

# QUICK FACTS:

## PERSONAL STRENGTHS:

- ✓ Commitment to Excellence
- ✓ Student Connection and Wellbeing
- ✓ Speaking, Performance and Engagement
- ✓ Technology Integration
- ✓ Writing
- ✓ Collaboration and Leadership

## CORE:

- ✓ 12 years teaching experience (Singapore; New Zealand), including Stamford American International School, Singapore
- ✓ Experienced PSHCE / Lifeskills teacher
- ✓ Advanced and Certified Tech User (Google Educator; Apple Teacher; Scratch Educator; MakeyMakey Teacher; Seesaw Ambassador)
- ✓ Recipient of the 2023 Ākina Tohu Award for innovation in educational delivery
- ✓ Post-Graduate Certificate in Digital and Collaborative Learning
- ✓ Bachelor's Degree: Theatre and Film
- ✓ Graduate Diploma (equivalent of Bachelor's Degree): Teaching.
- ✓ Master's Degree: Creative Writing
- ✓ Curricula: IB PYP; AERO; NZC
- ✓ Several years' experience working within professional film and video industries

## CCAs:

- ✓ School News
- ✓ Film/Video Production and Studies
- ✓ Creative Writing
- ✓ Drama
- ✓ Football (Soccer)
- ✓ Orienteering

## EXTRAS:

- ✓ Outdoors Enthusiast (Learning Excursions; Overseas Camp experience)
- ✓ Service Advocate

My Teacher Videos  
+ Student Projects:



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**Jonny Thompson**

**Dedicated. Dynamic.**

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**Curriculum Vitae**

## PROFILE:

I'm Jonny, a dedicated and dynamic teacher with twelve years' teaching experience, specialising in student-centred learning; wellbeing; technology integration; writing; fostering creativity in the classroom; and a commitment to excellence via structure, routines, clear expectations, and collaborative planning within year teams. With an energetic personality and a proven track record of consistently positive feedback, I build meaningful connections with students, parents, and colleagues.

I have extensive experience in multicultural schools, both in New Zealand and internationally at Stamford American International School, Singapore. I am recognised for creating inclusive, engaging learning experiences that inspire curiosity and critical thinking. Currently, I work as a Life Education teacher in New Zealand, a regional role I took on to intentionally build depth in personal, social and health education.

Alongside my qualifications – a Bachelor's Degree in Theatre and Film, a Graduate Diploma in Teaching, a Master's Degree in Creative Writing, and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Digital and Collaborative Learning – I bring several years of professional experience in film and creative technologies, including VFX production as well as writing for children's television.

Having previously lived and taught in Singapore, my wife and I value its multicultural, international community. We're excited to return and settle long-term, providing our children, aged five and seven, with a holistic education that emphasises both academic excellence and intercultural understanding.

# TEACHING PHILOSOPHY:

## Connect.

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Michael O'Brien,  
Team Leader:

“One thing that instantly stands-out about Jonny is his warm personality and the amazing relationships he builds with the entire school community.”

**I'm known for my deep, authentic connection with students and my ability to create an inclusive, joyful classroom culture.** Colleagues consistently describe me as warm, approachable, and trusted by learners. I invest time in truly knowing each student—academically, socially, and emotionally—and consistently tailor my teaching to meet their individual needs, interests, and backgrounds. My classrooms are marked by laughter, respectful dialogue, and a strong sense of belonging.

My goal as a teacher is to support students to grow in confidence and character. By fostering genuine relationships and demonstrating care in every interaction, I create an environment where students feel safe to take risks, explore big ideas, and engage fully in their learning. I believe that students should not only be capable thinkers, but also kind, curious, and self-aware.

## Engage.

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Perry Tkachuk,  
PYP Coordinator:

“Jonny goes to great lengths to create learning experiences that make aspects of subject matter meaningful and personal for all students...he is the 'go to' person when it comes to anything to do with technology.”

**I consistently deliver highly engaging, well-structured lessons that are standards-aligned and contain clear learning outcomes.**

My carefully designed learning experiences blend skill development with student curiosity—making concepts meaningful, relevant, and accessible. Colleagues and curriculum leaders have praised both my ability to plan with creativity and precision, and the ease at which I integrate technology. I have a long-standing background in creative technology, as both an industry professional and tech-certified educator.

Whether leading whole-class inquiries, facilitating small-group discussions, or integrating digital tools to support reflection and collaboration, I bring energy, clarity, and an expectation of excellence to my teaching.



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## Inspire.

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Vanessa Kay,  
Language Arts Coordinator:

“He inspires both his students and colleagues.”

**A love of learning is caught and taught. Enthusiasm, curiosity and an adventurous spirit are essential.** I genuinely believe in the potential of every student—and that belief shows in my classroom every day. I create a culture of high expectations grounded in encouragement, empathy, and trust, inspiring students to take ownership of their learning and strive for personal excellence. With passion, positive energy and unwavering optimism, I help students see themselves not just as learners, but as competent, creative, and valued individuals.

By combining meaningful feedback and relational support, I support learners to grow intellectually and emotionally. I want my students to know that I truly believe in them, so that they become intrinsically motivated to grow and succeed.

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# WORK EXPERIENCE:

## **Life Education**

**Y0 - Y8 Primary School Teacher**

**+ Regional Facilitator (Senior/Lead Teacher)**

**New Zealand, Full-Time**

**January 2023 - Current**



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Summary of role:

- Life Education is New Zealand's leading provider of social, personal and health education.
- Life Education only employs New Zealand registered classroom teachers (my Level 1 NZ teaching licence is continually assessed and maintained).
- Entrusted with my own, high-value mobile classroom, purpose-built with immersive, multi-sensory technology and custom resources to enhance learning outcomes. I use this space to teach approximately 5,000 students p/year.
- Recognised for a highly energetic and engaging teaching style that captures attention and fosters trust within minutes — a vital skill for classroom behaviour when working across multiple age levels and cultural contexts. Reputation supported by abundant positive feedback from teachers and students.
- Plan alongside 30+ primary/intermediate schools (Year 0 - Year 8) to create developmentally appropriate, curriculum-aligned lessons addressing resilience, empathy, mental health, relationships, online safety and more.
- Lead professional development as the Lower North Island Educators' Facilitator (Senior/Lead Teacher).
- Develop and share numerous teaching resources to colleagues.
- Build and maintain an online presence, primarily through video ('Harold TV').
- Recognised with the 2023 Ākina Tohu Award for innovation in educational delivery.

## **Waikanae School**

**Y5/6 Primary Teacher**

**New Zealand, Full-Time**

**January 2021 - December 2022**

Summary of role:

- Taught the breadth of the New Zealand curriculum to Y5/6.
- Initiated and led 'Waikanae School TV', a regular school news video bulletin featuring student anchors.
- Initiated and taught an advanced writing course for gifted senior student writers. This included helming an interschool writing competition, judged by local authors.

## **Raumati Beach School**

**Y5/6 Primary Teacher**

**New Zealand, Full-Time**

**July 2020 - December 2020**

Note:

- Between July 2019 and June 2020, I was on paternity leave with my first-born.

**Work experience continues on the next page...**

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# WORK EXPERIENCE

## (CONTINUED):

**Stamford American International School**  
**Grade 4 Elementary Teacher**  
**Singapore, Full-Time**  
**July 2016 - June 2019**



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### Summary of role:

- Designed and delivered engaging, standards-aligned learning experiences and a positive classroom culture aligned with whole-school pastoral expectations, for a diverse, multicultural Grade 4 classroom.
- Led the co-planning and implementation of transdisciplinary units of inquiry, integrating global contexts, key concepts, and student interests.
- Worked closely with grade-level teams and pastoral leaders to support student wellbeing and parent communication.
- Contributed to the successful rollout of a revised Science Curriculum in collaboration with the curriculum team - key project = understanding circuitry to create interactive, electronic games (as part of a 'Maker Fair').
- Recognized as the "go-to" teacher for technology integration across the Upper Primary team.
- Facilitated professional development sessions for teachers on Apple, Google, and SeeSaw tools, as a certified Apple Teacher, Google Educator, and SeeSaw Ambassador.
- Integrated digital tools purposefully to enhance student reflection, collaboration, and communication - key project = working alongside students to co-create a series of 'Titanic' short films.

**Khandallah School**  
**Y5/6 Primary Teacher**  
**New Zealand, Full-Time**  
**January 2014 - June 2016**

**Post-Production Assistant (VFX), Weta Digital**  
**Production Manager + Video Editor, Vertex Digital**  
**New Zealand, Full-Time**  
**2005 - 2011**

### Summary of roles:

- Prior to teaching, I spent several years employed in the New Zealand film industry, including VFX production on the Hollywood/Marvel blockbuster, *The Avengers*, as well as writing for the China/NZ co-produced kids' TV Show *Panda and Kiwi*.

### Note:

- Between 2012 and 2013, I returned to full-time study, completing a Master's Degree in Creative Writing (Scriptwriting) in 2012, as well as a Graduate Diploma of Teaching in 2013.

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# QUALIFICATIONS:

**Post-Graduate Certificate in Applied Practice  
(Digital and Collaborative Learning)  
MindLab, Unitec  
New Zealand  
2016**

**Graduate Diploma of Teaching - Primary/Elementary  
(equivalent to Bachelor's Degree)  
Victoria University of Wellington  
New Zealand  
2013**

**Master's Degree in Creative Writing - Scriptwriting  
Victoria University of Wellington  
New Zealand  
2012**

**Bachelor's Degree in Art - Theatre and Film  
Victoria University of Wellington  
New Zealand  
2004**



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Award for innovation in educational delivery.**

## FEEDBACK:

### **International (Singapore) School Feedback:**

#### **Michael O'Brien, Team Leader:**

"Jonny's skills with a variety of digital tools have been invaluable to his students' engagement and learning. Earlier this year, at the request of the principal, he began running regular IT up-skilling PD sessions for many of our teachers."

"I have no hesitation in recommending Jonny."

#### **Perry Tkachuk, PYP Coordinator:**

"Jonny's greatest strengths are his creativity and ability to build strong relationships with his students and colleagues."

"I would hire Jonny without hesitation."

#### **Vanessa Kay, Language Arts Coordinator:**

"Jonny has a unique way of motivating students by showing he genuinely cares for each child."

"He uses learning outcomes, based on standards, and explicitly teaches towards these, making lessons engaging and varied."

#### **Jean Marie Lacey, EAL Teacher:**

"Jonny has a wonderful rapport with all people, especially children."

"I recommend Mr. Thompson to you without reservation."

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# FEEDBACK (CONTINUED):

**Feedback sampled from school teachers within the  
30+ schools I have taught at as the Kāpiti/Horowhenua  
(New Zealand) Life Education Teacher:**



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## **2025:**

"The enthusiasm of Jonny was so great for the children. Having such a positive male role model was amazing."

"Excellent communication; highly relevant programme, expertly delivered."

"Students are now using language they picked up from Jonny and have applied it to learning and leadership."

"Jonny is obviously a details guy and the level and quality of his lessons was outstanding."

## **2024:**

"Jonny was absolutely fantastic. The delivery was very professional, the children were really engaged and they talked about it after. They were so excited about every lesson!"

"Jonny was highly skilled at working with different age groups."

"The content was perfect. The information prior and lessons provided were excellent, as were the follow-up activities."

"Thanks for coming Jonny. The children loved you and so did our staff."

## **2023:**

"Jonny is super organised, easy to work with, and open to sharing his experiences and learnings. Outstanding!"

"Jonny is a fabulous communicator with the children. He strikes the right balance of fun and serious teaching."

"Jonny's passion and enthusiasm was contagious."

"Jonny is fabulous! Could be on TV!"

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