

# ***Passions and Pathways 2018***

## ***Early Years Education***

***Student Project Work Book***



***Hosted by Helen Jessen Early Learning Centre***

***145 Crook St Strathdale Victoria 3550***

***Phone 03-54435868***

***[helenjessen@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:helenjessen@bendigo.vic.gov.au)***



**SCHOOL : Specimen Hill PS / 54435353**

**Group 2 : Thursday Aug 23, 30 & Sept 6**

**9.30-11.00**

**Passions and Pathways Leader : Hayden Polglase**

## Welcome to the HJELC

We are very excited to host you for your three sessions of the project and hope you are able to learn valuable skills that will stay with you for life.

**During the three sessions at HJELC you will learn how to speak with children in a positive manner as well as plan a play experience to do with your class of children.**

**Housekeeping:** there are a number of very important things you will need to remember during your time with us to make sure you and the children at the Centre remain safe at all times. Any breaches of this will result in you being removed from the program.

1. It is vital that you respect the privacy of all who use the centre this includes, children, families and staff.
2. Under NO circumstances are you able to discuss the people or children in the centre or talk about their personal business.
3. The safety of you and the children is the most important aspect of our work and we ask that you do not lift or carry any children, nor are you able to run or chase children at any time.
4. Children are not permitted to leave the centre or be alone with you.
5. You will learn that we speak differently to the children at HJELC and we would like you to also speak in a positive manner at all times, if you're not sure of what to say please ask one of the teachers.
6. We go to the bushland twice a week for the children to play and explore, please bring a coat, and some gumboots or sturdy shoes so you can go with the class.



**Session One:** Getting to know your Teacher at the centre and also the children:

To prepare for this session I would like you to read our information booklet so that you are aware of what we do.

**On arrival:** when you arrive at the centre you will be greeted by Diane or Shaun who will show you around the centre and also explain the Emergency Evacuation procedure.

You will also need to 'sign in and out' like the teachers so that we know who is in the centre in the event of an emergency.

You will then be taken to the room with the children that you will be working with, this will be the Kinder Room or the Rainbow Room.

Now comes the fun bit being with the children, helping out during routines such as Morning Tea or Lunch, going for a walk to the bush or helping the teachers and children during the day.

**Reflection: Name four things you saw at HJELC that are different to school.**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Session Two:** Putting into practice what you observed last time:

To prepare for this session I would like you to read your reflections and think about why we might do things differently to your school.

**On arrival:** once again you must sign in and out each time you come to the centre, Diane or Shaun will take you to your room.

Today I would like you to look around your room or outdoor environment and start to think about what you could do with the group that would be fun but also educational. Teachers do this every week, we plan what the children will be doing to make sure they are learning in a fun environment.

You will need to think about the following before planning your play experience:

1. Is it a safe play experience for myself and the children
2. Can I achieve the play experience in the time I have at the centre
3. Do I have enough resources for the number of children
4. Who can I ask to help me

**Planning my play experience: you will need a large sheet of paper to write your play experience on.**

Include the following information

- a. Resources you will need
- b. How many children can use it, remember everyone might want to have at turn
- c. Draw a picture of what it will look like
- d. Bring your plan and any resources you may need with you next week

**Reflection: write down why you think we might do things differently at HJELC than at school** \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

---

---

---



---

---

---

---

We hope you have enjoyed your sessions with us and would like to thank you for attending and planning a play experience for our children.

Kind Regards Diane Murphy and the team at

Helen Jessen Early Learning Centre