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## NZTC STUDENTS HONoured AT GRADUATION



New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC) celebrated the achievements of 517 graduates at graduation ceremonies held in Auckland and Christchurch in April.

This year's graduation ceremonies are particularly special for NZTC, as the college celebrates its 35 year anniversary and its first Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Leadership and Management) and Master of Early Childhood Education graduates.

"35 years later we continue to be inspired by the difference education offers to those who care for and educate young children. 35 years of commitment to supporting our students to be better able to make sound, wise, thoughtful and educated decisions that impact on children's lives," stated NZTC Chief Executive Selena Fox.

"As we celebrate 35 years, we look on the cusp of new dreams, new relationships and new opportunities that the next 35 years will bring."

Special commendations were awarded to students who excelled in practice, academics, and exemplifying the values of the college.

International student Hemal Manaktala was presented with the NZTC Values/Puawaitanga Award, as she continuously demonstrated NZTC's cherished values of Vision, Heart, Competence and Spirit throughout her study journey.

She was nominated for the award by college staff, who commended her humility, compassion, integrity and professionalism amid various challenges that she faced after moving to New Zealand from India to study with the college.

Hemal admitted that she considered returning to India after experiencing many challenges during her studies, but with the

support from NZTC's pastoral support, the guidance of all her lecturers during her assignments, and the NZTC Online discussion forums, she was able to persevere.

"NZTC is like my family, and when you feel that you are with your family it automatically gives you strength, so I feel really blessed that I had the opportunity to study with the college," Hemal explained.

A further highlight at this year's graduation was celebrating NZTC Advisory Committee member Dr Claire McLachlan. After supporting the college for more than 15 years, Claire was welcomed to the NZTC Fellowship of Honour, which acknowledges significant people in the life and history of the college.

NZTC staff recognised Dr McLachlan's contribution with a special waiata and – in typical NZTC fashion – chocolate fish.

"I am enormously humbled by this honour for two reasons. The first reason is that I sincerely believe that my contribution has been valued over the years, and that I feel I have been listened to.

"The second, and I think the most important reason, is that under the leadership of Glennie and Allan, and Selena and her team, I feel that we are able to share the conviction that the early childhood profession is extraordinarily important and that our children deserve the very best. I believe this institution has heart and spirit, and really believes in the teachers that they prepare for a future in early childhood," said McLachlan.

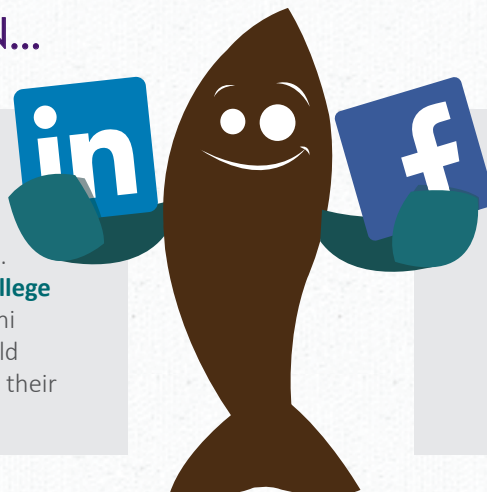


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## SAVE THE DATE: 2017 NZTC SYMPOSIUM

Join us at the annual NZTC Symposium in September and seize the opportunity to collaborate with other early childhood education professionals.

Centred on the theme 'Children... The heart of curriculum', discussions during the event will explore curriculum approaches in New Zealand and internationally – with particular reference to the recently updated Te Whāriki.

International ECE specialist Dr Sue Bredekamp will be attending as the keynote speaker. With a wide scope of experience including teaching and directing programs for children aged 2 to 6, training child care staff, and serving on the faculty of the Human Development & Childhood Education program at Mount Vernon College in Washington DC, Sue has a wealth of knowledge to share.

She regularly consults on topics such as curriculum, teaching, and professional development for organisations such as NAEYC, the Council for Professional Recognition, Head Start, and Sesame Street.

Sue has written and co-authored several books related to ECE, including *Effective Practices in Early Childhood Education: Building a Foundation*, *Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs*, *Play and school readiness*, and *Learning to read and write: Developmentally appropriate practices for young children*.

In 2014, she was awarded the Visionary Leadership Award by the McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership at the National Louis University in the USA in recognition of her dedication to the advancement of the early childhood education sector.

For more information, or if you're interested in presenting at the event, please eMail [events@nztertiarycollege.ac.nz](mailto:events@nztertiarycollege.ac.nz)

### CHRISTCHURCH:

#### Where:

NZTC Christchurch Campus  
Unit 12 & 13, 114 Sawyers Arms Road  
Papanui, Christchurch

#### When:

Wednesday 27 September 2017

### AUCKLAND:

#### Where:

NZTC Auckland Campus  
Level 2, 1 Marewa Road  
Greenlane, Auckland

#### When:

Friday 29 September 2017



Dr Sue Bredekamp



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## NZTC GRADUATE MERGES PASSION FOR SPORT AND ECE



Lou Guinares

A career in sport evolved to include a career in early childhood education for Olympic weightlifter Lou Guinares.

### What inspired you to pursue a career in early childhood education?

When I finished a degree in physical education and started working with children, I realised that the younger the age group was, the more I enjoyed it. I decided to expand my knowledge in early childhood education, and enrolled to study a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (ECE) at NZTC.

### What did you do before studying a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (ECE) with NZTC?

I completed a Bachelor of Sport (Physical Education) and worked as a personal trainer for a while. I have been an international athlete and coach, representing New Zealand in weightlifting at two Commonwealth Games and many other international competitions. I currently work at a preschool, where I've been teaching full-time since 2012.

### How did you manage to balance your studies with your career as an athlete?

I postponed my studies until after the 2014 Commonwealth Games, but when I resumed my studies I sacrificed some of my training and coaching times. During that time, I treated training as my stress relief.

### Are there practices from your athletic career that you apply in your early childhood education role?

Besides my sporting knowledge, I believe that I can apply patience, persistence and perseverance to help me in my role as a teacher.

### What role do you think sport can play in a young child's life?

Sport teaches children more than fundamental movements. It helps to build their confidence and to tackle tasks; not just in a sporting environment but also in any learning environment, such as literacy, music, dance etc.

### What was your experience studying with NZTC?

Overall, the experience was great! It really suited my schedule and the NZTC staff were very helpful and supportive.

### What do you enjoy most about working in early childhood education?

Teaching young children is the most rewarding job I've ever been a part of. It's amazing to be able to see the impact of my teaching on young children's learning and development.

### What is your teaching philosophy?

Let children explore! Do not limit children just because it makes your job harder. Exploring teaches them a lot more than sitting down and trying to copy the letters of their names.

### What is your advice for people who are hesitant to pursue a qualification due to a busy lifestyle?

Do it! It's worth it. The rewards outweigh the sacrifices, and you will have support from the college when you need it.

## INCREASE SKILLS IN TE REO MĀORI WITH HE TAONGA

NZTC's teaching and learning resource *Te Reo Māori: He taonga mō ā tātou mokopuna* (He Taonga) is designed especially for early childhood education.

Language basics such as numbers, sentence structure, shapes, and days of the week are presented in a colourful, clear and concise manner.

The resource was developed in-house at New Zealand Tertiary College to support students and the wider early childhood sector with practicing te reo Māori in the classroom.

Copies are available for purchase from **NZTC Books**.



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