

REAP Marlborough Newsletter



CEO, SHARON BLOUNT, MESSAGE

Winter is definitely here with the beautiful snow capped hills around us as we celebrate Matariki. The cold mornings did not stop the hardy amongst us joining together from wonderful spots like Rarangi Beach to witness the start of Matariki.

My team at REAP Marlborough have been extremely busy over the past few months developing and delivering or facilitating programmes, delivering COVID wellbeing packs, and in this past week delivering Pita Pit lunch to each of our first Responders - NZ Police, St John's, Blenheim Fire Brigade & the team at Wairau hospital ED following the recent tragic accidents to make a small acknowledgement of our appreciation for their mahi.

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Mai i te kōpae ki te urupā, tātou
ako tonu ai.

From the cradle to the grave, we
are forever learning.



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Our new building has proven to be hugely positive as a venue for courses and meetings - the feedback from course attendees and people who have come to meetings here is wonderful - “very light and a large space with a great vibe” . Not only is it being used by ourselves for meetings, we have also have had a number of other groups hold their meetings here this year - Red Cross Former Refugee Craft Group, Safe & Sound at The Top, Volunteer Marlborough Board Meetings, Marlborough Kindergarten Association, Marlborough Principals Association to name a few and also we are pleased to have Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu (The Correspondence School) whanau back with us this year weekly with their students.

So far this year we have delivered 835.50 learner hours in courses such as First Aid, Driver Mentoring, Driver Tuition, Excel for beginners, Te Reo, Cooking for Seniors and Digital Literacy for Seniors. Shona our ACE Facilitator has another 4,500 learner hours of courses planned, you'll see regular posts on Facebook, Instagram and the website with details of all courses - we'd love you to contact us if there is a particular course you'd like that we are not offering so that Shona can have a chat to see if we can make that happen.

Exciting News.....our new website will be live by mid-July and we're hoping that you will find it way easier to navigate your way around to access the information you are looking for.....feedback to us if it's not and we'll keep tweaking it!

If you haven't popped in to say hi at our new building at 65 Seymour St we'd love you to come by to see us. Philippa, our Admin assistant is here Monday - Friday 9am -3pm. We do close 12 - 12.30pm so she can have her lunch though!

Selena & Hazel have been enjoying being able to get into the Schools and Early Childhood Centres since May, COVID kept contact with teachers and educators to a bare minimum in Term 1 unfortunately. A number of wonderful Professional Development opportunities have been happening and more are scheduled, several with presenters from outside Marlborough coming here to deliver programmes locally - it's great having a team with a network of connections who will come to Blenheim & Kaikoura to offer these programmes.

Keep safe & warm throughout winter - and remember if you are looking for a course to help you with employability skills, increasing literacy & numeracy, increasing wellbeing and increasing social inclusion come and talk to us about our Adult Community Education (ACE) courses.



Adult & Community Education

First Aid - NZQA Unit Standards

Location: Reap Marlborough, 65 Seymour Street, Blenheim

Plenty of dates to choose from

Cost: \$150 for Organisations/Employees
\$80 for Community/Includes subsidies for individuals
(One day course)

Date: Fri, 22nd July Sat, 6th Aug
Fri, 21st Oct Sat, 5th Nov
Fri, 18th Nov Fri, 2nd Dec

Time: 8.30am - 5.00pm

First Aid - Comprehensive Part 2

Location: Reap Marlborough, 65 Seymour Street, Blenheim

If you wish to complete your comprehensive first aid, you need to do the one day course followed by a half day course.

Cost: \$230 for Organisations/Employees
\$130 for Community/Includes subsidies for Individuals

(This cost includes the one day course as well as the half day course)

Date: Tues, 4th Oct Mon, 5th Dec

Time 9.00am - 1.00pm

Baby/Toddler First Aid For Parents & Caregivers

Location: REAP Marlborough, 65 Seymour Street, Blenheim

Cost: \$20 (2 hour session)

Learn some essential first aid tips for your toddler. Scenarios covered include Choking, CPR, Burns, Fever, Allergic Reactions and more.

Tues, 5th July 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Tues, 4th Oct 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Under the Bonnet - Basic Mechanics

Location: Back carpark, Mckendry Mazda, 58 Charles Street, Blenheim

Cost: \$20.00 (3 hour session)

Bring your own car and learn how to do basic under the bonnet maintenance and change a wheel.

Date: Sat, 2nd July

Time 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Drawing Still Life In Graphite And Pen

Location: Reap Marlborough, 65 Seymour Street, Blenheim

Cost: \$65 (2 sessions)

A step by step class in learning to draw a still life composition. You will learn how to draw objects as 3 dimensional shapes, while depicting different materials and their textures.

Date: Thurs, 4th Aug - Thurs, 11th Aug

Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm (2 week course)

Te reo Māori for Babies and Mamas

Location: Reap Marlborough, 65 Seymour Street, Blenheim

You will learn simple karakia, how to introduce yourself and your baby in te reo Māori, waiata (songs) and waiata-a-ringa (action songs) including a lullaby and words of praise.

Cost: \$10.00

Date: Tues, 26th July - Tues 16th Aug

Time: 11.00am - 12.00pm (4 week course)



Barista Bean to Cup

Location: Comcol 65 Scott Street, Blenheim
Cost: \$90 (Half day course - 4 hour session)

Learn correct espresso definition, step by step espresso preparation including heating & texturing milk.

Thurs, 14th July 2.30pm - 6.30pm
Sun, 17th July 10.00am - 2.00pm
Thurs, 21st July 2.30pm - 6.30pm

Thurs, 11th Aug 2.30pm - 6.30pm
Sun, 21st Aug 10.00am - 2.00pm
Thurs, 25th Aug 2.30pm - 6.30pm

Limited spaces get in quick

NZ Sign Language

Location: Reap Marlborough, 65 Seymour Street, Blenheim
Cost: \$125 (6 week course)

Would you like to learn the basics of sign language. Learn to communicate with the deaf or hearing impaired. This is a good starter course.

Mon, 5th Sept - Mon, 10th Oct
10.00am - 12.00pm
(Every Monday for 6 weeks)

Evening Class

Thurs, 20th Oct - Thurs, 24th Nov
6.00pm - 8.00pm
(Every Thursday for 6 weeks)

Ukulele For Beginners

Location: Reap Marlborough, 65 Seymour Street, Blenheim (6 week course)
Cost - \$75

Learn the basics including how to play some simple songs, including waiata

Date: Mon, 22th August - Mon, 26th Sept 22
(Every Monday for 6 weeks)

Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm
(Must bring your own ukulele)

Microsoft Excel For Beginners

Location: Reap Marlborough, 65 Seymour Street, Blenheim (5 week course)
Cost - \$65

Learn how to input and edit data, create simple charts and carry out a number of calculations using formulas. These are just some of what you will learn.

Tues, 12th Jul - Tues, 9th Aug
Tues, 8th Nov - Tues, 6th Dec
(Every Tuesday for 5 weeks)

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm
(Must bring your own laptop with microsoft excel loaded)

Defensive Driving Course

Location: My Space, Marlborough Youth Trust, Blenheim
Cost: \$170 per person covers 4 sessions

Mon 15th, Wed 17th, Fri 19th & Mon 22nd Aug
Mon 12th, Wed 14th, Fri 16th & Mon 19th Sept
Tues 18th, Thur 20th, Tues 25th & Thur 27th Oct
Mon 28th, Wed 30th, Fri 2nd & Mon 5th Nov/Dec

Time 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Photography For Beginners

Location: Reap Marlborough, 65 Seymour Street, Blenheim (6 week course)
Cost: \$100

Learn how to master your camera and make the most of whatever camera you have to take photo's you will be proud to display - whether that be of your family, your pets, your favourite sport, or the beautiful countryside we live in.

Date: Wed, 5th Oct - Wed, 9th Nov

Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Early Childhood Education

There are a number of playgroups for parents and their young children scattered throughout our region. These are open to everyone. So check out if there's one in your local area.

WAIRAU VALLEY

Meets every Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30am at Wairau Valley Peace Memorial Hall. For more information contact Sarah McComb on 021 068 4624 or email WairauValleyCoordinator@gmail.com.

LINKWATER PLAYCENTRE

Meets every Monday 9.30 - 12noon at Linkwater Hall (beside the primary school). For more information contact Amanda (amandab0918@gmail.com).

KEKERENGU PLAYGROUP

Meets every Tuesday 9.30- 12 noon. Currently meeting in the Ward Memorial hall (while renovations are happening at their building in Kekerengu).

THRIVE TUPU

Meets on a Wednesday 9.30am - 12noon at the Redwoodtown Plunket Rooms.





Schools

TEACHERS - HAVE YOU JOINED THIS FACEBOOK GROUP?

Trauma Informed Educators NZ - www.bit.ly/TIENZ - is a group designed to provide support, connection and resources to NZ educators interested in developing trauma-informed schools and practice.

What children are looking for is a safe adult who can help them navigate their feelings + to make sense of them.

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MUST-READS FOR YOUR CLASS

Check out the [2022 NZ Book Awards shortlist](#); have you got these in your classroom or school library?



NEUROSEQUENTIAL NETWORK™

Keep an eye out for further information about this in the coming weeks: The Neuroscience of Trauma Conference - Creating Space For Healing.

Thursday, 27th October to Friday, 28th October.

Ōtautahi/Christchurch.



Meet the Team

ADMIN - PHILIPPA

Philippa Kelly is our administration and customer service assistant. She is the friendly voice on the end of the phone to help you with any of your questions. Philippa is responsible for all background support and administration for the larger team. Most recently working in the transport industry, this is the first time she has worked in the education sector but comes with much enthusiasm and love for life-long learning. Having grown up on a farm, Philippa is really enjoying the opportunity to be part of an organisation which supports the rural community. Philippa spends her spare time with her two children, husband, two cats and dog, playing the violin, and drinking great coffee.



ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION - SHONA

Shona joined Reap Marlborough in January this year as our Adult & Community Education Facilitator. Shona moved from Christchurch with her husband Mike - “we had wanted to move to Blenheim for some time as our daughter, son in law and 4 legged mokopuna also live there”. A large part of my former role was to teach digital literacy to the community, support and train others to use a wide range of technology and to promote and run digital literacy programmes. I’m so passionate about helping people and helping them grow through education.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - HAZEL

Hazel has a background in youth and social work. Having her own children led her into wanting to have a greater understanding of brain development and child development, so Early Childhood Education was the natural path to take. Hazel is an experienced educator with a background in Early Childhood Education, starting alongside her children at Playcentre which led to further study. Hazel joined the St. Mary’s Preschool team which



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she had the wonderful privilege of leading as their Senior Teacher and Manager for many many years.

Hazel joined the Marlborough REAP team with the knowledge that REAP offered opportunities to the entire education community in response to the ever changing needs for whanau, tamariki and ako. Supporting whanau, and ako in joining tamariki as they adventure and explore to learn about their world is a passion for Hazel.

SCHOOLS - SELENA

Selena is an experienced educator with a background in primary teaching and leadership. Much of her teaching career has been in small and rural schools. Selena moved to Marlborough in 1987 to take up her first teaching position at Bohally Intermediate. Apart from teaching stints in Rangiora and North Carolina, USA, she has called Marlborough home ever since. Selena joined REAP Marlborough as Adviser to Schools in 2019, coming from her position as principal at Grovetown School. Selena is an active member of the Marlborough Principals Association and part of their executive team. Selena is also a volunteer for the Red Cross, assisting with the resettlement of former refugee families in Blenheim.



CEO - SHARON

Having spent the past 18 years in education management it's been wonderful to be back "home" in Blenheim and with such an amazing organisation as REAP Marlborough.

I've been in this role for a year now and together with my team, I look forward to growing the scope of community engagement and welcome any opportunity to meet with our community stakeholders to share your thoughts on where Reap Marlborough may be able to support you through taster courses, wellbeing programmes or rural based connections.



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