

The Art of Storytelling (Hamilton)

Storytelling provides an influential and effective platform for promoting children's social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. Stories can be integrated into mat times, in the sandpit, at the carpentry or play dough table, alongside the literacy area ... anywhere, any time in fact - thereby increasing modelling and creating a story telling culture for both teachers and children.

Stories conveniently offer a springboard for a wide range of learning experiences at the same time as they can provide inspiration for ways to transform the environment. They can be used to highlight social justice issues, to support problem solving and empower both teachers and children. Participants will be supported in exploring opportunities for planned and spontaneous storytelling; we will also discuss strategies for co-creating stories.

This interactive workshop includes a generous display of storytelling props and resources to inspire and encourage teachers. A broad range of hand outs will be offered.

Participants will:

- Have the opportunity to safely and playfully discover their own storytelling 'voices' through a range of hands-on experiences
- Have the chance to use a range of resources and strategies to explore the potential of storytelling as a 'teaching' tool
- Recognise the value of storytelling and oral literacy as the key foundations of language development and later, written literacy.

Cost:	\$250.00
Date:	Wednesday, 5 November 2014
Time:	10.00am – 4.00pm
Refreshments:	Light lunch included, tea/coffee
Target:	Early Childhood Teachers
Location:	Ventura Inn, 23 Clarence Street (off Anglesea St) Hamilton
Facilitator:	Evelyn Davis

Bookings: <http://www.361education.co.nz/course-catalogues/ece/the-art-of-storytelling>

