

Playful storytelling and oral literacy with Evelyn Davis

9.00 am till 3.00pm in Arch Hill, Ponsonby, on Saturday, July 3rd.

Please contact Evelyn on evadiva@xtra.co.nz to book a place. Cost: \$75 per person.



Oral story telling strengthens relationships, fosters oral literacy (which is the foundation of written literacy) empowering children to find their own voices as storytellers as well.

I will introduce different ways to tell stories, including table top puppets, dramatic play, theatre, play-dough, book-making and the arts. And more.

I offer safe, fun, and practical experiences that will hopefully inspire you to play with storytelling in a variety of ways, in a variety of contexts in a normal ECE day, or as a parent during the day and at bedtime.

This workshop covers the role and strategies of the 1. The teacher as the storyteller (improvised or otherwise) and 2. Ways to support, share and celebrate the children's own stories and 3. A brief visit to the art of Helicopter Storytelling as initiated by Vivian Gussin Paley... a living breathing re-enactment of children's story at mat time.

The huge benefits of oral storytelling are clearly elucidated, and interactive experiences support you to find your own playful and joyful storytelling voice. A fast paced power point replete with inspiring images of oral storytelling and ways to make simple resources also gets squeezed in! Hopefully!! 😊

Useful and informative handouts will be emailed to participants after the evening.

We are all natural story tellers and the only obstacle is the voice in our heads that says that can't possibly be true. Story telling is very like the way, over a cup of tea, we tell our friends the latest stories of events in our lives!

Biography: Evelyn Davis is an experienced teacher and PD facilitator with a particular interest in how storytelling, the arts and play can be woven into richly textured learning experiences for children, with a special focus on oral literacy. Evelyn works as a relieving teacher with the AKA in Auckland and highly values opportunities to work with children, parents and teachers to strengthen the art of oral storytelling. She brings enthusiasm, knowledge and playfulness to her workshops. She also creates felted storytelling mats. Her website is www.evelyndavis.co.nz but she is most active on

<https://www.facebook.com/storytellingthreads/> (The photo albums are the best source of information about the sort of things that inspire Evelyn, including her 100 days of storytelling.

