



## *Early Childhood Talks*

*With Paulene Hanna*

*Tuesday mornings May 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>; June 13<sup>th</sup>*

*9.30 – 11.30 am in the Acorn Room*

*“What is Healthy Play?”*

*“Floor Play and the Growing Child’s Expression”*

*“How can Adults Support and Promote the Play Landscape of Children?”*

### **About Paulene**

Paulene Hanna is a mother of three children who attended the Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School in Warranwood. She attended as staff member, learning alongside them- firstly as a classroom craft teacher and then as a mixed-age kindergarten teacher.

When her first kindergarten class finished year twelve she chose to respond to a St Kilda parent initiative, as the founding kindergarten teacher in a stand-alone setting. These first children of St Kilda Steiner kindergarten finished year twelve last year and now Paulene has retired from daily teaching practice.

Her own children have grown up and she now finds she is an active grandmother of 8.

She wants to be involved in mentoring and supporting teachers as they work with the challenge of a technology orientated community, which lacks the time and space for individual play learning.

She wants to promote child- initiated, free play as a means to a healthy foundation for life.

Her hope is that kindergarten and school communities everywhere can be supported by a nurturing adult professional team who see their personal development, including all aspects of their behaviour, as paramount in the educational and community process.

*Paulene has a passion and enthusiasm for her work and is an engaging speaker.*

*We hope you can join her and share in these informative talks. There will be morning tea/coffee and Jenny will help mind the little ones.*

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