

NZTC LEADS LIFE-CHANGING INITIATIVES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN INDIA



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Over the last year New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC) has shared their *Heart* with the people of Ballia in Uttar Pradesh, India. NZTC has progressively undertaken life-changing projects in Ballia - a region of significant need.

Early in 2015 NZTC supported the building of a bridge to unite the people of Rasra, Ballia village, who due to a raging waterway were separated each rainy season for three months of the year. Guided by our College mission, values and commitment to education and children, NZTC wanted to do more and moved on to support phase one of the building of a Christian school initially available for preschool age children to year five.

Jagriti Academy officially opened on 22 November 2015 with much excitement and fanfare. NZTC Chief Executive Selena Fox, supported by Brent Simpson (IT Operations Manager), led the school opening with a tree planting, a fitting beginning for a school that translates to 'rise up' in English.

"We shared our NZTC *Heart* through gifting moments together and then through practicalities of a warm shawl for each mother, grandmother, father, grandfather and Jagriti Academy beanies for the children, and finally through sharing a meal with the community. It was as close as I believe I will ever come to a 'loaves and fishes' experience in my life... food appeared seemingly out of nowhere, abundantly, for every single person, baby to elder served with our NZTC *Heart* overflowing," shared Fox.

In partnership with Compassion International (known as Tearfund in NZ), community development projects have also

been incorporated into the school including microenterprise endeavours, daily meals, homework support, Bible studies and church services. The first washroom facilities in the area have been built on the Jagriti Academy site resulting in great excitement for the children and families of the village.

With phase two of Jagriti Academy underway and numerous additional initiatives in the pipeline, NZTC looks forward to continuing to support these empowering initiatives for the people of Ballia.



Selena Fox gifts a shawl to Ballia woman

LEADERSHIP LEAP DAY

A fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis

New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC) is proudly supporting Leadership Leap Day, an incredibly worthy initiative, on Monday 29 February at Alexander Park, Greenlane, Auckland.

Leadership Leap Day is focused on professional development and specifically designed for owners, managers, and leaders of early childhood services. Topics covered include compliance, employment, leadership, infants and toddlers, staffing, and environments.

Knowledgeable and experienced speakers - Sue Kurtovich, Ross Penman, Peter Reynolds, Jean Rockel, and Toni & Robin Christie will present on this day to raise funds for their colleague - Sue Walker, a long-time centre owner, manager and advocate for early childhood education. Her MS treatment and associated costs in Singapore are hugely expensive so this day has been devised as a way to raise funds to support Sue.

The total cost for the day is \$195 + GST and this includes all resources and meals. ALL proceeds will go towards Sue's treatment costs.

To register contact Kelly on (04) 4783981 or email kelly@childspace.co.nz.



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9-9:45am	TONI CHRISTIE: Leading with heart and soul
9:45-10:30am	ROBIN CHRISTIE: Leading the way in early childhood environment design
10:30am	BREAK
11-11:45am	SUE KURTOVICH: Building Great Teams
11:45am-12:30pm	ROSS PENMAN: Measuring Success: 8 Essential Key Performance Indicators for your ECE Centre
12:30-1:30pm	LUNCH
1:30-2:15pm	JEAN ROCKEL: The youngest citizens lead the way
2:15-3pm	PETER REYNOLDS: 25 years of the ECC – what's changed and what will the future bring?

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INSPIRATIONAL ALUMNI MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Tania van Niekerk

Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)

Just months after completing her teaching degree, Tania van Niekerk is excited to begin studying towards a Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Early Childhood Education) this February.

The Footsteps Preschool teacher hopes that extending her learning past degree-level will aid her in her role as IT Co-ordinator, as the centre looks to encourage greater use of IT devices to support the children to become confident and capable young learners.

Tania already has plans to continue on and study the Master of Education (Early Childhood Education), so she can research her long-held interest in music therapy in the early years. She believes this will serve as a springboard for future career opportunities such as lecturing or working for the Ministry of Education.

The NZTC Alumni monthly articles have been helping Tania to continue her professional development, and the 'bio' section allows her to stay connected with the friends she made during her Bachelor's study. "It is reassuring to know that most of us are still there to support each other on our journeys," she shared.

Tania says the support and encouragement at NZTC is "great" and the flexible mode of study suits her and her family perfectly.

