



PRODUCT RANGE: Alpine Children's Services educators Claudia Mitchell (left) and Heather Beach enjoy the tradeshow.



ALL INCLUSIVE: Presenter Annette Sax shows how to include indigenous culture into everyday program.

Parents, educators enlightened at conference



FOLLOW UP: A parent chats to Parent Research Centre chief executive Warren Cann after his presentation.

ALPINE Children's Services hosted a very successful parenting evening and educators' conference in Myrtleford last month.

More than 80 people attended the parenting evening on Thursday, May 22, with the three presenters well received by the audience.

First up was Warren Cann, CEO of the Parent Research Centre, who presented 10 valuable tips for strengthening parents' relationships with their children, dealing with difficult behavior and coping with the 24-7 demands of being a parent.

Julie Baker then presented on Sensory Processing Disorder and how families can support their children.

Niki Buchan finished the evening by talking about the topical issue of risk-taking in outside play.

All the services managed by Alpine Children's Services closed on Friday, May 23, to allow all educators to attend the whole day conference.

Invitations to the conference were

extended to the wider Hume region community.

Fifty Alpine Children's Services staff attended, with another 65 staff attending from local schools and early childhood services - 115 in total.

The conference was a great success with seven presenters, speaking on topics such as sensory processing disorder, emotion coaching, indigenous curriculum and simplifying documentation.

One attendee noted on the feedback sheet that the speakers were, "Both very interesting and I have more thoughts and ideas to help improve my teaching".

Another person noted, "Excellent speakers across a broad range of interest areas".

Alpine Children's Services would like to thank the event sponsors - Bendigo Bank (Bright), Alpine Health, Alpine Shire Council and Gateway Community Health for their fantastic support.

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