

Testimonials - Workshops

Sue Thorne

CEO,
Early Childhood Council

Our delegates obviously enjoyed your session enormously, and a lot of evaluations included comments such as “learned heaps - lots of new ideas to take back to my centre”, “ very well prepared and presented - really enjoyed it”, “inspired me to continue to work at music”, “wonderful exciting workshop” - and they all seem to have wished that the session could have been longer!

Kindergarten Teachers

Hutt-Wairarapa Kindergarten Association.

- The best workshop I have been to in years.
- I was delighted with the workshop.
- It was informative, fun and most of all hands on.
- I was inspired by the new resources

Jenny Kwek

Principal Ascension Kindergarten, Singapore; Singapore Music Education Conf. Organiser

Janet Channon’s music and movement workshops are loaded with high energy and fun for the participants. Her passion for early childhood music is shown clearly in her dedication in sharing ideas with others. The “child” in her brings out life in her music and a smile to everyone.

Yo Heta-Lensen

Lecturer in Early childhood Education, Unitec, Auckland

Janet is an enthusiastic teacher who is able to draw on her extensive experience in teaching music to children to offer students strategies for implementing music in the curriculum. During the workshop she provided opportunities and learning experiences that catered for all abilities and confidence levels.

**Kindergarten teachers
Auckland**

- Great workshop. Janet is full of life, a very experienced teacher. I really enjoyed the evening. It would be great to have Janet at our centre every day.
- I learned a lot about supporting children to learn music, and not just make a lot of noise banging instruments.
- Loved the opportunity to sing, play instruments and learn methods and strategies to engage children in musical experiences.
- There were so many new and useful ideas to include in our music time at kindergarten.

Susan Bleby

President OSASA ,
South Australia

Our Term 3 State Conference was sensational!

Janet Channon from New Zealand was our invited guest to present. Janet is an Early Childhood specialist and along with Wendy Jensen has published the “Kids Music Company”

resources. Janet was full of energy and enthusiasm and her passion for educating young children was contagious as we all immersed ourselves in her sessions. Janet used a wide variety of resources from “Kids Music Company” sharing with us different ways to teach concepts to children.

I have received lots of fantastic feedback from people attending the conference about how practical Janet’s ideas

were and how they felt that they could go straight back to their schools and implement what they had learnt.

Brenda Jenkinson

Owner, Paddington Station
Preschool, Auckland

We find the Kids Music Company workshops are motivating and practical; a great way for our staff to learn new songs and routines. We always come away with fresh ideas for our music and movement sessions. Most exhilarating.

Nicky de Lautour

Lecturer, Sch of Edn.
Te Kura Mātauranga,
Auckland University of
Technology.

The workshop my students and I attended provided insights and information about the links between brain development, physiological development and music and movement that were such a complement to the work we have already begun in class and gave us rich musical experiences to enhance the students understanding in a friendly warm and relaxed environment.

Janet is an excellent facilitator, who shared her wealth of materials, resources, knowledge, understanding, experiences and enthusiasm for music with young children in such a warm and open manner.

My students were inspired by her vast range of original songs that she and Wendy have composed and recorded that cover a vast spectrum of daily experiences for children in exciting and fun ways. Combining wonderful resources, percussion instruments and toys to add more interest and meaning gave students opportunities to extend their own portfolios plus have the option of purchasing some of the outstanding resources that KMC have for sale.

The music KMC has produced is a vital part of our class room learning and is such a strong link to the New Zealand culture and children’s lives that it has become an integral part of the music content of my papers.

We all enjoyed the opportunity to meet with Janet and Wendy and share their passion for music which I know will continue to inspire and inform the students in their teaching careers.

Susie Davies-Splitter

Two Up Music Education,
Melbourne, and HOD Music,
St David’s School,
Melbourne

Kids Music Company have produced a number of excellent resources for young children and those in primary schools. This material is fresh and original containing activities that motivate children to say, sing, move, dance, play and improvise. Their workshops are enthusiastically presented and are filled with fun for everyone.

Linda Webb

Music Lecturer, Christ-
church College of Educa-
tion. President NZSME.

Wendy and Janet have a wealth of successful music experience in both school and community settings. Their refreshing personalities, quality resources and total commitment to sharing their approach have proven to greatly enhance music learning for others.

Sparc Hui

(Sport and Recreation NZ)

Participant feedback:

- Great session to finish with - Janet relates all her examples so closely to what we do which makes it more beneficial. I also like how she demonstrates different actions for individualising the movements for children.
- A very enthusiastic and useful presentation. Lots of good ideas to share in ECE settings.
- Fantastic session, I enjoyed every minute of it. I wish I could write songs like that.

Jo-Anne Stead

Senior Manager, Teaching
Service, Hutt/Wairarapa
Kindergarten Assn

Janet and Wendy have been involved in offering professional development for our teachers for two years. Feedback from teachers has been that their music sessions have rekindled and motivated teacher’s enthusiasm. The teachers have been able to extend their musical repertoire and provide exciting, varied music sessions. Janet and Wendy’s energy and enthusiasm makes music exciting and enjoyable.

