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## Welcome to the December issue of NZTC Alumni

In our final issue of the year, we reflect on the highlights that made 2018 memorable. It has been such a pleasure to see student and graduate numbers grow and we feel so privileged to be able to extend our sector support further than ever before.

We are looking forward to an equally positive 2019. We have a new Health and Wellbeing program on the horizon, and a substantial ECE scholarship opportunity offering students who apply for a teacher registration pathway program by 24 February 2019 the chance to study for less than a quarter of regular fees.

We are also busily preparing for an NZTC Symposium on the Power of Play to be held in Auckland on 8 March 2019 so **save the date** and ensure you get to take part in this great professional development opportunity.

The college's Auckland and Christchurch campuses will close for the festive season at **5.00pm on Friday 21 December 2018**, and reopen on **Monday 7 January 2019** with our usual operating hours.

*Selena Fox*

**Selena Fox** - Chief Executive

### CHRISTMAS TO-DO-LIST

- Let ~~the~~ <sup>your VISION</sup> lights shine
- Open ~~gifts~~ <sup>your HEART</sup>
- Share ~~cards~~ <sup>your COMPETENCE</sup>
- Gift ~~presents~~ <sup>SPIRIT</sup>



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## REFLECTING ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR AT NZTC

As the year comes to a close, we look back on the events and achievements that made 2018 memorable.

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING STUDENTS CELEBRATE MILESTONE GRADUATION



Our first Level 4 graduates were celebrated in January and our total number of graduates more than doubled in 2018!

### HE KUPU PARTNERSHIPS INCREASE JOURNAL'S REACH



NZTC's e-journal *He Kupu* received increased domestic and global exposure in 2018, with an invitation to feature on USA-based research journal database giant EBSCO in March and a partnership with the National Library of New Zealand in May.

### GRADUATES CELEBRATED ACROSS THE WORLD



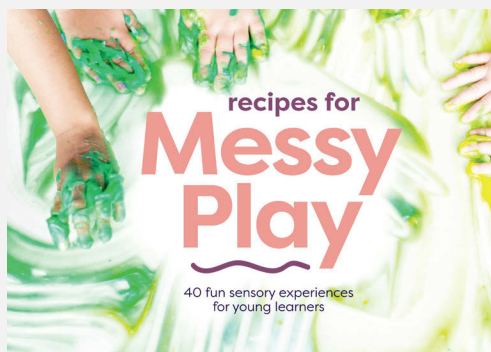
We celebrated more than 800 graduates with ceremonies held in Auckland, Christchurch and Mumbai.

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## NZTC REFRESHES TREASURED MESSY PLAY RESOURCE



We collaborated with New Shoots and Curiate to produce a new version of beloved early childhood publication *Messy Play*, featuring a refreshed design and added ideas for teachers to incorporate messy play in their centres.

## THIRD CONSECUTIVE CATEGORY ONE STATUS

# NZQA

## CATEGORY PROVIDER

New Zealand Qualifications Authority Approved Category 1  
Education Provider (the highest rating given by NZQA)

NZQA renewed the college's Category One status, stating that they are "Highly Confident" in educational performance and "Highly Confident" in self-assessment at NZTC.



## COMPLETION RATES REINFORCE COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS

NZTC's qualification completion rates exceed the national university and Tertiary Education Organisation (TEO) average, with 73% of our students completing their qualifications. The recently released Tertiary Education Commission Educational Performance Indicator results put average qualification completion rates of all TEOs at 63% and universities at 64%.

## gift 2 give...



## JAGRITI FOUNDATION ALPHABET CARDS

NZTC is supporting NZ registered charity Jagriti Foundation to empower children through their **Gift 2 Give** efforts.

Support a special child in your life to learn their ABCs and a first-generation learner in remote rural India to access education.

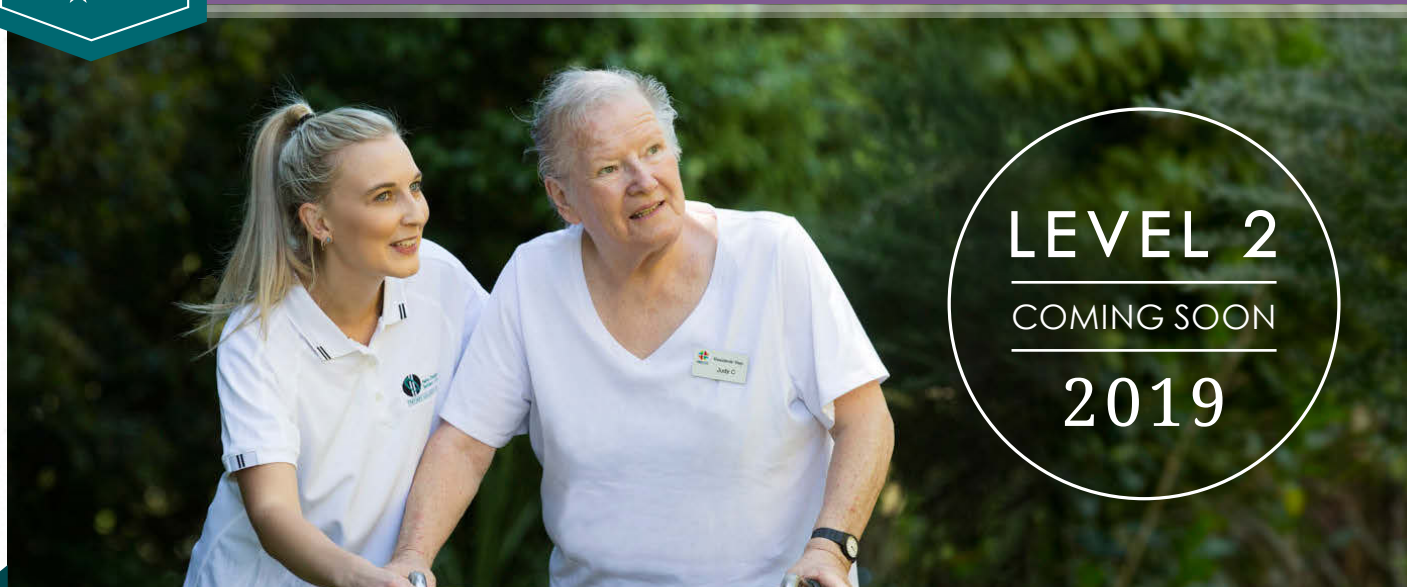
Beautifully designed Jagriti Foundation Alphabet Cards are a perfect stocking filler or Secret Santa gift that truly embraces the meaning of Christmas. 100% of profits will support *Hope through Education*.

The Alphabet Cards can be purchased online for just \$10 (NZD). To order your set or learn more about Jagriti Foundation, visit [www.jagritifoundation.org](http://www.jagritifoundation.org).

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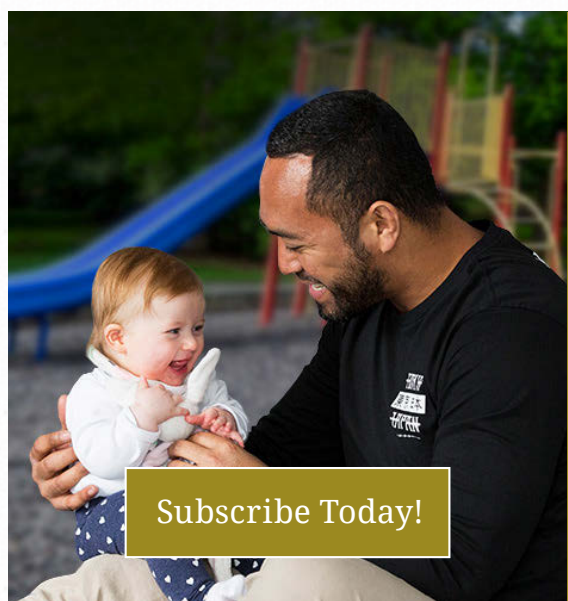
## HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROGRAM COMING IN THE NEW YEAR!



LEVEL 2  
COMING SOON  
2019

The college is looking forward to an exciting 2019 with support for the healthcare community set to grow. After close collaboration and careful listening to the health and wellbeing sector, we identified a need for a Level 2 program to further support carers' professional development journey.

We look forward to sharing more about the program and how it will benefit the community in the new year!



Subscribe Today!

 **He Kupu**  
The Word

**New Issue Out Now!**

*Inclusive early childhood education:  
Pedagogy and practice*

If you're putting your summer reading list together make sure to include articles from the latest issue of NZTC's fully refereed free online journal which is available now at [www.hekupu.ac.nz](http://www.hekupu.ac.nz).



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## GRADUATE GAINS CONFIDENCE TO STAND BY HER BELIEFS

NZTC graduate Sarah Field's ability to think critically and question the status quo led her Associate Teacher to describe her as the "best student she ever had".



Sarah Field with NZTC Academic Dean Sean Dolan (left) and Chief Executive Selena Fox

The Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) graduate had seven years' experience working with children in the United Kingdom before deciding to move to New Zealand and retrain to become an early childhood teacher.

Sarah excelled in her studies, receiving NZTC's Excellence in Practice award for her dedication to quality and commitment to improving her skills as a teacher.

NZTC Lecturer Tracey Genet was impressed by Sarah's self-motivation, describing her as an "excellent communicator with strong leadership and critical thinking skills".

"Sarah built really strong relationships with the team and the children and families in her care. She also did a lot of research and shared her ideas, so much so that two members of the team reached out to me to say they were delighted to have her at the centre," said Tracey.

Empowered through her experiences working at centres while studying with NZTC, Sarah said she was able to learn quickly through the challenges she encountered daily while also receiving constant mentorship and support.

"I came to understand it is not about having all the answers, it is actually far more important to ask the right questions – as they lead to further learning," said Sarah.

**“ I am now able to more clearly define my personal teaching philosophy and feel confident articulating my ideas and beliefs and standing by them. ”**

– Sarah Field

The Christchurch-based graduate now applies the skills and tools she gained at NZTC in her own teaching practice as a Centre Supervisor at Kindercare.

"I have learnt so much about the New Zealand curriculum and what good quality practice looks like. I have a much better understanding and manner with children and for this I will always be very grateful."



## OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU!

Are you, a friend or a colleague considering embarking on your teacher registration journey? If so, NOW's the time to enrol!

Early Childhood  
Teacher Training  
Scholarships

Limited time

**PAY LESS THAN ¼ OF  
NORMAL FEES\***

- Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education)
- Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)
- New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5)

Apply by **24 February 2019**  
to begin study by **31 March 2019**

\*Domestic students only. Terms and Conditions apply. Scholarship fees for first year of study only except Graduate Diploma in Teaching (ECE).

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