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Keynotes inc:

Kathy Walker OAM
Magda Szubanski
Dr June Factor
Prof Jennifer McIntosh



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Keynote Speakers



Magda Szubanski

Magda Szubanski is one of Australia's most versatile, critically acclaimed and popular comedy performers. She is a talented writer and actor. Magda was named the Most Popular Person on Television and won multi awards including Logies, Australian Writers Guild Awards, People's Choice Awards and Australian Film Institute (AFI) Award for Best Actress.



Kathy Walker OAM Founding Director Early Life Foundations

Kathy Walker OAM is one of Australia's leading parenting and education expert and author. She is a Fellow of the Australian Educational Leaders. Kathy is the co designer of the personalised play and project based curriculum, Walker Learning which is implemented across Australia and internationally, and one of the country's leading curriculum and pedagogy experts in personalised learning.



Dr June Factor

Dr June Factor is a writer, social historian and folklorist, currently an Honorary Senior Fellow in the School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, University of Melbourne. She is recognised internationally as a leading scholar in the study of children's lore and language. She has produced many publications which includes the six books of Australian children's verbal lore, known collectively as the Far Out series (Brolly Books 1983-2005).



Prof Jennifer McIntosh

Jennifer McIntosh is a clinical and developmental psychologist, family therapist, and researcher and founding director of Family Transitions. Jennifer has specialised in the development of interventions for separated families in high conflict. In 2011, she was recipient of the AFCC Stanley Cohen Distinguished Research Award. She is currently the Professor of Psychology at Deakin University, where she leads the perinatal science stream of the Centre for Social and Early Emotional Development.

Conference Program - 3 September 2016

8:00am – 9:00am	Registration			
9:00am – 9:15am	Welcome to Conference			
9:15am – 10:10am	Keynote 1 Magda Szubanski - Learning, a life long process			
10:10am – 10:50am	Keynote 2 Dr June Factor - Play is universal and imperative Hear Dr June Factor, a highly respected expert, deliver a powerful presentation about the power, the strength, the necessity and right of children to play, as part of their culture and identity.			
10:50am – 11:05am	Morning Tea			
11:05am – 11:35am	Keynote 3 Kathy Walker - Personalising learning in everyday practice The language we use when we speak and when we teach, the expectations we hold, the resources we choose and the modeling of ourselves, at the end of the day is what ultimately personalises learning. This Keynote drills down on the practical everyday implications of what it means to reflect the individual child's experience.			
11:35am – 12:25pm	Breakout Sessions 1			
	Neuroscience Evidence based knowledge to inform practice (For: ECE to Yr 6) Shona Bass A focus on scientific evidence. Hear an exciting refreshing and reassuring way of using the latest scientific evidence to guide practice and decision making.	Walker Learning F-2 Introduction to play & personalising learning (For: F to Y 2) Kathy Murray Learn the key elements of the Walker Learning pedagogy in the early years, at this introductory presentation.	Setting up the learning environment for engagement and personalised learning (For: ECE to Yr 2) Sally Ward Discover practical ideas for rich provocations specifically for indoor and outdoor learning spaces in early childhood centres.	Creative and open ended art experiences (For: ECE to Yr 6) Tania Di Berardino Explore a range of open ended art experience for engaging your children, equipping you as educators, with knowledge and confidence to extend and enrich children.
12:25pm – 1:25pm	Lunch			
1:25pm – 2:10pm	Keynote 4 Prof Jennifer McIntosh - Families separated, and in conflict - through the eyes of a child We can't teach in a silo or view the child in isolation of the family. Jennifer provides insights into the complexities of children and families in conflict and separation and the range of implications and challenges these children carry with them into the learning environment.			
2:10pm – 3pm	Breakout Sessions 2			
	I wonder why? Understanding children, relationships, and whole child Shona Bass Deepening relationships and strengthening attachments between student and educator is fundamental. Discover new ideas on how to build positive relationships with the children we teach.	Walker Learning 3-6 Introduction to personalising learning (For: Yr 3 to Yr 6) Kathy Murray Learn the key elements of the Walker Learning pedagogy in the early years, at this introductory presentation.	Want your life back? Effective documentation in ECE (For: ECE) Sally Ward A focus on effective documentation and planning that doesn't take away your weekend or interrupt your interactions with children!	Master Class with Kathy Walker (For: ECE to Yr 6) Kathy Walker For educators already implementing the Walker Learning, hear Kathy discuss key elements while extending your thinking in relation to Walker Learning. A focus on the importance of educating the 'whole child' in a Q & A style session.
3:05pm – 3:55pm	Breakout Sessions 3			
	IT and social media: a tool not a master in teaching and learning (For: F to Yr 6) Technology is often viewed as master instead of simply the tool to help and support good teaching and learning. This session places into a perspective the uses and challenges of young children with technology and social media.	Early Childhood Play Matters (Walker Learning birth to 6 years) Introduction (For: ECE) Kathy Walker Hear an overview of how to implement Walker Learning play based curriculum in an early childhood program in preschools and childcare centres.	Learning for life: building children's resilience, self concept and intrinsic motivation (For: ECE to Yr 6) Shona Bass Learn a range of strategies to help embed intrinsic (in preference to extrinsic) motivation and self-regulation in the learning environment, across the school or centre and at home.	
3:55pm – 4:15pm	Traders Raffle Draw Conference Close - Shona Bass and Kathy Walker			

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