



Waka Tīwai : Canterbury

What it's about:

Engagement through a Classroom Challenge Centre

While teachers are keen to guide learners to greater/deeper levels of thinking they are also managing a range of complexities in their classrooms; competing priorities, interruptions, communications, and emotional/behavioural variances. Inspired by Rosemary Cathcart's book, "They're Not Bringing My Brain Out" this session will feature practical ideas to help pique and channel the curiosity of gifted learners using a 'Challenge Centre'. This is a very helpful way to keep learners thinking deeply regardless of the multiple daily demands on the classroom teacher.

Meet your Facilitator:

Your facilitator is Susannah Debenham



Susannah is currently the GATE Coordinator at Elmwood Normal School, Christchurch. This work involves coaching Future Problem Solving teams, implementing enrichment programmes for Years 3 and 4 students, conducting staff development in 'giftedness', providing classroom support and overseeing the fulfilment of NAG 1 ciii obligations. Thirty years of experience in primary teaching, home schooling her own children, and working as a specialist teacher for twice exceptional children, has fuelled her passion for 'exceptionality'.