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AUTHOR ANGIE BELCHER VISITS MALFROY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Angie Belcher is a mother, writer and drama teacher.

She describes herself as a self confessed adrenaline addict who feels the fear but does it anyway. An ex-skydiver, mad keen scuba diver, cave crawler and general try-anything-oncer, she draws on these spine tingling, hair raising experiences to enrich her literacy career, which involves writing for both New Zealand and overseas magazines, as well as children's books. Her New Zealand adventure pursuits are frequently a theme in her books.

Angie rates her scariest moments as hanging upside down 3000ft above the earth when

her parachute harness got caught in the doorway of a plane, being eyed as a tasty shis-ka-bob by a marlin in Papua New Guinea, or more recently running from the September 2009 Samoa Tsunami. Participating in an Outward Bound course in 2001 became the inspiration for her first illustrated children's book, The Woven Flax Kete, published by Reed Publishing Ltd. It was followed by two more: To Our Shores and The Girls in the Kapahaka.



Angie with some of Malfroy's students



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can download a form from www.rpa.school.nz

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY/RPA EVENTS

- **Kaharoa School** - The school is holding a rural school swimming sports day on Friday 19th March. All interested schools can email principal@kaharoa.school.nz for further details. All events are heats only, we do not hold finals. All participants must be able to swim at least 25 metres.
- **Lynmore School** - Lynmore School will be holding their annual Run Bike Run on Friday 26th March - For more details contact Ryves Hunt on 345 9850

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Eveready** are running a competition to win computers etc. for school. Go to www.powertolearn.co.nz.
- **Rotorua Education Centre** - We have 6 brand new Sony Handycam's to loan out to schools (no tapes required) at a very reasonable rate! - Contact Serena if you would like to borrow these.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

- **Friday 5th March** - Drinks at the Pig & Whistle for all school staff
- **Sunday 7th March** - Childrens & Family Fun Day at Redwoods (10-3)
- **Thursday 11th March** - Otonga Food n Fun Fair
- **Friday 26th March** - Westbrook Gala from 4-7
- **Friday 18th June** - Kaharoa School Rural School Cross Country

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE—8-11 MARCH 2010

The University of Waikato Educational Leadership Centre in New Zealand is pleased to announce their hosting of the International Leadership Institute, to be held in Hamilton, New Zealand, in March 2010.

Previous Institutes focused on the changing context of leadership and the issues facing school leaders in their work today. This Institute focuses on leadership in the long term, seeing engagement with the future and strategic thinking as central to effective leadership and it will provide an opportunity to reflect on key questions:

- What are the forces currently shaping the nature of education in the future?
- What are the possible and preferred scenarios for the future of education?
- What are the implications of these scenarios for developing leaders and leadership?
- What new and emerging thinking is shaping our understanding of leadership effectiveness?

The Institute will provide a rare opportunity for participants to engage in dialogue and learning around the great themes of leadership for the future – democracy, sustainability, innovation and creativity, models of learning and the nature and moral purpose of education. At the same time the institute will provide a real opportunity to rethink the real and immediate issues around school leadership now in order to create a preferred future. The work of the Institute will be based on the proposition that 'The future does not exist, we create it.'

METHODOLOGY

This is neither a taught course nor a conference. The International Leadership Institute will focus on the development of shared professional understanding through sustained dialogue in response to short presentations, research data, think-pieces and case studies. Most activities will take place in mixed (school) phase, international learning teams who will have significant responsibility for managing their own learning. There will be significant opportunities for personal review, shared reflection and building learning.

The Institute will act as a "clearing-house" to share practices, review alternative models and strategies and promote best practice approaches in response to each of the themes identified.

DATES

Monday, 8 March to Thursday, 11 March (inclusive). Participants will be expected to arrive on or before Sunday, 7 March and depart on or after Friday, 12 March. Participants who wish to visit schools in the region will have the opportunity of doing so from 15–18 March.

VENUE

The Institute will be held in Hamilton, New Zealand. The venue will be the Novotel Tainui Hotel, Alma Street, Hamilton.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

This Institute is intended for serving principals/head teachers and middle leaders, educational managers and administrators such as inspectors and superintendents, and tertiary educators.

Please note that there will be a limit of 96 participants at the Institute. Registrations will therefore be treated on a first come, first served basis.

There will be a specific methodological approach during the week. Each day will include presentations that are specifically intended as a stimulus for dialogue. The week is an opportunity to engage in deep and profound learning, develop international perspectives and contacts, and reflect on contextually specific needs in participants' own national systems and schools.

INSTITUTE FEE

\$NZ875.00 (including GST)

This fee includes an information pack, morning teas, afternoon teas and lunches during the Institute, and the Institute dinner on 10 March.

For more information, see attached form.

FOR SALE

The Rotorua Education Centre has the following items for sale: If you are interested, contact Serena on 349 6070 or 027 225 7275.

LG Microwave White—Hardly been used—\$50

A selection of spotlights—\$50

Creative Blasterkey MP3 Keyboard (it connects to something, but cant find connectors) - \$30

DeLonghi Nespresso Machine EN90—Apparently retails for \$400 new (check it out on Trademe) - \$150

Document Holder (I think!) - For maps/newspapers etc—\$100

Another document holder! - For maps/large pictures etc.—\$100

Book/leaflet Rotating Display Units x 2—\$150 each or \$250 for two



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