



australasian association for progressive and alternative education

7th Annual Conference

Australasian Association for Progressive and Alternative Education

and

1st Asia/Pacific Regional IDEC

DATE: Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th October 2007

VENUE: **Kinma**

Primary, Preschool and Playgroup

127 Coolowie Road, Terrey Hills NSW 2084

Tel: 02 94500738 Website: www.kinma.nsw.edu.au

THEME: **Healthy Planet, Healthy School, Healthy People**

Independent and Interdependent

Supporting each individual and their communities in building interdependent learning environments

THE CONFERENCE

Kinma seeks to provide a gathering place in Australian bush surrounds for all those involved in creating learning environments. We welcome the stories of those with long-time experience and those who are currently working / learning in schools, tertiary and other settings. Further, we invite those who are newly curious in innovative approaches to learning. We value combining experiences in order to seek fresh paths.

AAPAE looks to encourage dialogue so that we may all grow and support one another in developing ourselves as individuals, and the varied communities in which we live. We value the challenge of paradox; theoretical ideals and practical realities, educational possibilities and socio/political expediency. We seek not definite answers, rather the conscious building of network in a demanding and exhilarating field.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Host: 

Kinma was founded in 1972 by a group of parents. In 1971 Pam and Gil Webster organised a meeting in their home that resulted in the formation of Kinma Limited, a not for profit company, whose aim was to provide an alternative, parent managed, primary and preschool. The school started in rented premises and moved to its current Terrey Hills premises - two hectares of amazing bushland a couple of years later.

At Kinma, we hold the belief that human relationships are the fundamental basis of all learning and hence, children learn and develop in different ways. Therefore we are not bound to any one model of education. We are eclectic in our practice, continually evolving and striving towards a better education for all children.

Please visit the Kinma's website for more details about the school, or better still join us at the conference and see for yourself and meet many people from around Australasia who are passionate about education.

PRESENTERS:

CURRAMBENA and KINMA Students - past and present

NICOLE BRUNKER

Nicole is a former teacher from Kinma and Currumbena who is currently completing her Phd and is lecturing at Sydney University – Faculty of Education.

MARC DE ROSNAY

Marc is a former Currumbena student who recently returned to Australia after some years of study and research in the UK to take a position in the School of Psychology at University of Sydney. Marc's study has focused on the development of children's emotional competence and their emotion understanding. Marc summarisess some of his work

From infancy to school entry, children make remarkable advances in their capacity to negotiate emotionally challenging situations, share their emotional experiences and understand other people as emotional agents. Whilst development brings increasing emotional autonomy, children remain deeply dependent on the structures that support them, and each family affords different opportunities to explore and integrate emotional experiences.

He hopes to look at school structure and how this affects learning and research into emotional aspects of starting school in the context of his personal experience.

ROBIN GRILLE

Robin is a parent member of our host school Kinma. He is a psychologist and psychotherapist in private practice, with extensive experience working with individuals, couples and families, and teaching or facilitating groups. When Robin shared the ideas in his widely-acclaimed new book: 'Parenting for a Peaceful World' (Longueville Media, 2005) at IDEC2006 he touched the hearts and minds of many people and we wanted to have more time with him. His work is based on leading edge international research, and it shows parents, teachers and health professionals how to nurture children's emotional intelligence. His book also demonstrates how meeting children's emotional needs can help make societies more peaceful, harmonious, sustainable and just.

STUART HILL

Stuart is the Foundation Chair of Social Ecology, University of Western Sydney. Stuart has participated and presented at previous AAPAE and IDEC conferences and will build on the work we began with him on enabling learning for life and sustainable change.

With respect to child rearing, I believe that it is particularly important to foster the development of autonomy, mutualistic relationships and a sense of place (Hill 2003b). These three competencies are foundational for the accumulation of personal capital, which is a pre-requisite for the building of social capital, itself a pre-requisite for both the conservation of natural capital and the design and maintenance of just, humane and sustainable societies (Roseland 1999)

Prior to 1996 he was at McGill University, in Montreal, where he was responsible for the zoology degree and where in 1974 he established Ecological Agriculture Projects, Canada's leading resource centre for sustainable agriculture (www.eap.mcgill.ca). He has worked in agricultural and development projects in the West Indies, French West Africa, Indonesia, The Philippines, China, and the Seychelles, as well as in the UK, Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

He has published over 350 papers and reports including his book (with Martin Mulligan) *Ecological Pioneers: A Social History of Australian Ecological Thought and Action*, Cambridge UP, 2001

ADRIENNE HUBER

Adrienne presently has a position as Senior Lecturer in the Education Faculty at University of Wollongong. She is working in the Knowledge Building Community which is a different teacher education programme and as Adrienne explains....

Students work in self selected dynamic teams based on interest, friendship, common purpose, etc. to make projects happen and then as individuals and as teams they contribute (all negotiated) to the whole project and document their learning through a range of media and this evidence along with peer and self evaluations are used to identify the quality of their learning - a negotiated, reflective learning process. It's very exciting being able to work this way at tertiary level.

In former lives Adrienne worked as an Educational (Literacy) Consultant in New York and played key roles in several alternative schools in ACT, WA, SA and Brazil.

LINLEE JORDAN

Linlee has more than 15 years experience using homeopathy in the ongoing day to day health care of the whole family. Linlee enjoys working with families using a practical approach to keep the use of antibiotics etc to a minimum. With her back ground as a Registered Nurse she is happy to work in with your local Doctor, if necessary, in order for you to get the best health care solution possible.

Homeopathic treatment involves the use of remedies which treat the whole person. This means a child with a recurrent cough who is given homeopathic medicine is being treated not only to alleviate the cough but also to make the child feel better in themselves: their sleep, appetite, colour of their face, fears and worries improve at the same time.

Linlee works at the Harbord Homeopathic Clinic which includes the Children's Clinic. The clinic has a supportive environment for the families of challenging children, who appreciate an alternative style of treatment. Children feel comfortable in a consult with a low key, non-threatening atmosphere and parents appreciate the thoroughness of the homeopathic consult.

Linlee is author of "Challenging Children: Success with homeopathy" published 2007. The book has received praise for it's down to earth telling of the realities of homeopathic treatment for troubled kids. If you need help with your child and you're searching for a way without resorting to pharmaceuticals the stories in the book offer inspiration and hope. The book explains what to expect from homeopathy, the stages of treatment, the homeopathic unconventional view of nutrition, the history of homeopathy in treating tricky kids, the contemporary research for these children and how to

find a practitioner in your local area. Homeopaths from around Australia have contributed stories and each case has its own measure of success.

Many of the cases show that homeopathy offers more than a means of healing - subtle capabilities are revealed to parents who give their child a homeopathic remedy and see their child blossom. It is people who witness the everyday little miracles like avoidance of antibiotics or not needing grommets, who have nurtured homeopathy along and it is their stories that draw people to try it for themselves. The book includes cases of ADHD, anger, autism, behaviour problems, delayed speech, development delay, eating problems, eczema, fears, nightmares, sleeping problems and tantrums.

QUALIFICATION DETAILS

Diploma Homeopathy

Diploma Nutrition

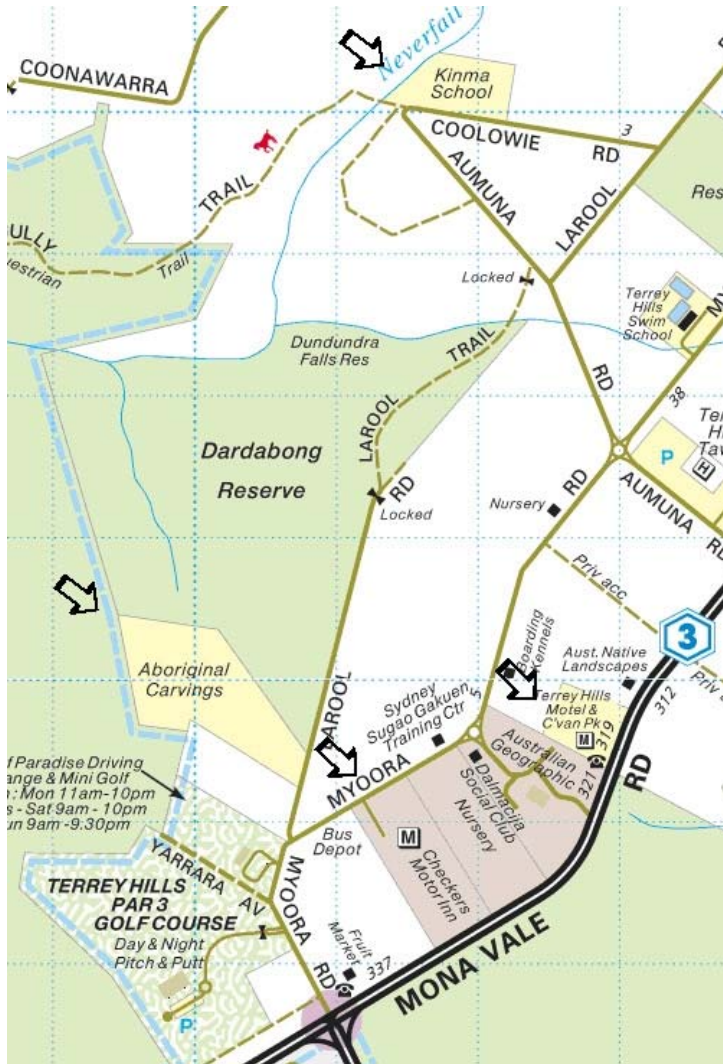
Registered Nurse

Masters Degree in Health Sciences Education

Dr Kaila from Mumbai India

Kaila is Head (Psychology), Department of PG Studies & Research, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Churchgate in Mumbai India and

Vice-President of Counsellors Association of India. He has attended IDECs in a number of countries including Australia in 2006 and is keen to work towards building up the regional IDEC for the Asia/Pacific area and has offered to host the second regional IDEC in Mumbai. He will present Indian Perspective on Schools.



How to get there:

There are private buses (Forest Coach Lines 9450 2277) that run close to the School (Myoora Road - 5 minutes) that depart from Chatswood, and Gordon and also Mona Vale. There are no trains/light rail.

Accommodation Suggestions:

Terrey Hills Caravan Park

319 Mona Vale Road Terrey Hills .
Tel 02 945001781

www.users.bigpond.com/kruf/

The Caravan Park is a 10minute walk from Kinma .

2 bed villa (sleeps up to 4) start at \$130.00 per night – linen included.

Checkers Motor Inn

31 Mona Vale Road Terrey Hills
Tel 02 94501781

This motel is also a 10-15 minute walk. Rooms start at \$105, single or double.

For Billets at Kinma School contact Julie

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All prices are in Australian Dollars

Cost:

Early Bird (before 1.8.07)	\$150.00
AAPAE Members	
Adult	\$180.00
Concession	\$130.00
Non - Members	
Adult	\$220.00
Concession	\$170.00
Day rate (Thursday only)	\$80.00

Students by donation

Registration includes: Conference Fee hand outs Meals - Lunch, Morning and Afternoon Teas and dinner under the stars at Kinma Thursday evening.

Refund policy

Registered delegates can withdraw up until 1.09.07 and receive a refund (less \$50.00 administration fee). No refunds will be given to delegates withdrawing after this date.

AAPAE 2007 Conference REGISTRATION FORM

DETAILS:

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Postal address: _____

_____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ (W) _____ (M) _____ (H)

Fax: _____ Email _____

Special dietary requirements (please specify)

I require a billet Yes / No

Conference Registration: Amount

Early Bird: \$ _____

Member (Adult): \$ _____

Concession \$ _____

Non Member (Adult): \$ _____

Concession

Total: \$ _____

I enclose a cheque/money order for \$ _____

Please make cheques/money orders payable to **AAPAE**

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The Secretary, Sue Goode
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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