

Editorial

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Christchurch, New Zealand

Dear Readers,

February 22nd marked the second anniversary of the Christchurch earthquake. Our school bell was tolled 185 times to pay respect to those who had lost their lives in that disaster. It was a time for young and old to reflect, to acknowledge departed loved ones, to appreciate the many acts of kindness given to us at the time and since from all around the world, especially from our many friends in Waldorf Schools. It was a time to look confidently towards the future.

Writing this editorial also provides me with an opportunity for reflection and a looking forward with hopefulness. The articles you read in this edition of our Journal may 'only' have taken about a year (sometimes more) to collect, but the combined wisdom and reflective sharing of that wisdom results from the authors' many years of active practice and thoughtful contemplation of their particular arts and life path. Van James, Robyn Ritchie, John Allison, Robin Bacchus, Edith van der Meer, Zewu Li and Li Zhang (of the Chengdu School) and Christof Wiechert: our thanks to you. We hope that our readers will find inspiration and joy from your sharing that will then find its way into collegial or parental discussions and eventually benefit our children – which is the main purpose of our Journal.

We wish our readers to join us in acknowledging that the articles in this Journal are gifted by the

authors. There were many other articles we would have liked to publish or republish, but were restricted by copyright or by being asked to pay substantial royalties. We thank the editors of several Anthroposophical and Waldorf based Journals with whom we correspond, including: Ronald Koetzsch (Renewal), Dorothee Prange (Rundbrief from the Goetheanum), Van James (Pacifica Journal – pacificajournal@gmail.com) and the editors of Waldorf Today (a weekly emailed newsletter, contact@waldorfteachers.com) for their encouragement and support.

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With warm greetings, on behalf of our editorial and peer reviewer teams,

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