



enabling every child to learn



▶ OUR VISION IS TO ENABLE EVERY CHILD TO LEARN TO HIS OR HER FULL POTENTIAL

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▶ OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE THE MOVE TO LEARN MOVEMENT SEQUENCES AVAILABLE TO EVERY CHILD IN EVERY CLASSROOM

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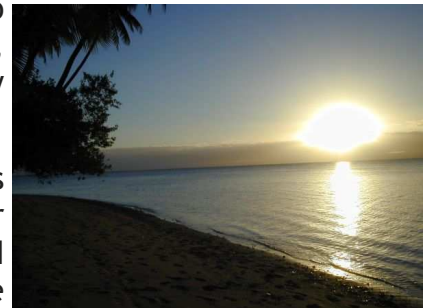


## We're Back!!

### A Special Move to Learn Fijian Seminar Edition

After many months of preparation & gleeful anticipation, the Move to Learn seminar in Fiji has finally come & gone, & from all accounts, those who attended have returned excited & full to the brim with new inspiration & happy memories.

Marlene Rattigan, an Early Childhood teacher & accredited fitness leader who attended the seminar, reported in her Kidz Newz newsletter that she had a “blissful week of learning, networking with like-minded individuals, dancing, putting the ‘Move to Learn’ program into practice at a local school with the remedial class, going to a village to enjoy traditional dancing, & all the while immersed in the laid-back lifestyle of Fiji.”



Fiji is ideally suited to provide a relaxed atmosphere, & the warmth, natural beauty, delicious food & welcoming hosts all added to the re-vitalising tone of the seminar. Participants came from all over the world; an exciting combination of teachers, occupational therapists, remedial specialists, sound therapists, movement & music therapists, kinesiologists, parents, a visual therapist & a physiotherapist. All had exciting things to share, & we'll pass on some of their insights to you through the Missiles over the next few months, so that those who were unable to be with us won't entirely miss out.

We are diligently compiling & collecting notes as I type!

Many, many thanks to **Veronica Steer & Julia Dive** for their endless support & invaluable assistance & contributions without which this seminar would not have been possible.

**And now for the first small taste of our Fijian feast:**





**Happy Seminar Attendees!**

*“The seminar in Fiji was just what I needed! I feel that it has really helped confirm the direction I want to head with my teaching career. Barbara is an absolute inspiration! Thanks to everyone that took part. I now feel that I have ‘family’ all over Australia and the world!”*

*- Diana Martin-*



*“The seminar was a huge learning experience especially in areas of getting to know yourself first, your place in the surrounding & teaching maths using your body. The experiences & the success stories shared by the participants acknowledge the importance of Move to Learn exercises. Miss Miria & i have given a brief report to the staff on the seminar. We had a meeting with Brother Fergus on our next plan. We have decided to put forward for discussion by the staff to have Move to Learn classes on the timetable for term 3. My nanny students will help out in the exercises. We are currently on two weeks break. We will be using whatever is available & continue with the Move to Learn exercises.”*

*- Renu Kishore, Fiji -*



**Some children at a school in Savusavu about to do some rolling with the attendees**

*“I loved meeting others who are committed to addressing the underlying issues of learning & behaviour. What a gathering of talented people! I learned useful bits of information about vision, music, visualisation, rhythm, primitive reflexes & babies. I am much more confident to get out there & get it happening.*

*I also discovered that I like snorkelling!”*

*- Julia Dive -*



**Doing the Move to Learn sequences every day  
- Gliding on the Stomach -**

*“Was it worth 26 hours + travel from the U.K.?  
You bet!*

*Time to share knowledge & research with like-minded professionals & parents plus the fun of putting it into practice in an amazing setting. I am now making sure that Europe finds out more about Move to Learn.*

*Thanks to everyone who made it happen!”*

*- Mary Mountstephen MA (SEN) -  
U.K. & Europe Contact*



*“It was a lovely time of sharing & learning. Barbara is an inspiration to all!! Thankyou for the wonderful work you've been, & are doing”*

*- Beau Whitmore -*



*“What was the one most significant things you got from the conference? - For me it was having a greater understanding of primitive reflexes, their role in child development & what to do when the reflexes have not been integrated. I had an awareness & understanding at a fairly superficial level, but I hadn't felt confident enough in my understanding to be able to write about it or discuss it in workshops.*

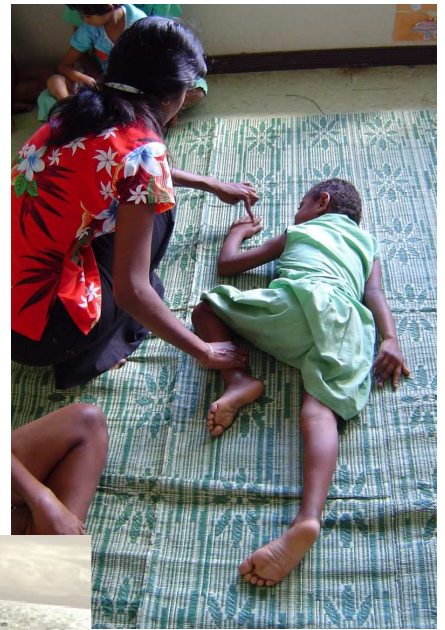
*Following this week, & especially after Veronica Steer's brilliant practical demonstration, I now feel I have a far greater understanding. While I would still refer children to the specialists where appropriate, I am much more confident of my ability to explain it in layman's terms to any parent or teacher I am working with. Thank you Veronica.”*

*- Marlene Rattigan -*

*“For me, the seminar provided the benefit of meeting many like minded people & getting to know a few very well . I was greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm of those who shared stories of how they saw children's self esteem change dramatically as they got involved with the Move to Learn program. It seemed obvious that once someone was helping address an area of concern in that child's life, & they saw progress being made as they gained new motor skills , they also gained a more positive awareness of themselves & that is priceless.*

*It was also wonderful to have the teachers from Fiji participate with us & I enjoyed getting to know each one of you too & hope we can meet again.”*

*- Helen Enns -*



**Going Snorkelling!**



**Barbara doing the rolling with some children at a school in Savusavu**



**Doing the Move to Learn sequences every day  
- Cross Pattern Flip Flops -**

“The most important things that I learnt were about how the MtL program helps to break up retained primitive reflexes that get in the way of being ready to learn. It was also a revelation to me to learn that many & varied things have to happen during the development of the infant that is fundamental in preparing a child for school. Now I know how & why the program helps, & I can pass that on. I've immediately got ideas in my head about a presentation i will create to help explain the MtL program & spread the word.

It was also useful to hear info from therapists/ teachers about other wonderful programs/ resources "out there", from behavioural optometrist ( who knew what this secret society did?) to music & movement & sound therapy, & to have the opportunity to network with others & make new friends. It was great to combine a bit of rest & recreation with a learning opportunity, as the last 6 years have been an exhausting rollercoaster ride for myself & Bill , & I did appreciate the beautiful & unspoilt environs of Savusavu.”  
 - Mary Kelly -



Our Visual Therapist testing the eyes at a School in Savusavu

## Bon voyage!

Also, Stacey is off on a well deserved holiday September 1-22. Rick will be in the office on Tuesdays, & we will be monitoring the answering machine regularly, but there may be a few delays & for that we ask your patience.

**Please note that the Move to Learn phone number has changed!**

We are trialling a new system that will hopefully process information efficiently to the right responsible people.

**The new number is:  
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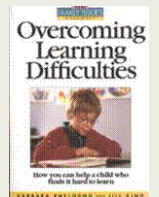
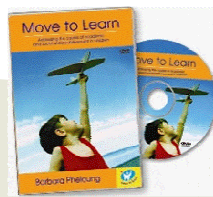
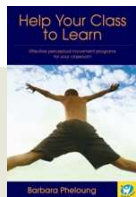
**Until Next Month,  
Keep on Rolling!**

## Move to Learn Competes In China For Gold In Literacy Race

As you may know, Move to Learn has recently launched a Chinese version of the website. We have been receiving over 300 visitors a day!! Make sure we keep spreading the news. Gold here we come!



From The Move to Learn Team  
Barbara, Jini, Stacey, Rick & Nikki



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