

## June 2016

Ngā mihi o te tau hou.

Welcome to the second newsletter for 2016.

Well we are nearly half way through the year. WOW! How time has flown!

At the end of Term 1 we provided an experience for some lucky students who were treated to a stimulating hands-on experience with talented storytellers. This day was well received by all students present and I know from feedback that many students rose above all expectations when going back to their schools as experts!

This term saw another wonderfully supported function organised by the Canterbury Literacy Association– this time at Rāwhiti School.

It was a stimulating time to hear Jill Eggleton again at her best. Jill is such an easy and stimulating speaker. I know many of the nearly 300 teachers who supported this exciting evening went back to their respective schools with more than one idea to implement in their learning spaces.

We also had the opportunity to look at and learn some stimulating classroom programmes in action with the ever popular Literacy Ramble and I know anyone who tried to get around all the speakers would have had a hard time moving on as there was so many great ideas to be taken on board. It's so heartening to see such progressive, stimulating programmes being delivered in and around our local schools.

Please look out for our next session, The Oral Language Handbook with Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey. Details are in this newsletter.

Lastly, please take the time to read to your students and to take time for your own personal reading.

Nāku noa,

Raewyn Maher  
Canterbury Literacy Association President.

## Storytelling for Students

Talented and entertaining storytellers and presenters, Sharon Moreham and Heather McQuillan shared with 30 students the art and principles of oral storytelling in their “Workshop for Talented Young Storytellers”. The Years 5 - 8 students were immersed in a variety of entertaining storytelling activities throughout the day. The group were fortunate to use the Christchurch School of Music newly established buildings.

Initially fun activities limbered up the bodies and voices. With everyone taking part, any pre-existing barriers were quickly laid to rest. The students’ initiation to the process of storytelling was with a traditional African welcoming song with echo singing and movement.

The storytellers delighted in engaging their groups with their capturing and expressive use of voice and movement as they retold their chosen African and Māori folktales. The students experimented and were guided through a range of skills and techniques they could use to mimic and retell the folktale to others.

Concentration, patience, memory and oral communication skills were all put to test. The newly initiated storytellers were both surprised and thrilled with their new “toolkit” and talents. A collection of handouts from the presenters will assist the students as they share with classmates and others in their schools.

To encourage students to share their experience and newly acquired skills with their schools, Sharon and Heather have challenged the students to forward their storytelling video presentations. They will then enter the draw to win a one hour storytelling workshop with Sharon in their school.

*Lynn Topham*



## Marie Clay Scholarship Awards 2016

### ***Consider this!***

Every year 3 scholarships are offered to teachers to attend the NZLA conference. This year the conference is at Waitangi – Bay of Islands in September.

Two of scholarships include registration, airfares and accommodation.

One of these positions is for an experienced teacher and the other is for a teacher with less than 5 years teaching experience.

The Canterbury Literacy Association is also offering a Scholarship that covers the registration costs for a teacher to attend the conference.

If this opportunity sounds ideal for you send a letter of interest to [rmaher@tewaka.school.nz](mailto:rmaher@tewaka.school.nz) by **22 July**. Those teachers who have already applied need not reapply.

## Weavers of Words, Words of Wisdom – Jill Eggleton and the Literacy Ramble

“May the 4<sup>th</sup> be With You” – and it was!

An auspicious date and an auspicious occasion! Around 280 people attended the Canterbury Literacy Association’s event on the 4<sup>th</sup> May at the newly built Rāwhiti School. Participants were thrilled to have the opportunity to wander around and visit this new school and the CLA committee were thrilled to have the support of the principal and teachers.

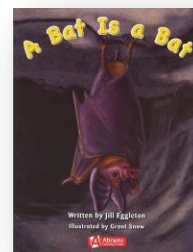
The weather was mild which gave the opportunity for participants to mingle and network outside, before the keynote over food and drinks.

Jill Eggleton presented a passionate address reminding us of what is really important in a literacy classroom and feedback indicated people were going away to add more poetry to their teaching and learning programmes.



The participants liked interacting with the presenters during the Literacy Ramble, which was the second part of the programme. Some of the topics that were shared passionately included; Scientist of the day, Daily Five, year 0-1 driving their learning, interactive iBooks, Book Club, Poetry, use of SOLO, use of graphic novels and comic books, the art of oral storytelling and reading mileage programme across a school.

Joy Hawke



*Presenters at the Literacy Ramble at Rāwhiti School*

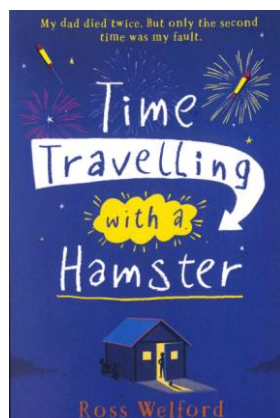
## First there was Dora the Explorer. Now it's - Carolyn's Big New Adventure!



It is with regret but warm wishes that we say goodbye to Carolyn Bolland as she retired after 40 years as a classroom teacher and literacy specialist.

Carolyn has been a hard-working member of the CLA committee for 7 years – including 1 year as President Elect, 2 years as President, and another year as Past President. Throughout her time on the Association, she has provided invaluable advice, support and guidance to us all and has put in a huge number of hours to ensure all our events are a success. Carolyn will be sorely missed in Canterbury literacy circles and we wish her well as she starts a new chapter in her life. Happy retirement Carolyn!

## Book reviews by Mary Sangster - The Original Children's Bookshop Ltd



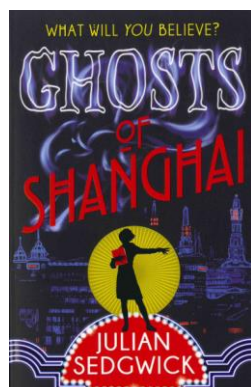
**Time travelling with a Hamster**, by R Welford.

*Published by Harper Collins, paperback, \$16.99*

Al's father died when Al was 8. On his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday Al is given a letter that his father wrote before his death. Al uncovers his dad's home-made time machine and embarks on an adventure backwards and forwards in time. He tries to prevent an accident his father had when he was young which left him with an injury that ultimately led to his early death. However, Al's first attempt actually causes his father to die as a child, which means he has to time travel again to prevent that accident.

This is a fast-paced read filled with both humour and sadness. It would suit both boys and girls of 9+ and if they like science or mathematics, all the better as it explains quite simply some of the mathematics involved with the development of time travel and also Einstein's Grandfather Paradox.

A good adventure story with the possibility of really getting the reader considering some of the concepts that have puzzled mankind for generations.



**Ghosts of Shanghai** by J Sedgwick.

*Published by Hodder & Stoughton, paperback, \$19.99*

Set in Shanghai in 1926 with the stirrings of the Cultural Revolution in the background, this is a mystery and adventure story with a touch of magic. Ruby is obsessed with martial arts and ghost stories and she is part of a gang, the Shanghai Ghost Club, of Chinese and ex-pat children who hide out in the ruined White Cloud Temple. Shanghai at this time is driven with danger: disease, crime, espionage and revolution are sweeping the streets. Since the death of her younger brother Thomas, Ruby is stalked by fear and anxiety. When her best friend is kidnapped, Ruby must trust a mysterious stranger and face her worst fears in order to save her friends, and her own life.

This is an action-packed adventure story, well-written with a cliffhanger ending. Book 2 in the Ghosts of Shanghai series is due for release later in 2016. It would appeal to readers of the *Billionaire's Curse* series, boys and girls.

## The Original Children's Bookshop

When did you last indulge yourself and meander down the aisles of The Original Children's Bookshop savouring the latest picture books, non-fiction books, NZ books and popular novels, adventure stories and teacher resources? You can never go often enough! Make sure you take your Practising Certificate with you.

Mary and her team know what's hot and can support you in decision making with their extensive knowledge.

*The Canterbury Literacy Association greatly values and appreciates the ongoing support The Original Children's Bookshop provides us.*





☆☆☆☆☆ **Upcoming Event** ☆☆☆☆☆

**The Oral Language Book with Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey**

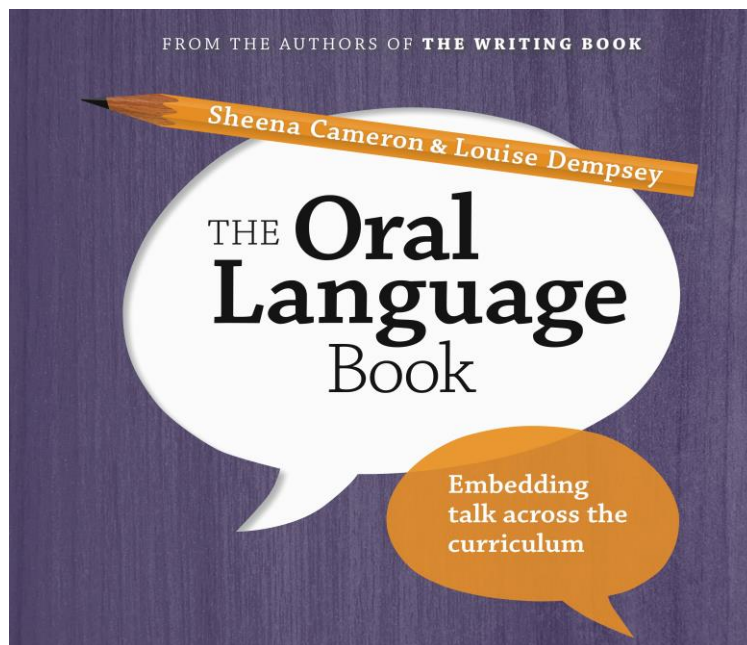
*Book launch workshop*

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.

The workshop will cover:

- Speaking and listening skills
- Planning for talk: establishing routines and expectations for student talk
- Vocabulary learning research and ideas

Practical ideas that promote student talk, including drama, and speaking and listening activities



**Wednesday 27 July**  
**4:00 - 6:15pm**  
**Halswell School**

**RSVP by**  
**Wednesday 6 July**

Drinks and nibbles 4:00 – 4:15pm  
Presentation 4:15 – 6:15pm

Halswell School have invited us to view their school before and after the presentation.

\$20 per person from 2016 member schools

\$30 per person from non-member schools

Discount rate for PRTS \$10 per person (member school or not!!!)

**Register** by e-mailing your name and school to Lesa at [cla2014lesa@gmail.com](mailto:cla2014lesa@gmail.com)

Bookings will be confirmed by e-mail on receipt of payment

**Send payment to**

Lesa McKenzie, Waitākiri School, 170 Burwood Rd, ChCh 8083

Make cheques payable to 'CANTERBURY LITERACY ASSOCIATION'

OR payment can be made directly to our bank account.

Acct No: 03 0855 0371181 00

*Please include your school name or your name as a reference*

**Books will be available  
for sale**



The rise of the star cluster Matariki marks the beginning of the Aotearoa Pacific New Year according to the lunar calendar. In 2016, this will take place on [Pipiri 6 June](#).

Have you explored the learning opportunities for students and whānau and what is happening in your community?

### **Christchurch City Libraries resource links**

Background, books

<http://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/matariki/>

[https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/search?t=subject&search\\_category=subject&q=matariki&commit=Search](https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/search?t=subject&search_category=subject&q=matariki&commit=Search)

Teacher resource pack

<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Education/MataurangaMaori/MatarikiTeacherResourcePack.pdf>

For students and stories

<http://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/matariki-for-kids-2/>

Resources and local events

<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/blogs/post/matariki-maori-new-year-2016/>

Wellington City Libraries online stories

<http://www.wcl.govt.nz/kids/downloads.html>



## **New Zealand Literacy Association Conference 2016 - Navigating Literaseas**

*The purpose of the New Zealand Literacy Association is to:*

- *encourage literacy learning*
- *encourage research in literacy education*
- *publish results of significant literacy investigations and practices*
- *foster continuing literacy education programmes for teachers*
- *encourage and support the work of reading/literacy councils in New Zealand*
- *provide and promote meetings and conferences in the field of literacy, advise and make representations on matters related to literacy*

Considering your literacy professional learning and development options for this year?

Need more information? Sit down with a cuppa and explore the New Zealand Literacy Association's website and go to 2016 Conference.

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

Details for registration, key note speakers, 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>

Choose the community/ies of interest to you:

Primary Literacy, Primary ESOL, Secondary Literacy, Secondary ESOL

## Down the Back of the Chair - Free Literacy Resources

[http://www.thechair.co.nz/servlet/Srv.Ecos\\_Process\\_HTML\\_File?P1=/graphics/moe/signon.htm](http://www.thechair.co.nz/servlet/Srv.Ecos_Process_HTML_File?P1=/graphics/moe/signon.htm)

*Did you know that your school is eligible for new replacement material each year? Free until you exceed your school's annual allocation. Prompt delivery to your school.*

*Down the Back of the Chair* is the Ministry of Education's catalogue of teaching and learning resources for schools, and is a portal for education providers to view and order Ministry resources.

Poetry cards, Ready to Read, Junior Journals, School Journals, School Journal Story Library, Electronic Storybook, Connected, Kiwi Kidsongs and remaining stock or Readalong CDs and Journal CDs.

Reo picture books are also available in the Maori Medium section.

Books include: Rahui, Where the Wild Things are, The Hungry Caterpillar and The Little Yellow Digger.

*Happy 'shopping' for the resource room, personal libraries, hampers, class libraries ...*

### 2016 – “The Power of the Spoken Word.”

#### Term Three

##### **The Oral Language Handbook – *Embedding talk across the curriculum***

Wednesday 27 July  
4:00-6:15 pm

Venue:  
Halswell School

Authors and Presenters - Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey

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#### Term Four

##### **The Best and Worst Books of 2016**

In partnership with the Christchurch City Council

Date to be confirmed  
Early evening

Venue:  
To be confirmed

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.

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

## Canterbury Literacy Association Committee

**President:** Raewyn Maher

**Past President:** Carolyn Bolland

**Secretary:** Karen Amyes e: [karena@hvs.school.nz](mailto:karena@hvs.school.nz)

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**Committee:** Sue Bridges, Joy Hawke, Jacqui Malham, Kate McClelland, Heather McQuillan, Lynmaree Sopoaga, Lynne Topham & Scott Wolfe

*New committee members are welcome - feel free to contact a committee member to find out more.*