

OTAGO LITERACY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

TRANSFORMING LITERACY IN PLAY-BASED LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

with

Dr Sarah Aiono



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10.00AM -
3.00PM



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Join Dr. Sarah Aiono, a leading expert in play pedagogy, for an enlightening keynote presentation and an interactive workshop series that will transform your understanding of writing in play-based learning environments.

"Writing Doesn't Look Like Writing to Be Writing"

In this keynote, Dr. Aiono will challenge traditional notions of literacy and demonstrate how writing can be seamlessly integrated into playful, child-led activities. Drawing on her extensive experience and research, she will illustrate how authentic writing experiences emerge naturally through play, engaging children in meaningful literacy practices without them even realising it. Discover how writing can take the form of drawing plans for a fort, composing messages for a classroom elf or creating signs for a pretend store—activities that foster creativity, critical thinking, and a love for writing.

Workshop Series: "Integrating Writing in Play-Based Learning"

Building on the keynote, this hands-on workshop series will provide educators with practical strategies to incorporate writing into play-based learning settings.

Participants will explore:

- Playful Invitations for Writing
- Observation and Documentation
- Balancing Guidance and Independence
- Linking Play to Curriculum Goals
- Creating a Literacy-Rich Play Environment

Lunch
provided



\$55 Members

\$65 Non Members

\$10 ITE students

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