

Creative play with everyday things

The aim of this project was to develop a sustainable community resource of play ideas for parents, teachers, libraries and other community groups. The resource will promote innovative ways of providing low cost / no cost creative and physical play experiences which will engage children in a healthy and productive lifestyle with minimal human environmental impact. The students enrolled in the 2007 Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary) – Knowledge Building Community Mentoring Program (GDE-KBC) at the University of Wollongong's Shoalhaven Campus were involved in the project throughout the year. With supervision and mentoring the students identified and found resources and play activities for play-based workshops and then facilitated 5 x 90 minute creative play-based workshops for 10 -12 primary school aged children and one parent/carer per child. The students also produced a resource booklet describing play activities and resources for families and community organizations to use. The main partners in this collaborative project were the University of Wollongong's Faculty of Education, the AOSC and the YWCA NSW - Shoalhaven.