

The Contemporary Learning Hub at Meridan State College proudly presents

# Lifting Learning

THE 2018 ONLINE FESTIVAL FOR P-2 EDUCATORS



**26<sup>th</sup> February - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
*Join us online from just about anywhere!*

The Lifting Learning Online Festival provides 12 hours of high quality professional development that P-2 educators can access live or as recordings. The program includes sessions that explore effective, research based and innovative strategies for creating high quality P-2 learning environments that engage, support and challenge young learners. This year's program includes leading educators sharing their expertise on a range of topics including literacy, numeracy, digital technologies, STEM, inquiry learning and creating inclusive learning environments.

Every session is recorded and will be available for viewing by participants and participating schools for a six month period. Schools who register for the whole school access pass can access each session or recording an unlimited number of times and from an unlimited number of devices. This makes the festival one of the best value professional development experiences on offer to schools.

## **Festival Highlights for 2018**

- *The Marriage of Words and Pictures* and the *Picture Books and Inspiring Kids to Write* sessions with highly acclaimed author Peter Carnavas. Discover strategies for making picture books powerful springboards for Early Years reading comprehension and writing activities.
- *The Wonder-Filled Curriculum* session with Head of Curriculum Julie Elder. This session will explore how to embed the inquiry approach and PBL into lessons, tasks and units across the curriculum.
- *The Big Challenges for Little Minds* numeracy session with Peter Carmichael, Head of Department for Regional Support (Numeracy) in the North Coast Region.
- *The Understanding Age-Appropriate Pedagogies* session with NCR Early Years Project Manager Suzy Wilson. Suzy will unpack the age-appropriate pedagogies teachers should be using in the Early Years and will also share ideas and strategies from AAP classrooms.
- *The Beginning with Play* presentation by Meridan's P-1 Deputy Principal Charmaine Cowling. Charmaine will provide an overview of the highly effective Pre-Prep programs implemented by the College and will also share how our unique play based Prep enrolment process works.
- *The Understanding ASD in the Early Years* session with Mandy Burns, Head of Special Education – Meridan State College. Mandy will support teachers to develop their understanding of the challenges ASD students face in classroom contexts and how we can effectively support and enable them.
- *Festival Challenges and Random Prize Giveaways* that will enable winners to have access to some great new digital technologies and STEM gear to use and keep in their own P-2 learning context.

Check out the full program on the following pages. Registrations for the festival cost \$250 ex GST for the Whole School Access Pass or \$150 for an Individual Access Pass. These passes include access to the recordings for a six month period. To register visit [www.contemporarylearninghub.com](http://www.contemporarylearninghub.com).

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## Week 1 Program

26<sup>th</sup> Feb -1<sup>st</sup> March

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### Festival Keynote - The Marriage of Words and Pictures

Peter Carnavas – Award-winning Children’s Book Author and Illustrator  
*Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - 3:30 – 4:30pm*

Award-winning author/illustrator Peter Carnavas will discuss the process of making picture books. He will talk about words (ideas, efficient text, implicit meanings) and pictures (illustration techniques, visual literacy, composition) and how the marriage of these two elements combine to make stories that children and grown-ups love.



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### Big Challenges for Little Minds

Peter Carmichael - Head of Department - Regional Support - Mathematics - North Coast Region DET  
*Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - 3:30 - 4:30pm*

In this practical session, Peter will address the topic of problem solving and reasoning in the P-2 Mathematics Classroom. Peter will provide tips and strategies for embedding problem solving, with a focus on strategy games, open-ended questions and tasks and the Messy Space approach for working with word problems. For this session, please come prepared with several sheets of scrap paper, a mini whiteboard and pen, some counters and a friend to play with.

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### Beginning with Play

Charmaine Cowling - P-2 Deputy Principal  
Meridan State College  
*Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - 3:30 - 4:30pm*

Join Charmaine for this session where she'll unpack the work she has led over the past three years at Meridan to create a highly effective transition to school process for our Early Years learners. From working closely and building capacity in our regional Early Learning Centres to conceptualising and leading the introduction of a unique play based enrolment process, Charmaine has with our Early Years team enabled children's continued learning and development in school to be optimised from their first day.

Discover ideas you can use in your own context and learn how you can create from even before day one positive dispositions towards school and learning for your youngest learners.

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## Understanding Age-Appropriate Pedagogies

Suzy Wilson - Project Manager - Early Years

North Coast Region DET

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March - 3:30 - 4:30pm

In this session, North Coast Region Early Years Project Manager Suzy Wilson will provide an introduction to Age-Appropriate Pedagogies. Age-appropriate pedagogies supports early years teachers to apply a range and balance of teaching approaches and characteristics of quality teaching in their classroom practice. Teachers are supported to align curriculum, age-appropriate pedagogies and assessment to maximise children's engagement in learning and to enhance outcomes.



## Come and see learning in action in 2018

The Contemporary Learning Hub provides a range of high quality professional development experiences where educators can come and immerse in and explore our Early Years learning contexts. These include our annual Play, Wonder and Learn Conference and our Ready Set Prep Practicum Programs. Details of these and all of our programs on offer can be found at [www.contemporarylearninghub.com](http://www.contemporarylearninghub.com).



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# Week 2 Program

5th - 8th March

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## Picture Books and Inspiring Children to Write

Peter Carnavas – Award-winning Children’s Book Author and Illustrator  
*Monday 5th March - 3:30 - 4:30pm*

Picture books are so much fun to read and share but they are also wonderful springboards into early years writing. Taking cues from some classic picture books, you will learn about the doorstep problem, cheeky animals, and flipped personalities. More importantly, you can discover how these simple ideas can inspire your students to write charming stories of their own.



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## Discovering Digital Technologies in P-2

Jacqui Pool – Head of Curriculum - Maroochydore State School  
*Tuesday 6th March - 3:30 - 4:30pm*

Join Jacqui Pool for this session where she’ll unpack the approaches Maroochydore State School is using to successfully implement the new Digital Technologies learning area. Jacqui will provide an overview of the digital technologies gear the school has invested in and will provide practical ideas and strategies you can use in your classroom. Jacqui will also share a fantastic inquiry based unit of work which culminated in Early Years students teaching their community how to code and program robots.



## Win a Code-and-Go Robot Mouse STEM Set

Join us online live for the Discovering Digital Technologies in P-2 session with Jacqui Pool to go into the random draw to win a Code-and-Go Robot Mouse STEM Set. The mouse shaped programmable floor robot in these sets are a big hit with Early Years learners and we will be popping the set in the post the very next day for the winning school.

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## Reasoning and Communicating in Mathematics

Rob Proffitt-White - Head of Department - Regional Support - Mathematics - North Coast Region DET

*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March - 3:30 - 4:30pm*

In this session, Rob Proffitt-White will provide a guide for seeding Early Years classrooms with the right language and questions to build confident and creative users and communicators of mathematics.



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## Play Writing – Fostering Early Years Writers through Play

Anne Dale - Master Teacher - Kawana Waters State College

*Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March - 3:30 - 4:30pm*

It is a privilege to welcome Anne Dale to our program for the first time this year. Anne is a highly respected Early Years educator with over 30 years of experience in the Early Years. She has worked as a Master Teacher and a Regional Prep Facilitator. Anne is a passionate advocate of the importance of play as a context for learning in our Early Years classrooms.



In this session, Anne will explore teaching writing in an early years environment. She will share with us how we can foster writing development through play experiences. Anne will deliver research based, practical, child centred ideas for scaffolding student learning within a balanced literacy program.

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## Page Turning Ideas for the P-2 Classroom

Kelly Ayres - Prep Educator - Meridan State College

*Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March - 3:30 - 4:30pm*

In this session, our highly skilled Prep teacher Kelly Ayres will share ideas and strategies for using picture books as part of learning activities that promote critical, creative and higher order thinking with Early Years students. Kelly will draw on a range of the books by our festival guest author Peter Carnavas and will model how they can be used with students as part of learning activities that not only promote thinking but support students to develop an understanding of concepts from the P-2 C2C Units and Australian Curriculum. Kelly is also a passionate advocate for using philosophy in the Early Years and will also touch on this as part of her session.

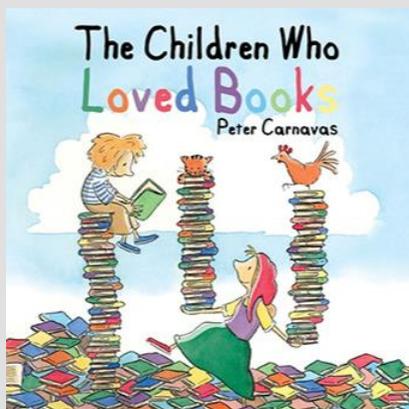
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## Big Questions for Little Learners - The Power of Inquiry in Early Years Learning Contexts

Michelle Scheu - Early Years Educator - Chevallum State School

*Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March - 3:30 - 4:30pm*

Join passionate Early Years learning advocate Michelle Scheu from Chevallum State School for this session where she'll explore how you can use an inquiry approach to learning to create a classroom of curious and creative learners. Michelle will provide an overview of the inquiry approach to learning and will also share some of the big questions Chevallum students have been asking as part of their engagement with a number of units that encourage them to consider how they can shape the world and invent the future.



## Win a Peter Carnavas Book Pack

Join us online live for the Discovering Digital Technologies in P-2 session with Kelly Ayres to go into the random draw to win a prize pack of books signed by our festival's guest author Peter Carnavas.

The pack includes four of Peter's amazing books including *The Children Who Loved Books* and *The Boy On the Page*.

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## Understanding ASD in the Early Years Classroom

Mandy Burns - Head of Special Education - Meridan State College  
*Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March - 3:30 - 4:30pm*

ASD is a spectrum disorder which means that each child is affected differently and has unique strengths, challenges, and needs. In this session with our Head of Special Education Mandy Burns, participants will develop their understanding of the disorder and will explore the different ways it may present in our Early Years classroom contexts. Mandy will provide practical ideas and strategies for supporting ASD children in Early Years contexts and will also be able to answer questions you have about how you can support students in your own classroom context.

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## The Wonder-Filled Curriculum

Julie Elder - Head of Curriculum - Meridan State College  
*Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March - 3:30 - 4:30pm*

Teachers in the 21st century need to adapt to new instruction strategies that equip students as creative and independent learners. In the workshop, you will explore how to embed the inquiry approach and project based learning into lessons, tasks and units of work across the curriculum. You will discover that you can easily engage students in authentic inquiry within your established teaching program and still meet curriculum expectations.

