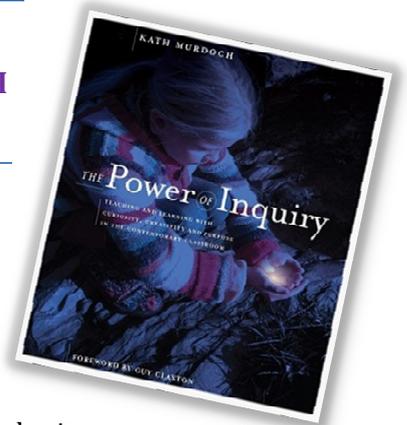

THE POWER OF INQUIRY - CLASSROOM PRACTICES TO NURTURE CURIOSITY, CRITICAL THINKING AND METACOGNITION THROUGH CONTEMPORARY INQUIRY (F-6)

THURSDAY 25 MAY 2017
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Although inquiry learning has been part of the educational landscape for decades its use in the contemporary classroom is very different from what it once was. We have come a long way in our understanding of how to use an inquiry approach not simply to engage students in learning but to nurture their **curiosity**, challenge them to **think** more deeply, to build **conceptual** understanding, to make **connections** to their life experiences and to strengthen their capacity as **learners**. When we as teachers have our heads around why and how this approach can amplify learning for our students – extraordinary things can happen in schools!

This is a practical workshop – designed for those new to inquiry and for those wishing to refresh and perhaps strengthen their existing understanding of the approach. Using practical examples from classrooms and a range of interactive strategies and around the world, Kath will explore the following questions:

- What are the key elements of an inquiry based classroom? What is the teacher’s role? What is the learner’s role?
- How can inquiry be used as an approach across the curriculum?
- What frameworks can assist us in planning and teaching for inquiry (whole school concept-based frameworks and planning frameworks)
- What teaching strategies help develop student’s skills and dispositions as inquirers?
- How can we strengthen the place of 21st learning skills and dispositions (such as research skills) through inquiry?
- What does planning for quality inquiry look like? How can we make this a joyful and invigorating experience for us and out students?
- What resources can help us power up inquiry learning in our school?

Kath has had an overwhelmingly positive response to her latest book “The Power of Inquiry.” This workshop will further enable teachers to get their head around inquiry and make it happen in their classroom.

ABOUT KATH



Kath Murdoch is an experienced teacher, author, university lecturer and popular consultant who has worked for many years in schools across Australia, New Zealand, Africa, America, Asia and Europe. She is respected around the world for her work in the field of inquiry based learning and integrative curriculum. Kath regularly teaches in primary classes and maintains a commitment to ‘keeping it real’ - to situating her thinking, writing and research firmly in the context of the everyday classroom experience. The examples she shares are authentic and recent. The author of many popular books for teachers, Kath’s recent publication “The Power of Inquiry” is already being praised by teachers around the world. Kath is known for her dynamic, practical and interactive sessions and for challenging teachers to think about what, why and how they support

students in their learning. She lives in Melbourne with her husband, teenage daughters and an exceptionally gifted golden retriever.