

# The Wellington Literacy Association presents

## Three for one – Three speakers on one night!

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

### Workshop 1 Julie Hanify – Teacher and Author

Julie is passionate about doing her best for every child she teaches and has particular insight and understanding of those children who share her challenges of ADHD and ASD.

In 2016 Julie's book *A Small Blue Thing* was published.

Julie will be interviewed by her publisher, Mary McCallum, about how teachers can best cater for children with diverse needs, and in particular with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Please send any questions you would like answered to [wgtnlitassoc@gmail.com](mailto:wgtnlitassoc@gmail.com) – [Questions for Julie](#)



### Workshop 2 Liz Kane - Literacy Consultant in schools

Teaching students with persistent reading and spelling difficulties was the catalyst for Liz to search further afield for an approach to meet the needs of these students. In Sydney, 2014, she trained in Multisensory Structured Language (MSL) a valuable approach for all teachers, especially teaching students with learning difficulties. This opened the doors to the Science of Reading and the Big Six, six essential, sequential, components of effective reading instruction. Liz will focus on two code based components of the Big Six, important for all students learning to read and spell yet crucial for those with ongoing literacy difficulties. She will show how MSL is an approach to teach these components as well as introduce decodable texts that allow students to master the essential code-breaking skills required for reading.



### Workshop 3 Giselle McCashin – Teacher, Advisor, Consultant and Teacher again!

Giselle has been teaching for a considerable number of years ( NE to Year 6), has worked as an advisor in assessment and literacy and been a literacy consultant with Learning Media, working with the School Journals. She is currently teaching Year 5 and 6 students at Levin East School. Giselle was lead of the Supplementary Inquiry Team for our ALiM and ALL interventions last year and is now leading the ALiM intervention. Giselle will talk about **Acceleration** - our understanding and how it impacts on what happens in our classrooms (positives and negatives). She will look at what we consider acceleration to be and some of the strategies that have been effective. She would like to talk about the premise behind our focus on acceleration. This will hopefully raise some interesting discussion. Giselle will reference Suzy Pepper Rollins - 'Learning in the Fast Lane' and 'Teaching in the Fast Lane', as well as using information from Nathan Mikaere-Wallis - Brainwave Trust Christchurch.



**Afternoon tea: 4.15 pm**  
**Session Time: 4.30 – 6.30pm**  
**Venue: Dowse Art Gallery**  
**Laings Road, Lower Hutt**  
**Cost: \$ 35.00 WLA members**  
**\$ 50.00 Non members**

**We would love you to join us.**  
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