Examining literacy learning opportunities across the contexts - Lisa Kervin (left) and Jessica Mantei (right)

This presentation shares a framework for analysis of literacy learning environments emerging from a larger study researching literacy transitions (TRANSLIT) across educational settings. The framework affords in-depth analysis of the nature of interactions between and among educators and learners, and the ways time, space and resources are used for literacy learning.

Lisa Kervin is an Associate Professor in Language and Literacy in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Wollongong. Jessica Mantei is a Senior Lecturer in Language and Literacy for the School of Education in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Wollongong, and a member of the Play, Curriculum and Pedagogy in Early Start Research Group.

My Mother, Your Mother - the importance of Country centred approaches to health and education - Anthony McKnight (left) and Rebecca Stanley (right)

The purpose of this presentation is to demonstrate how an Aboriginal man and a non-Aboriginal woman built a relationship with Aboriginal community members to develop an afterschool cultural program for Aboriginal children aged 5-12 years. The story shares how the program gave community members an opportunity to strengthen their children's connection with Country through culture to enhance engagement in healthy lifestyle behaviours and education.

Anthony McKnight is an Awabakal, Gumaroi and Yuin Man. Anthony is currently a lecturer in the School of Education, Faculty of Social Science at the University of Wollongong. Dr Rebecca Stanley is a Research Fellow in the Faculty of Social Sciences in Early Start at the University of Wollongong, Australia.

Physical Activity and Movement Play – Tony Okely (left) and Rachel Jones (right)

Physical activity and movement play is imperative for child development and short- and long-term favourable health, social and emotion outcomes. This presentation will describe six of Early Start’s most prominent studies in the area of physical activity and movement play.

Dr Jones’ research is primarily focused on movement behaviours (physical activity and sedentary behaviour) for young children (3-5 years). Her main areas of research include prevention and intervention studies for young children. Professor Anthony (Tony) Okely is Director of Research at Early Start at the University of Wollongong, Australia. He has been awarded over $11 Million in competitive funding, and published around 200 peer-reviewed journal articles which have been cited nearly 10,000 times.