



## Auckland Literacy Association Newsletter – Term 2 2017

Dear ALA Members and Friends,

Welcome to our second newsletter for 2017. Thank you to all those who attended our Jill Eggleton seminar. The report of this seminar is included in this newsletter.

If you have not already done so please go to [www.nzla.org.nz](http://www.nzla.org.nz) to find out about this year's conference 'The Power of Words' in Hamilton on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

If you have any queries or comments please let us know. Our contact details are available on [www.nzla.org.nz](http://www.nzla.org.nz), under the Councils page.

### President's Pen

The year is ticking over very fast.

Auckland Literacy Association has been working hard and we now are on Facebook, please check us out and like our page. There are photos from events and links to upcoming events, speakers and conferences.

The NZLA Conference Roadshow will be on in late September and early October. There are 3 venues for the Conference speakers, Hamilton Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, Wellington 2<sup>nd</sup> October and Christchurch 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please look out for ALA Sponsored teacher forms coming very soon. This year ALA are proud to be sponsoring six teachers to the Hamilton leg of the conference. This is a great event to hear literacy experts, to engage and network with other professionals with a passion for literacy and add to your professional learning. Two of the ALA sponsored teachers will win either the **Marie Clay Early Career Teacher Award** or the **Marie Clay Experienced Teacher Award**. These are a great honour and look good on your CV so fill in your application.

Recently Heather Bell our secretary and NZLA Delegate, Aylene FitzGerald and myself were able to attend the NZLA Annual meeting in Wellington. We meet with the NZLA executive and networked with other regional councils from around NZ. While there we viewed the new NZLA website: [nzla.org.nz](http://nzla.org.nz)

Please go and investigate and click on links to ALA, other councils and conferences. Also look for the **Marie Clay Research Scholarship** and the **Marie Clay Literacy Trust Awards** if you are planning literacy study or planning to attend an International Literacy Conference.



Coming up next term we have Doctor Rae Siilata from the University of Auckland speaking, details will be available shortly.

Warm regards,

Bronwyn Hayward

President ALA

### **Jill Eggleton – ‘Words of Wisdom’**

The ALA were excited and honoured to host international educational consultant Jill Eggleton for our Term 2 Seminar. Jill reminded us that our learners should be exposed to poetry on a daily basis so children can build passion, excitement and enjoyment from the spoken to written language. Children are able to catch the rhythm of the language and feel the power of the words! She reinforced the importance of rhyme, rhythm, repetition and rich language where children can paint pictures with words weaved with emotions as its beating, emotional heart at its core. Acquiring a wide vocabulary and understanding rhythm are essential elements in literacy acquisition and these skills need to remain a focus for our 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners.



Gemma Maddocks



## **Student Writing**

Read Aloud Day occurred on Thursday 16 February. Initially Mrs Singh instructed us to choose a book to take to Mr Nadat's classroom. He was hosting this event. I was nervous because I didn't know that was going to happen or what we were doing. The senior classrooms were there and I was scared about reading to the entire senior syndicate.

My favourite part was when we got to meet new people and share our favourite books with them. It was a good way to get to know some new people and make new friends! I felt good about the whole process and Read Aloud Day was a good idea because it helps to build our confidence.

We had a wonderful visitor - our principal Mrs Bell. She read us a book called "Love the Baby" by Steven L Layne. I like the book because it reminded me of my baby cousin who is about the same age. Mrs Bell read with expression. It made it seem as if the characters from the story were really there, and Mrs Bell didn't read like a robot.

Overall, I thought Read Aloud Day was a good day as it helped our reading skills and built up confidence in reading. I recommend for the future that the whole school joins in Read Aloud Day which is celebrated nationwide.

Merceious is a Y6 student from Room 28 from Rosebank School



## 2017 Calendar

Time & Date	Programme	Venue
4.30 -6.00 pm Wednesday 15 March 2017	AGM and Sue Court 'Off to a Flying start with the New Ready to Read'	Kohia Education Centre 78 Epsom Ave Epsom
9.30am -3.30pm Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	NZLA Leadership Workshop for Regional Council Committee Members	Manurewa Central School 2 Hill Road Manurewa
4.30- 6.00 pm Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Jill Eggleton 'Words of Wisdom'	Kohia Education Centre 78 Epsom Ave Epsom
Term 3 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Dr Rae Sipilata 'Translanguaging and Storying with Pasifika Dual Language Texts'	University of Auckland Epsom Campus
Saturday 30 September 2017	40 <sup>th</sup> NZLA Conference Roadshow (ALA Sponsored Teacher applications are now open)	Hamilton Rotouna High School
Term 4 TBC	Library event for member schools & their students	TBC



**CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES...**

**TO JOIN US AT  
'THE POWER OF WORDS'  
NZLA 2017 ONE DAY  
CONFERENCE-ROADSHOW**

**THE POWER OF WORDS**

**HAMILTON  
30<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

**INTERNATIONAL LITERACY SUPERHERO...  
RALPH FLETCHER**

**NATIONAL LITERACY SUPERHERO...  
KYLE MEWBURN**

**WELLINGTON  
2<sup>ND</sup> OCT**

**NATIONAL LITERACY SUPERHEROES ...  
LOUISE DEMPSEY  
HAMILTON AND WELLINGTON  
SHEENA CAMERON  
HAMILTON, WELLINGTON AND CHRISTCHURCH**

**CHRISTCHURCH  
4<sup>TH</sup> OCT**

**WLA**

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Registrations open from the  
1<sup>st</sup> of January 2017