

Honouring the stories that children 'tell' all day long



Do you know your children's stories? Their favourite motifs, metaphors, characters and plotlines? Children are improvising, inventing, enacting stories all day long; in the dress ups, in their artwork, in the block corner, queuing for face painting, in the family corner, in the sandpit, in small world play and in dialogue with the special people in their lives.

"Once upon a time, there was a wolf. He huffed and he puffed and he blew the house down and the piglet cried. The wolf helped the piglet to build a new house. They had a swing in the garden and the wolf pushed and he pushed and the little pig flew so high, higher than the seagulls. Then they all had a party". (Liv)

Vivian Gussin Paley writes "Who are these people who dare to reinvent mythology? They are the children found in every classroom thinking up plot and dialogue without instruction. And, for the most part, *without the teacher's awareness...*It is play, of course, but it is also story in action, just as storytelling is play put into narrative form" (my italics).

This workshop offers ways in which you might become more aware and appreciative of all the stories being told around you all day, and we will also explore the myriad ways whereby we might honour, play with, recreate, document, revisit, embellish and showcase all those marvellous stories.

Where: The Toymaker's Cottage

When: 9.30 to 1.00pm Saturday October 27th

Cost:\$75 The workshop includes some hands-on activities to practise our own ability to improvise a little, some playful games, a presentation and a power point of visual provocations, some generous handouts and an opportunity to visit a very lovely centre. Contact Evelyn Davis of Storytelling Threads at evadiva@xtra.co.nz to book a place.