Region Directory	Check that your school/centre contact details are correct and share directory in newsletter or on web	www.ecta.org.au/dbase_upl/All-Aboard-Gympie-Region-Online-Family-Directory.pdf
All Aboard Gympie Region Facebook Page	A site for local families.	www.facebook.com/allaboardgympieregion
All Aboard Gympie Region Webpage		www.allaboardgympieregion.org
ECTA QLD	All webinar details posted online and registration links to Annual Conference	www.ecta.org.au

You can join our local regional group or the Queensland association or both.

To join ECTA Cooloola Regional Group

Individual Membership \$5 (once only fee) To download Joining Form click [HERE](#) or use link http://www.ecta.org.au/dbase_upl/Cooloola_Regional_Group_Joining_Form.doc

To join ECTA QLD

To join ECTA QLD for the 2018 year as Organisational Member \$210 or an Individual Member \$95. Discounts apply for students and concession card holders. To download ECTA QLD Membership Form click http://www.ecta.org.au/01_cms/details.asp?ID=691

(Yearly Fee –benefits include access to Members Centre - recorded online presentations and PDFs of past journals, 3 journals and substantial discount at ECTA QLD Annual Conference Brisbane & local events)

Yours in Early Childhood,

Current ECTA Cooloola Committee:

Chair-Kim Walters

Secretary-Julie Wright

Treasurer-Kristy Grott



In the words of Dr Jim Watterston (2017 Director-General- Education 2013 - 2017) - "Early childhood is a science. It is very rigorous. It is a speciality that is the most important in the whole educational landscape... when you see an early childhood teacher who is an expert, you know that you are in the company of greatness".