



February 2016

Ngā mihi o te tau hou. Welcome to the first newsletter for 2016.

I hope everyone is feeling positive and alive after the Christmas break.

We have another busy year ahead for most people in the changing times of education in New Zealand, so hopefully we can all take time for ourselves and make real lifestyle balances so we can all get to the end of the year without too much undue stress and exhaustion.

This year has many promises for the CLA and its members so hopefully most schools are able to subscribe to our membership so students and staff alike can benefit from what we have to offer. We are very excited to be able to present some really hands on experiences this year and our committee has been hard at work ensuring these events will benefit a wide range of teachers.

Our first event will be a 'must' for any of you who enjoy being entertained and shown some of the latest books as reviewed by Trevor Agnew (those of you who haven't had the good fortune to have been entertained and enlightened by this man are in for a fun time!) This is to be held at The Original Children's Bookshop on Blenheim Road and I'm sure Mary will be available to make any purchases on the night. This will be followed by a very short AGM and we urge any of you who would like to join our committee to speak to any of the present committee at the event and we will welcome your participation.

There are several other events planned for the year so mark them in your diaries now so you can plan around them.

The big event for the year is the annual NZLA conference. This year it is to be held in Waitangi in the Bay of Islands so anybody interested in going should begin procedures with school budgets for assistance or look out for the Marie Clay scholarships which are awarded to both a beginning and an experienced teacher.

Have a great start to the year and we hope to see many new and positive faces at our events this year.

Nāku noa,

Raewyn Maher
CLA President

Situations Vacant

Are you interested in literacy? Would you like to be part of a group that organises local literacy events for teachers? We are all busy teachers in the sector and would welcome other interested people. Contact a member of the committee to find out more.

Annual General Meeting of the Canterbury Literacy Association – Wednesday 16 March 7:30pm
To be held at the *Original Children's Bookshop*, Blenheim Road following –
An evening with Trevor Agnew

Two remits have been proposed for discussion and adoption as part of the 2016 CLA AGM's agenda:

1. That the Canterbury Literacy Association (CLA) fully fund the current president of the CLA to attend the national conference of the New Zealand Literacy Association (NZLA).
2. That the Canterbury Literacy Association (CLA) fund a current financial member of the CLA to register for a national conference of the New Zealand Literacy Association (NZLA).

2016 Canterbury Literacy Association Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions for 2016 are now due.

You can choose from either personal (\$45.00) or school membership (\$65.00) subscriptions. In addition to reduced costs for some of our professional learning opportunities events you will receive three copies of Forum the New Zealand Literacy Association Journal.

Refer to the details on the subscriptions flyer accompanying this newsletter.

New Zealand Literacy Association Conference 2016 - Navigating Literaseas

Considering your professional learning and development options?

This year's conference is being held 25 - 28th September 2016 Waitangi, Bay of Islands.

Details for registration, conference presentations and accommodation can be found at <http://www.nzla.org.nz>



Are you part of the NZ literacy conversation?

These moderated lists are open to all teachers of literacy and other interested educators and are a place to share ideas, request help and resources, and establish professional relationships. Subscribers to the lists will receive weekly Literacy updates and all emails sent by the community.

Subscribe to the community you wish to be part of <http://literacyonline.tki.org.nz/Literacy-Online/Community/Mailing-lists>

Primary Literacy, Primary ESOL, Secondary Literacy, Secondary ESOL

CLA Literacy events for 2016

We have three great opportunities literacy learning and sharing this year for teachers and one for students.

Pencil these dates in your diary now.

2016 – “The Power of the Spoken Word.”

Term One

An evening with Trevor Agnew

An opportunity to purchase books for yourself or your schools

Trevor Agnew - Trevor reviews children's picture books in the way only he can.

THE CLA Annual General Meeting

New members most welcome.

Wednesday 16 March

6pm

6:30pm

7:30pm

Venue:

The Original Children's Bookshop

227 Blenheim Rd,
Riccarton, Christchurch

★ *No charge for this evening event*

Storytelling for Students

An opportunity for year 5-6 and year 7-8 students to learn the art of storytelling from a local storyteller and Christchurch author. (Participants need to be from 2016 CLA member schools)

Friday 8 April

During the day

Venue:

Christchurch School of Music

Ferry Road,
Christchurch

★ *No charge for this whole day event*

Term Two

An evening with Weavers of Words and Words of Wisdom.

Guest speaker Jill Eggleton followed by a literacy ramble with practices shared by literacy practitioners.

Wednesday 4 May

Early evening

Venue:

To be confirmed

★ *There will be a cost for this event – to be advised*

Term Three

The Oral Language Handbook – Embedding talk across the curriculum

Authors and Presenters - Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey

This workshop introduces our new book, which aims to support teachers to include more quality 'learning talk' in classrooms and to embed purposeful oral language opportunities across the curriculum. It presents research-based ideas, activities and support material to translate theory into classroom practice.

Wednesday 27 July

After school

Venue:

To be confirmed

★ *There will be a cost for this event – to be advised*

Term Four

The Best and Worst Books of 2016

In partnership with the Christchurch City Council Libraries this is a time to listen and laugh as a selection of children's books are reviewed by people passionate about books.

It's also a chance to have a drink and slice of Christmas cake and ease yourself into Christmas.

Date to be confirmed

Early evening

Venue:

To be confirmed

★ *Cost - Gold coin contributions for drinks and raffle tickets.*

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