**Professional Development Workshops for 2015**

**You and I**

Do you know what your working style is?

Do you know how you are perceived in the workplace?

The more you are aware of your own traits and working styles the better you can adapt when required. This session looks at examining work styles and looking at how different styles interact.

**Presenter: Kim Thurlow**

**Date: Wednesday 11th February**

**Time:** 9:30am – 12:30pm

**Duration**: 3 hours

**Price**: $60 per person. per session

(Max: 20 people)

**Venue:** St Catherine’s Anglican Church Hall, 406 Kooyong Rd, Caulfield South

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**Argy Bargy / Playing Nicely**

Sometimes working with different people is easy and you just click, sometimes it is more challenging. Working in teams can be incredibly rewarding provided you can navigate the different dynamics.

This session examines group theory and what defines a successful team and how to manage conflict.

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**Looking in the mirror**

There is a lot of talk about the value of reflective practices? Do you know what this means? Do you know how to truly reflect on both your practices and your programming?

Looking in the mirror gives you practical advice and exercises that will assist in your reflective practices.

This session will take you beyond the stock standard techniques and also demonstrate how to clearly make the leap from reflective practices to improved performance.

**Presenter: Kim Thurlow**

**Date: Wednesday 8th April**

**Time:** 9:30am – 12:30pm

**Duration**: 3 hours

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**Critique Mystique**

Conducting staff appraisals that are meaningful and get results can be both daunting and incredibly time consuming.

Critique Mystique will take the mystery out of performance reviews and give you templates and techniques that can assist you conduct staff reviews confidently and competently

Part of this session will also give you the opportunity to practice giving both positive and negative feedback.

**Presenter: Lisa Perkins**

**Date: Wednesday 8th April**

**Time:** 1.00 – 4.00pm

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**Morning & Afternoon Tea provided. Lunch provided for full day participants**

**Recycle, Reuse, Reimagine**  
In the hands of a child, a piece of bumpy foam becomes the surface of the moon, a milk bottle becomes a picnic basket and a bucket filled with plastic bottle tops becomes a snake or a necklace or maybe a mosaic mural. In this workshop we play with ideas, explore materials and discover how recycling and reusing can infiltrate your entire program!

**Presenter:** Michelle Loft

**Date:** Tuesday 17th February

Tuesday 21st April

**Time:** 9:30 am – 12:30pm

**Duration**: 3 hours

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**Register by Friday 13th Feb**

**Friday 10th April**

**Morning & Afternoon Tea provided. Lunch provided for full day participants**

**Don't Stress the Mess**

Messy play delights the senses. When you’re a child, a bowl of jelly is not just a bowl of jelly; it is a dinosaur land, an alien’s slime and a fairy’s bouncy castle. Early childhood educators don't need to stress about the mess of messy play. This hands-on workshop will explain why mess is vital in an early childhood setting and how to enjoy it!

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**Out to Play**

**three hour workshop offering practical solution in how to**

**Re-invent the great outdoors.**

**Topics covered are:**

* **Fixed layouts, how to work within your constants.**
* **Creating an outdoor play space on a budget**
* **Designing and implementing a natural play space**
* **Creating an inviting space for children self-discovery**
* **The joys of water play**
* **Mess is best.. Getting children back to basics**

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***Morning Tea provided.***

**Mr Sandman**

**Creative play in the humble sandpit has never been so interesting! So much more than a place to build castles, the sandpit presents an exciting opportunity for early childhood workers to unleash the teacher within!**

**There is no right way or wrong way to use sand…except maybe throwing it! Sandpits invite participation.**

**Children’s ideas are made and tested, their imaginations are stretched and they can be soothed by the sensory experience of digging in deep.**

**So much sand, so much can be done, so much is to be gained from doing it!**

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