



## Welcome to 2014 ~ Tena koutou katoa!

The beginning of a New Year is a time for reflection – reflection of the year just past and times ahead.

The REANZ Trustees have met for the first time in 2014 to plan events facilitated by international speakers, national speakers and teachers inspired by Reggio Emilia. These events include seminars, conversation evenings and centre visits.

Two Melbourne Study Tours are planned for April and October 2014. There has also been much planning for the April Tour to Reggio Emilia, Italy. We have a full tour for this year and already have 50% of our registrations for 2015, so if you are keen to participate, contact Denise at [reanz@inspire.net.nz](mailto:reanz@inspire.net.nz).

Also looking ahead to 2015 we are planning a conference in Te Anau—'**Connecting Children With Nature**' which focusses on *being in and with nature*. One of the keynote speakers will be an atelierista from Reggio Emilia and more information about this will be available on our website in the coming months.

You will have noticed that we have updated our website to include the Regional Network Groups from across Aotearoa New Zealand (Kerikeri, Manawatu, Wellington, Christchurch and Invercargill). This will enable you to connect with other teachers and meet locally for conversations and events wherever you live. On our new website we have also updated our library with a range of new books from Reggio Emilia. Some of these books will soon be available for sale so check the website for updates—[www.reanz.org](http://www.reanz.org)

Wishing you all the best for a wonderful year with children, making their learning visible, documenting their journeys of discovery and listening to their multiple perspectives and languages.

On behalf of the REANZ Trustees,

Wendy Larmer

# Upcoming Events for your Calendar

## February—Thursday 20th

International speaker Dr Andrew Lockett—'*Art in the Wild*' at St Cuthbert's College Auditorium.

## March—Thursday 6th

International speaker Di Chilvers—'*A Window into Young Children's Creative Thinking*' at St Cuthbert's College Auditorium.

## April—Thursday 3rd

National speakers, Brenda Soutar and Dr Monty Soutar—'*Nga Tapuwae - The Pedagogy of Reggio Emilia through a Maori Lens*' at St Cuthbert's College Auditorium.

## April 27th — May 3rd

Reaching Across the Tasman, Melbourne Study Tour. Be quick if you would like to register for this tour—places are filling fast!

## May

Conversation Evening—An Introduction to the principles of Reggio Emilia (part 1).

## June

Conversation Evening—An Introduction to the principles of Reggio Emilia (part 2).

## July

Conversation Evening—Projects from Reggio Emilia.

## August

Conversation Evening—Projects from Aotearoa New Zealand.

## October—Thursday 2nd & Saturday 4th

International speaker Stefania Giamminuti will present '*The Story of Momi—a Child with Special Rights*' and '*Dancing with Reggio Emilia*'.

## October

Reaching Across the Tasman, Melbourne Study Tour.

## November

Twilight Centre Visits.

## 2015—'Connecting Children With Nature' Conference Te Anau 9th—12th April.

This conference will focus on exploring the endless possibilities of BEING in and *with nature*, not something to watch from a distance but as a physical reality, a place for people to do and be *in nature*. Early childhood teachers in Te Anau have been working in the bush with young children and parents for a number of years. Their Nature Discovery programme recently featured on a television documentary. One of the keynote speakers will be an atelierista from Reggio Emilia.

For more information go to: [www.reanz.org](http://www.reanz.org)