

Western Sydney IEU Women's Forum Building Community Connections: A focus on Aboriginal students and families

Date: Wednesday, 23 October, 2019

Venue: Holy Family Primary School
11 Emert Parade
EMERTON NSW 2770

Time: 4.30pm - 6.00pm

Cost: FREE for members
Refreshments will be served

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Julie Waddell

FORUM AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions, Acknowledgement of Country

Janet Marie and Anne Campbell, IEU Reps at Holy Family Primary School
Patricia Murnane, IEU Executive Member
Julie Waddell, Lead Teacher, Jarara Indigenous Education Unit CEDP

2. The IEU Women and Equity Agenda 2019: Context, Issues and Challenges

Pam Smith, Convenor IEU Women and Equity Committee

3. Guest Speaker: Julie Waddell (Lead Teacher, Jarara Indigenous Education Unit CEDP)

Julie Waddell is an Aboriginal teacher whose heritage is from the Kamilaroi People of Far Northern NSW. In her role in the Parramatta Diocese, Julie is a proud member of a team which is building upon the foundations of Jarara to develop support and opportunities for students, families and communities.

She believes that there have been some wonderful opportunities where CEDP students have been able to engage via literacy, art, song lines, artefacts, games and leadership experiences.

Central to Julie's perspective is that cultural awareness is built with explicit professional development for staff and that such awareness is not an occasional event but is embedded into the daily life of schools.

In all aspects of her life and work, Julie reiterates the influence of her mother who she describes as 'the heart and soul of our family.' In Julie's words, "Mum had a strong sense of social justice and would go without to help others."

4. Thanks and close