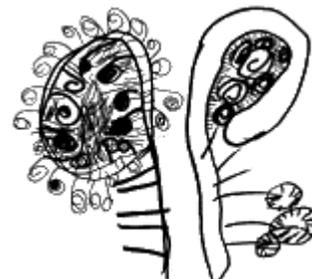


NEWSLETTER

Reggio Emilia Aotearoa

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Dear Friends of REANZ

January 2015

As a new year begins, the Trustees of REANZ renew their commitment to provide teachers in Aotearoa New Zealand with opportunities to develop their understanding of the educational practice of Reggio Emilia

Looking back over the past year, one of the highlights of 2014 was having our wonderful friend Dr Stefania Giamminuti with us. Stefania shared her stories entitled 'Dancing with Reggio Emilia' and we are very grateful to Liz Battersby for the article she wrote after attending Stefania's presentations. Liz has a wonderful way with words and we love having her as our 'Writer in Residence'! [Click here](#) to read this article 'Young Children's Right to Beauty – Aesthetics and Pedagogical Documentation in Reggio Emilia'.

In September we took a bus trip from Auckland to Whangarei stopping at Warkworth Kindergarten before venturing on to share a presentation and visit with the teachers from Mairtown Kindergarten. This was a fabulous day and we will be offering it again later this year as our hosts were as enthusiastic about the day as we were. Thanks to all of you who made it such a wonderful success.

"Encounters with the Reggio Emilia Approach to Education from a Primary perspective" was presented by Vicki Nicholson Principal of Port Chalmers Primary School and was well patronized by both the Primary and ECE sector. Vicki shared some of the common touchstones that as an educator she has embraced from her time in Reggio Emilia. She also shared the many encounters that have raised disquiet and how that disquiet may influence the way in which learning at 'her place' (school) can be empowering, visible, 'with' children and full of wonder.

Regional Network:

Another highlight of our 2014 year has been the establishment and growth of our regional networks. We have groups in Southland, Christchurch, Wellington, Palmerston North and Northland. Each Network has brought together people who have a passion for the pedagogy of Reggio Emilia and they have worked collaboratively to bring professional learning opportunities to others in their area. They work under our trust deed and we provide guidance and support as needed. You can contact these groups through our website, www.reanz.org and if you would like to form a Network in your area, please contact Wendy Larmer; larmers@xtra.co.nz

Study Tour to Melbourne: October 2015

The specific dates for our Melbourne trip for this year have yet to be finalized but we are planning on a trip in October. The cost will be around \$2250 if the current currency exchange remains the same. The registration cost covers accommodation; all costs associated with the five day study tour – including lunches; airfares ex Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch; insurance and group transfers in Melbourne. To register your interest please contact Chris Bayes chris.bayes@xtra.co.nz

Study Tour to Reggio Emilia - 11-18 April 2015

Helen Aitken and Therese Visser are hosting this trip, [click here](#) for further registration information. Helen can be contacted on hmaitken@gmail.com if you have specific questions you want to ask.

If you are considering this study tour, please make contact with Helen as soon as possible as we are holding a number of prospective registrations from overseas and we want to ensure our New Zealand colleagues have first call on the spaces.

Our Conference this year will be in Te Anau and is going to be a wonderful event. We hope the location will bring an opportunity for our South Island friends to participate and our North Island, Australian and other International friends a chance to experience the 'Norway' of the South Pacific!

Make sure you get your registration in for the early bird rate!

**Connecting Children to the Atelier of Nature:
Tuhono ana Tamariki ke te taiao**

**Thursday 9th (4.00pm) to Sunday 12th (11.30am) April 2015
Claire Maley-shaw and an Atelierista and Pedagogista from Reggio Emilia**

*When NATURE is seen as an atelier, rich in resources, it comes alive as a physical reality;
a place for people - children and adults - to 'be' in nature.*

*The conference invites participants to appreciate the realm of possibilities that
nature in the wild offers and to experience its seasonal rituals.*

Te Anau

Date: Thursday 9th (4.00pm) to Sunday 12th (11.30am) April 2015

Venue: Fiordland Community Events Centre and Ivon Wilson Park, Te Anau

Cost: Early Registration (on or prior to 1st February 2015): \$473.91 +GST (545.00 Incl GST)

Standard Registration (after 1st February 2015): \$547.83 +GST (\$630.00 Incl GST)

[Click here](#) for more information and to register

REAIE Conference: Landscapes of Imagination. 2nd – 5th July 2015

REANZ Trustees Prue Crarer and Chris Bayes are attending this conference and would welcome your company. Please go to the REAIE website for registration details. You might like to touch base with Prue – prue.crarer@gmail.com if you are thinking of going.

Early Bird Registrations are open now and close 26th March 2015

Early Bird REAIE Member \$900 (incl GST) Early Bird Non Member \$1050 (incl GST)

Registrations after 26th March 2015

REAIE Member \$1000 (incl GST) Non Member \$1150 (incl GST)

Student \$450 (incl GST)

Registration Fee includes all lectures and presentations, welcome reception, morning and afternoon tea and lunch.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register

Library:

If you would like to borrow a book from our library, please contact Bronwen at tots@totscorner.co.nz If you know some good books we could purchase for the library let us know. Perhaps you have read one lately that you could write a book review for us to share with others on our website? Please contact Wendy at larmers@xtra.co.nz The list of the library books can be found at <http://www.reanz.org/library>

Books for sale

If you would like to buy a book through our website please [click here](#) payment is by paypal and the book/books will be couriered to you as soon as payment has been cleared. For more information contact prue.crarer@gmail.com

REANZ website: www.reanz.org and Facebook page

We would love some contributions for our website and Facebook page – particularly examples of documentation and environments. Wendy would love to receive these.

Ideas for presenters?

If you know of speakers that you have heard that have inspired and extended your understanding of the Reggio pedagogy we would love to hear from you. Please contact Lesley l.pohio@auckland.ac.nz

We look forward to seeing you at our 2015 events with warm regards from,

The REANZ Trustees

*Wendy Larmer, Glenys Waller, Diti Hill, Chris Bayes, Denise Heald,
Lorraine Manuela, Lesley Pohio, Helen Aitken, Prue Crarer, Therese Visser and
Julianne Exton*