

## **Pearl Naulder**

Pearl started off her professional life as an Occupational Therapist in England managing several Mental Health Centres, at the same time completing an honours degree in Psychology. This led to a post graduate qualification in teaching and a rest- of- life quest to enable students to progress in the most enabling environments.

Pearl has taught in both the UK and NZ teaching students from age two and a half years (Montessori) to adult as a private tutor, a classroom teacher, a specialist teacher (GATE and Special Needs), a relief teacher and a Home School ‘Mum’.

Pearl and her family came to New Zealand from the UK more than thirty-five years ago. Pearl, along with her husband, had been for some years an active member and local committee member of England’s National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) and, was pleased to find a very active and effective NZAGC here in New Zealand. She has been a local and national New Zealand Association for Gifted Children (NZAGC) President and feels it an honour to have been able to be involved. She is a member of Mensa, an honorary life member of NZAGC, one of three coordinators of CenGATE (Central Region Gifted and Talented Educators), and was also a member of giftEDnz until its recent closure.

Pearl was, for some years, an Adviser to Schools for Gifted and Talented Education in Primary and Secondary schools for the Central North Island and appreciated every aspect of it with the possible exception of time away from home and family.

Pearl was a One Day School teacher in two centres for some years. She treasures her experiences there and is still in contact with young adult ex-explorers from NZAGC and former One Day Schoolers who equally treasure these experiences.

She transitioned to acting as a tutor for the EACH Certificate of Effective Practice in Gifted Education and has now been carrying out that role since 2012.

Pearl thought she had retired but can’t switch off. She also loves her family, genealogy, reading, craft work and nerdy model painting when she has the time. She has five children (all highly gifted) and fifteen grandchildren, every one of them keeping very much alive her personal passion for the area of twice exceptionality.