School of Arts Classics Programme Research Seminar

Playing with the Past

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How seriously should we take the classical past? What role does humour play in leading young readers to an appreciation of antiquity? In this session I share some findings from the Our Mythical Childhood Survey, show the processes behind it, and consider the ways that children's works (books, games, toys, media) use playful approaches to respond to classical culture. Participants are encouraged to bring along, and share their thoughts about, any playful classical items they possess.

Wednesday 6 March | 4pm RGS2 | Richardson Building | University of Otago All welcome