



REANZ: Reggio Emilia Aotearoa New Zealand

*Au ana ko te noho tahitanga
O nga whānau, o ngā tuakana
Me ngā teina I roto I te whāriki
ngahere*

*Ara, ka puawai ngā tamariki a
Matariki*

*Māhia ngā mahi o ngā tamariki
Hei āpōpō ka tū
Hei rangatira*

*Peaceful earthy colours from the forest weave a mat
For the koru frond to rest upon,
smaller koru are securely nestled.*

*From this embrace stars burst forth to realize their
potential. Fulfill the needs of our children and
tomorrow they stand strong.*

(International Children's Day)

As Winter Approaches ...

Through our observations of the changing faces of nature, we notice the year unfolding around us. The promise of spring changes to the delights and rewards of summer and onwards to winter. Winter is often thought of as a time to hibernate but it can also be a time to reflect, take stock of all that we have to celebrate and to rethink what is important to us.

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.” — John Steinbeck

Matariki will be celebrated this year on Friday July 14th. It is a time of celebration, to show our gratitude, to remember those who have died, and to connect and reconnect through friendship, fellowship and to be with whanau. A time to ‘be’.

We hope that REANZ can offer you some delights over winter through engaging with our professional learning opportunities. We love having such committed teachers to be friends of REANZ. Thank you for your support.

Keep Calm and Winter on!

Nothing Without Joy!

These words are attributed to Loris Malaguzzi. In this article (link below), from our sister group in Australia, REAIE, they encourage us to think about the joy that teaching brings us. They ask us ‘can we live without joy? Can we teach without joy?’

[https://
reggioaustralia.org.au/
reframing-learning-a-](https://reggioaustralia.org.au/reframing-learning-a-)

Professional Development Opportunities

Save the dates and book early ...

Online Learning Community Conversations

These three zoom conversations are facilitated by REANZ Trustees and build on readings and videos that are shared prior to the evening. You must register for these conversations by emailing reanz@gmail.com with 'Online Conversations' in the subject line. **They are free to join.** A link will be sent the day before.

Dates: May 25th, 20th July and 21st September. 7 - 8pm

'Awakening the Curious Teacher' Online Encounters;

Presenter, Kirsty Liljegren. The first of the two evening Zoom presentations was **held on 21st March and it was very well received.** The second presentation will be on the **16th May.** It's not too late to join and you will be given the first recorded session to watch, and the live link for the second session.

\$40. Per person.

Register by emailing reanztreasurer@gmail.com with 'Curious Teacher' in the subject line. Please state name/s attending and give a contact email for the invoice. Once payment has been received, you will be sent the zoom a day or two before the event.

Ki runga i te manga - culture, connection and curiosity

Wednesday 14th June, 7pm to 8:30pm, on Zoom. \$25.00pp

Judith Urry: Year 0/1 Teacher. Northland School, Wellington

Judith has woven a curriculum approach that empowers her akonga to engage with their local maunga and to utilise the *hundred languages* to learn in a wide variety of domains. Judith has collaborated with local ECE kaiako, creating shared excursions and learning experiences including her Year 0/1 students along with the kindergarten and early childhood centre children.

Please see the attached flier for further information and registration.

The seminar - Curious Teacher.

We are pleased to be welcoming Kirsty Liljegren to Aotearoa New Zealand.

Auckland - Saturday July 29th. 9 - 3pm. \$160pp.

Wellington - Tuesday Aug 1. 6 - 9pm \$80.pp.

Christchurch - Thursday 3rd Aug. 6 - 9pm. \$80.

Queenstown - Saturday August 5th. 3. 9 - 3pm. \$160pp.

Separate information is attached to this email with registration information.

Melbourne Study Tour

Tuesday 5th - 8th September 2023 - we've had a great response and we only a few rooms left. REANZ Trustees Rachel Dennee and Kerri Fallon are leading this tour. Contact Chris for further details.
chris.bayes@xtra.co.nz.

Primary Years seminar October 2023 - Keep this in mind!

This seminar will explore the pedagogy of Reggio Emilia through a Primary lens. We will share the practice of teachers who are using the principles of Reggio Emilia to enhance the teaching and learning experiences in their classrooms.



2023 Reggio Emilia Study Tour April 2023 - Reflections

There were 22 participants in our group from Auckland, Waikato, Manawatu, Wellington and Christchurch and we also welcomed 3 teachers from Bromley School in Christchurch. The group stayed at the centrally located La Posta and the adjoining Albergo Hotel which allowed us to meet for breakfast and explore the historic part of Reggio Emilia.

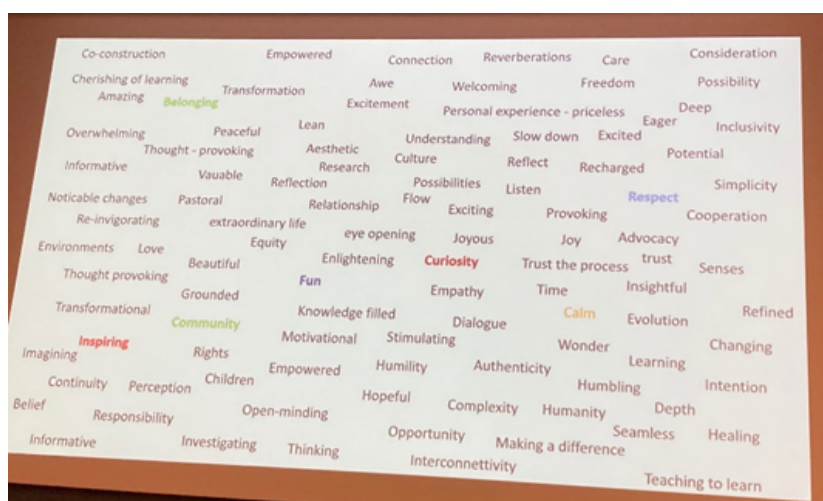
We began the study week with a visit to Cervi Museum; the home of the Cervi family that had 7 of it's son shot by Facists in the heart of Reggio Emilia. The family were part of the resistance during the war in this region. This visit was an essential and powerful introduction to the historical and cultural history of this area. The daughter of one of Papa Alcide Cervi's daughters came out of her on site apartment to meet with us. We felt very humbled to spend time with her.





It was also a pleasure to visit with our REANZ centre, Martiri di Sesso (the Martyrs of Sesso). The book 'Along the Levee Road' explains the history of the people in this small town where so many were killed by the Nazis.

The week's programme organised by Reggio Children continues to evolve and is reflective of the themes and pedagogy that is currently being articulated. Such things as 'being in dialogue', having relationship with materials, subjectivity etc. The programme was rich and varied and we noted an evolution of language and terms used (e.g. democracy, context and organisation) as well as a stronger reference and explanation of children with special rights and the connections with neuroscience and the 100 languages of expression.



Key presenters during our week were *Moira Nicolosi* (Peadaogista), *Loretta Bertani* (Atelierista), *Marco Spaggiari* (Atelierista, Loris Malaguzzi International Centre), *Antonella Davoli* (tutor teacher) and *Eloisa di Rocco* (Remida). It was wonderful to reconnect with Loretta who has been here in Aotearoa previously. The presenters did an exceptional job of blending the values of the educational project, representing the image of the child & subjectivity, and showing diverse examples of children and teacher engagement across the Infant toddler, Preschools and the Primary School. Each presentation had examples of how research and progettazione evolves and is created. The group visited a centre at the end of each of the first three days that connected with the focus that had been represented through the presentations.

At the conclusion of the week, the Aotearoa New Zealand group, led by two of our wahine Maori, Karangawai Marsh and Lynette Tamarapa from Mana Tamariki, gave a thoughtful closing korero and karakia in both te reo Maori and English. Together with other New Zealanders present, we sang the waiata *Purea Nei*. It was a very moving and poignant way to end our time together.

Study tour leaders Helen Aitken and Chris Bayes.





Building a Culture of Peace

On the 25th April in Aotearoa New Zealand, we commemorate Anzac Day. In Reggio Emilia this date is also an important day. It is Liberation Day. This day is a national holiday. A time to celebrate the end of the Fascist regime and the Nazi occupation of the Second World War. It is a time to honour the victory of Italy's Resistant movement of Partisans who opposed the regime.

"Celebrating April 25 means, therefore, opening yourself to the culture of liberation, to the idea of more advanced achievements of dignity and human freedom, to an idea of democracy that combines utopian tension and the search for adequate institutional tools; it means opening yourself to the perspective of a struggle for liberation that continues today and it has to continue tomorrow".

Peter Explosion, April 25. Liberation, Einaudi Publisher, Turin 1995.

Centres in Reggio Emilia were built on the bricks of the second world war and continue to work tirelessly towards Peace in our time. Centres such as Martiri di Sesto and 25th April.

Reggio Children have just hosted a delegation of Russian speaking delegates. In the words of Luca Vecchi, Mayor of Reggio Emilia, "We must feel committed every day even with small gestures to build a culture of peace... it was a peculiar moment. In some words even a little unedited. A first step to build a new culture of peace, in the name of education and childhood, between people coming from two nations at war. It's a small contribution that Reggio Emilia want to give to show the way for dialogue as a possible solution to a conflict that can no longer continue.

Because peace finally returns".

What can we do in our homes, education settings and communities to promote peace?

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui. The REANZ Trustees.

Books from the REANZ Library

The REANZ library has a number of fabulous books for you to borrow: Check the books available and the instructions about how to order them, from the website; www.reanz.org

Ki runga i te maunga: culture, connection and curiosity

Wednesday 14th June, 7pm to 8:30pm, on Zoom.

Judith Urry: Year 0/1 Teacher

Northland School, Wellington



Register now for this online opportunity to hear about a long-term, place-based inquiry in a Reggio-inspired classroom. Judith Urry is a highly experienced teacher, qualified in both primary and ECE teaching. She has woven a curriculum approach that empowers her akonga to engage with their local maunga and to utilise the *hundred languages* to learn in a wide variety of domains. Judith has collaborated with local ECE kaiako, creating shared excursions and learning experiences including her Year 0/1 students along with the kindergarten and early childhood centre children. Judith is skilled at creating a variety of forms of pedagogical documentation, and these examples will inspire and support participants to think broadly about how documentation enables ongoing investigation.

This webinar will share how our local maunga has been integral in

- creating a class culture
- building connections with place, people and curriculum
- fostering curiosity

Kō Ahumairangi te pae maunga...

Nau mai, haere mai! Click [here](#) to fill out the registration form.

Please make payment at the time of registration to secure your place. Paid registrants will be emailed the zoom link the day before the webinar.

Kaiako/Teachers working in the early years in Early Learning Centres and Primary Schools please join us for

The Seminar Series of the
'Curious Teacher'

Co-designing Curriculum alongside children through the pedagogy of listening

This interactive seminar will delve deeply into how to generate meaningful learning opportunities for children and educators through a research culture. Participants will feel reinvigorated with a renewed sense of what is possible when tuning into their unique contexts to inform pedagogical pathways.

Kirsty Liljegren from Melbourne, Australia has recently returned from Reggio Emilia and has gained a deepened knowledge of Reggio pedagogy. Kirsty is well known here in Aotearoa New Zealand for the engaging professional learning opportunities she offers. Kirsty will present the following seminars in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Seminar Dates and Venues

Auckland - Saturday 27th July 9 - 3.00pm. Hauraki Primary School. 82 Jutland Road, Takapuna.
\$160pp. (Incl gst)

Wellington - Tuesday 1st August, 6 - 9.00pm. \$80.pp (incl gst)
Northland School, corner Harbourview Road, Northland

Christchurch - 3rd August, 6 - 9.00pm. Bromley School. 33 Keighleys Road, Bromley. \$80.pp
(incl gst)

Queenstown/Arrowtown. - 5th August, 9 - 3.00pm.
St Johns Church Hall, Arrowtown. Corner Berkshire and Durham St. \$160.pp (incl gst)

Please register your interest by clicking [this link](#) and follow the instructions carefully, and complete your details clearly. This registration page is your invoice/ receipt.

Registration is confirmed once payment has been received. Refund policy. A refund will be made (less 20% administration fee), before June 30th. After this date, a registration may be swapped to another person.

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