Faculty of Human Sciences



Newsletter

July 2018

The first half of this year has seen the Centre officially welcome our student members, launch our website, and begin our first collaborative projects. As we look forward into the second half of this year we are aiming to start recruiting for our School Choices research project, and developing our first NESA accredited workshop.

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

In March, Dr Rebecca Andrews presented her research on the important role educators serve in scaffolding children in reminiscing and future talk conversations.

In May, Dr Melissa Johnstone's research on women's career and motherhood aspirations was featured in <u>The</u> Lighthouse.

In June, Dr Penny Van Bergen (Director) and Dr Naomi Sweller (Deputy Director) gave a talk on different approaches to using qualitative data in research.

In June, Associate Professor Sheila Degotardi's research on educator-child interactions in early education centres was featured in <u>The Lighthouse</u>.



Dr Naomi Sweller and Dr Penny Van Bergen presenting in June 2018

IN THE MEDIA

Recent media appearances by Centre members include:

- <u>I didn't do it!</u> 4 July 2018, WA Afternoons with Gillian O'Shaughnessy, ABC radio
- Why children lie and how to deal with it 4 July 2018, Jesse Mulligan, RNZ
- <u>Meet the two-year-old girl who can already count backwards</u> 30 June 2018, Yahoo7 News
- What's your earliest memory? 4 May 2018, Nightlife with Sarah Macdonald, ABC Radio

WELCOME TO...

In May, we welcomed Professor Linda Harrison as our newest Centre member. Linda is an early childhood researcher with extensive experience in large scale longitudinal studies and an interest in child perspectives and experiences of child care and school.

In May, we also welcomed our student members Doris Ayala, Natalie Brand, Alicia Curran, Nicole Dargue, Kate Eastman, Daniel Guilbert, Stephanie Helfer, Felicity Simpson, and Kris Wrona.

OUR WEBSITE

We recently completed the first stage of building our website. In the second half of the year we plan to add more pages to the site, including project descriptions, research stories, and a 'Contact Us' form for anyone interested in being involved in our research.



The Centre for Children's Learning in a Social World homepage

UPCOMING EVENTS

In November the Centre will be hosting a NESA accredited Professional Development evening session for educators: "What's Love Got to do with it? Questioning the place of Love and Care in Contemporary Education". For further details please contact Vana Webster (vana.webster@mq.edu.au).

