

Kidsfirst Kindergartens



2014

Areas of Practice Professional Learning and Development



Wednesday 30th April

Thursday 1st May





ENGAGED

with people, places, opportunities, ideas and our heritage



INSPIRING

and always striving to do more



PASSIONATE

we love what we do, and it shows



PROUD

of the difference we make in lives, every day



WHĀNAU

people are at our heart

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Workshop Days

Wednesday 30th April and Thursday 1st May 2014

Venue: Otakaro and Wheki, University of Canterbury, College of Education campus.

This year the Education Service Team have organised two days of professional learning development that will provide you with a combination of new information to build on and challenge your thinking, and practical strategies that you will be able to add to your professional toolkit to assist you with teaching, learning and professional well-being.

Programme

Wednesday 30th April

8.00am Registration Venue: Otakaro, Lecture Room L2
Collect your registration package which includes the sessions you are attending and the rooms these will be in.

8.45am Welcome Sherryll Wilson, Chief Executive, Kidsfirst Kindergartens

9.00 am Keynote Address

**He ritenga whaimōhio: Culturally responsive pedagogy -
Considerations for working with Māori**

Speakers: Professor Angus Hikairo Macfarlane, Professor of Māori Research, School of Teacher Education, University of Canterbury

Dr Sonja Macfarlane, Senior Lecturer in Health Sciences and Specialist Teaching Māori, University of Canterbury



10.00am morning tea

10.30am Workshop 1 – please select from the list on the following pages

12noon lunch (please bring your own lunch)

12.30pm Workshop 2 please select from the list on the following pages

1.45pm Workshop 3 please select from the list on the following pages

2.45pm afternoon tea

3.15pm Workshop 4 please select from the list on the following pages

4.15pm end of day

Thursday 1st May

9.00 am Welcome and Keynote Address Venue: Otakaro Lecture Room L2

Democracy in Early Childhood Education

**Speaker: Simon Archard, Senior Tutor, Professional Studies in Education,
University of Waikato**



Simon lectures in Undergraduate and Graduate Diploma Programmes in early childhood education and has undertaken research on how ICT supports children's inquiry learning and supports democratic teaching and learning in early childhood education.

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Email to questions@kidsfirst.org.nz

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Name:

Kindergarten:

1. **WEDNESDAY MORNING 10.30AM TO 12 NOON - CHOOSE 2 ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS (YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND 1)**

- Supporting Children through Changes in Canterbury.

This workshop will enhance the knowledge of teachers so that they can help children develop resilience and encourage practical ways to support children through current and future change.

Presenter – Paula Partington, Mental Health Education and Resource Centre

- Tātaiako: Curriculum Competencies for Teachers

An introduction to this resource which is about teachers' relationships and engagement with Māori learners and with their whānau and iwi.

Presenter – Hūhana Carter, Education Advisor Māori, Kidsfirst Kindertartens

- Learning in Nature

Teachers will share with you their knowledge and experience gained from outdoor learning settings in Fiordland and Norway.

Presenters – Jeanne Williams, Head Teacher, Kidsfirst Kindertartens Lincoln and Birgit Bracewell, Head Teacher, Kidsfirst Kindergarten Burnham

- Exploring Leadership Knowledge Needs using an Heuristic Tool

As a leader, whether designated or within a team, how can you develop personal agency for your own professional learning? This workshop looks at people, places, systems and things that contribute to building leadership knowledge and gives you a tool to add to your professional practice.

Presenter – Susan Lovett, Senior Lecturer, University of Canterbury

- Effective Living and Balance

To be able to sustain their caring and support of others it is vital for teachers to care for themselves. This workshop will present some strategies in self-care options and how to prioritise these in your daily life.

Presenter – Lynette Moore, P Grad.Dip. Counselling (Waikato), Integrated Solutions

2. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 3 SESSIONS 12.30PM, 1.45PM, & 3.15PM - CHOOSE 4 FROM THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS (YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND 3)

Waiata

Participants will learn waiata to use in their kindergarten. Recording devices/ tablets are welcomed and if you have a guitar you can bring this also.

Presenter – Cath Milio, Education Advisor Māori, Kidsfirst Kindergartens

Documenting Learning through Art

Be inspired by this teaching team who, through a pedagogy of listening, are working alongside children as they express themselves and their learning through the media of visual arts.

Presenters – Rachael Fleming (Head Teacher), Fran Chapman, Rebecca Herbert, Amanda Jack, and Nadine Freeborn (Teachers), Kidsfirst Kindergarten Rutland Street

Moving Smart

Latest ideas on the benefits of active movement for children’s learning. Hear about practical ways you can make the most of our wonderful spaces to engage and benefit children’s holistic development. A moving child is a learning child.

Presenter – Gill Connell, Movement expert, Founder, Moving Smart

Keep the crickets in the box: self-regulation

Teaching young children has been described by this metaphor. This workshop will explore the significance of self-regulation both now and as children enter school. Sharing strategies that build this skill and completion of a 'take home' resource will give opportunities for your practical and fun input.

Presenter – Dot Capon, Education Service Manager, Kidsfirst Kindergarten

Place Based Education

This workshop will use an example of place based education to inspire you to delve further into the history of the area your kindergarten is in, your place of mahi and where tamariki and whānau are living.

Presenter – Hūhana Carter, Education Advisor Māori, Kidsfirst Kindergartens

iPad Training

This workshop looks at using I-pads wisely with young children/guided access to this “fabulous learning tool”. Hilary has a document of hints and apps which she is happy to PDF and send to anyone who wants it.

Presenter – Hilary Stock, Technical Support, Champion Centre

Transition for Children with English as a Second Language

As our community welcomes more new New Zealanders learn about ways to provide for effective and routines for the children and their families.

Presenter – Shil Bae, ECE teacher, Masters student, University of Canterbury

Strategies for a Peaceful Environment

Participants will use their collective knowledge, skills, wisdom, and varied backgrounds to explore what is a peaceful atmosphere and practical ways to promote this within and early childhood context.

Presenter – Peter Fleming, Head Teacher, Kidsfirst Kindergarten Broomfield

3. THURSDAY MORNING 10.30AM TO 12 NOON SESSION -- CHOOSE 2 ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS (YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND 1)

Inquiry Learning: Children using ICT to direct their own inquiry learning.

Using ICT in meaningful and purposeful ways to support children in inquiry learning. What are the factors required to enable this to happen?

Presenter – Simon Archard, Lecturer, Waikato University

Aroha ki te tangata

Unpacking what this means for your kindergarten and understanding early childhood appropriate tikanga.

Presenter – Hūhana Carter, Education Advisor Māori, Kidsfirst Kindergartens

Educa Training

This session is for teachers at kindergartens who have an understanding of e-portfolios and are ready to implement these in their kindergarten in Term 2. All teachers in the team must attend either this session or one of the afternoon sessions.

Presenter – Nathan Li, founder and CEO, educa

Successful Teaching Strategies for Pacific Learners

This workshop will explore practical strategies teachers can adopt to better engage learners of Pacific Island backgrounds. Specific aspects of Pacific culture that teachers need to be aware of will be discussed.

Presenter – Pauline Luafutu-Simpson, Pacific Advisor, University of Canterbury

Working with Children with Autism

Increase your knowledge and understanding of autism and learn about a range of strategies that you, as a teacher, can use to support children and whānau.

Presenter – Robyn Young, Autism NZ

4. THURSDAY AFTERNOON 3 SESSIONS 12.30PM, 1.45PM, & 3.15PM - CHOOSE 4 FROM THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS (YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND 3)

E-Portfolios – Connecting with Parents and Whānau

Presenters – session 1 Kidsfirst Kindergarten Belfast teaching team, session 2 Kidsfirst Kindergarten Ilam teaching team, session 3 Kidsfirst Kindergarten King St teaching team

E-books vs tree books – It's not a competition!

Have you explored the world of e-books and literacy experiences for young children? Learn about what is available, how to access the resources and get recommendations from an expert in the field of early literacy.

Presenter – Susan Dodd, Christchurch Public Libraries

Teaching under 3s

Children under 3 are capable and confident learners who are enthusiastic about all that they do. Hear how you can successfully support, teach and care for this age group within your setting.

Presenter – Nadine Bashford, Redwood Community Childcare Centre

Te reo o Kai Tahu

History, reo, dialect and resources of our local iwi.

Presenter – Cath Milio, Education Advisor Māori, Kidsfirst Kindergartens

Inspiring Science

Are you looking for additional ways to provide wonderment and awe for the children you teach? This session will provide you with a number of practical ideas, and ways to access additional resources that will assist you with using effective provocations.

Presenters – Science Alive

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Marketing our Kindergartens

How will you include the Kidsfirst values in your practices and programme? Have you wondered why marketing takes the form it does? If you are interested in the answers to any of these questions or have ideas you would like to voice then this is the session for you.

Presenters – Douglas and Susi MacLean, Glass Tower

Natural Resource Workshop

Natural resources incorporated with waiata, korero and activities for early childhood.

Presenter – Hūhana Carter, Education Advisor Māori, Kidsfirst Kindergartens