

**May 2018**

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to another great year of literacy professional development events that will inspire you. The Canterbury Literacy Association's committee are looking forward to seeing you at this year's events.

Our small but passionate committee have organised our first major event; the flier should have arrived in your inbox a few weeks ago. ***"Reading for Pleasure, Wellbeing and Empowerment"*** will be presented by Jeannie Skinner, a National Library facilitator, based in Kerikeri. This exciting event promotes the value of reading to children – ***"Kids who read, succeed!"*** We are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday 10 May at Beckenham School. Book a place quickly to avoid disappointment! Details later in the newsletter and the accompanying poster for your staffroom, teacher workspace.

I hope you have received the renewal form for this year's subs - don't forget to forward it to your office staff for payment. Despite the small increase in subs, we still feel this is good value for money. There are many benefits to joining our Association: you receive a generous discount to our events, you receive 3 copies of the Journal "Literacy Forum" and your school members are eligible to apply for the Marie Clay Literacy Trust Awards to attend the NZLA conference. This year's conference, "Literacy Landscapes", is being held in Palmerston North on 3 - 5 October, during the September/October school holidays. Applications for the Awards close on 30th April.

I finish my report with much sadness. Our dear President and friend Raewyn Maher passed away just prior to Christmas last year after a short illness. Raewyn had been President of CLA for three years and was a well-loved and dedicated teacher at Te Waka Unua School. The CLA committee & NZLA executive members were devastated to lose such a vibrant and passionate friend. We have included a tribute to Raewyn in this newsletter.

Nāku noa

*Karen Amyes*  
CLA President.

*In Loving Memory*



*Raewyn Margaret Maher*

22nd August 1951 - 16th December 2017

### **Tribute to Raewyn Maher**

Raewyn Maher has always shown a passion for all things literacy and this was particularly evident in her love for “reading to”. She taught for many years at Woolston School which, after the earthquake, merged to become Te Waka Unua and this is when Raewyn joined the committee of the CLA. Raewyn spent six years on the Canterbury Literacy Association committee and was a vibrant and enthusiastic member. She made many friends within CLA and NZLA and was well respected by those she met.

Raewyn was President for three years supporting others, planning events and looking for ways to support teachers share their passion for literacy with their students. Raewyn was President until her illness towards the end of 2017 became her main focus. She attended NZLA Annual Meeting in Wellington for a number of years as observer and then as delegate and made many friends across the country. Raewyn was passionate and outspoken about NZLA advocating for positive changes. She positively supported young teachers to join the CLA committee and hosted many committee meetings at her new rebuild home where she would throw together a meal for any wanting to stay on.

Raewyn loved shoes, clothes, bling, and was an enthusiastic shopper! She was quite the texter - her messages were entertaining and took some decoding. Fortunately you mostly understood the intended message and the passion from the woman who sent them! A strength of Raewyn’s was her inclusive nature valuing all she met and worked with. Raewyn cared about people and loved her job.

We honour her contribution, hard work and dedication to our organisation and will miss her humour, love and friendship. She always lived for the moment, had time to chat or listen and didn't sweat the small stuff! Raewyn was fun to be with at conferences and always kept the focus on what we could take back to our own council.

She is sadly missed.

*Karen Amyes, Joy Hawke and Scott Wolfe.*

## Best and Worst Books – November 2017

On a warm summer's evening the annual CLA Best and Worst Books event, in partnership with the Christchurch City Council Libraries, took place at Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre.

The audience was packed with teachers, parents, authors, and librarians – a lot of them taking notes!

After some networking, light refreshments, delicious Christmas cake and investment in lucky tickets for an amazing selection of book prizes the audience sat back, listened, were challenged and entertained by the presenters. Each presenter was passionate about the books of 2017 that they would give the thumbs up and the thumbs down.

The buzz amongst the audience, between speakers, was all about the books and the great presenters.

Our student presenters: Evie Dobbs and Flynn Williams from Waitākari School, Mia Cleugh and Otto Elworthy from Redcliffs school were articulate, witty, well prepared and gave us all a lesson in the power of student voice and their passion for reading. We were enthralled.

Our adult presenters shared their stacks of books with a passion: Sophie O'Rourke - Waitākari School, Zac McCallum - Halswell School Library, Katie Lumsden – Christchurch City Council Libraries, Jo Harvey - Bush Inn Paper Plus and Rachael King - Literary Director for WORD Christchurch Writers & Readers Festival shared great books and prompted great discussion.

The evening was a celebration of quality books and the different worlds readers enter when enjoying a book. Passions were shared, challenges noted and personal disappointments shared candidly and wisely.



In addition to the presenters mentioned the CLA would like to publicly acknowledge and thank the following people for their generosity in supporting this event:

- ❖ **Jo Harvey** - Bush Inn Paper Plus - for her very generous donation of all the books and stationery items that were made into a large number of raffle prizes
- ❖ **Rachael King** - Literary Director for WORD Christchurch Writers & Readers Festival - for the two tickets to the sold out David Walliams Show in Christchurch
- ❖ **Christchurch City Council Libraries and librarians** - for the venue and their support
- ❖ **Sally Dobbs** – the Christmas cake chef extraordinaire for baking and donating the delicious cake.

This year's date is yet to be confirmed. Keep looking in upcoming newsletters. We look forward to seeing you there.

Scott Wolfe.







**Coming soon - Jenny Skinner, National Capability Facilitator**

*A poster for your school staffroom/teacher spaces accompanies this newsletter.*



Canterbury Literacy Association is proud to present...

# READING FOR PLEASURE, WELLBEING & EMPOWERMENT

**Presented by Jeannie Skinner**

*National Capability Facilitator*

**Thursday 10 May, Beckenham School**

*Afternoon tea 4pm | Presentation 4:30 - 6pm*

Kids who read succeed! Reading for pleasure is the key to life-long learning. Aside from the joy of exercising our imaginations, and the power of stories to enlarge our worlds and develop empathy, research shows reading for pleasure improves academic outcomes, social skills, health and life prospects – in short, our wellbeing. In testing times, being a reader helps us find our way.

*Jeannie is a National Library facilitator based in Kerikeri. She is passionate about the importance of engaging children with reading for pleasure and the power of story to enrich their lives.*

**2018 Member schools \$25**

**Non-Member Schools \$35**

**Beginning Teachers \$10**

***RSVP by 3pm Thursday May 3***

Pay your school membership for 2018 and pay a reduced cost to attend.

A 2018 subscription invoice was emailed with this flier.

Register by e-mailing your name and school to Lesa at  
cla2014lesa@gmail.com

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

Send payment to

Lesa Mackenzie, 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.

## 2018 membership subscriptions are due

Benefits include:

- Membership registration rates for CLA events throughout the year
- School membership enables students to attend CLA students events
- 3 copies of NZLA Forum the refereed journal of the New Zealand Literacy Association
- Eligibility for scholarships.



(Canterbury Council of the NZ Literacy Association)

### Invoice 2018 CLA Membership 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

**2018 School Membership \$85.00**

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominated school member (Essential) \_\_\_\_\_

**OR 2018 Personal/Unwaged Membership \$65.00**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Essential) \_\_\_\_\_

Position held \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheques payable to: **Canterbury Literacy Association.**

Please complete this form and send it with a cheque to:

Lesa McKenzie  
C/- Waitakiri School  
170 Burwood Road  
Christchurch 8083

**OR**

Payment can be made directly into our bank account.

Acct No: **03 0855 0371181-00**

***Please include your school's name or your name as reference***

***And send this sheet back to Lesa as above.***

## Congratulations Heather!

Heather is an author, Executive Director of the School for Young Writers – Te Kura Kaituhi Rangatahi, and CLA committee member.

### 2018 Storylines Tessa Duder Award winner

Tina Shaw from Reporoa was announced as the 2018 Storylines Tessa Duder Award winner for an original manuscript for a young adult novel, for her work "Ursa".

Her work is described as a powerful coming of age story. In accepting the award, Tina said it is part speculative fiction, part steam-punk, with some low level violence; an allegorical depiction of Nazi Germany. She is already working with the award sponsors, Walker Books, with the aim of launching the book at next year's Storylines awards ceremony.

In announcing the award, Tess Duder noted that the impressive number of entries received - 17 - represented extraordinary effort from all writers. She also noted that being able to announce a winner as well as three short-listed manuscripts demonstrated the extraordinary calibre of this year's entrants. (Twice in the seven years since the award was initiated, no entries have been deemed publishable, and no award made.)

Three other writers were shortlisted:

- Graci Goldhart from Hobsonville, Auckland for "When never comes"
- Heather McQuillan from Christchurch for "Even if your voice shakes"
- Joanne Paulsen from Christchurch for "Fossil Farm"



Storylines Tessa Duder Award winner Tina Shaw with Tessa Duder



## 2019 NZLA CONFERENCE

Next year is our year!

CLA are hosting the New Zealand Literacy Conference here in Christchurch during the September/October school holidays in 2019.

If you would like to assist in any way on a sub-committee please contact

Joy Hawke 021 0261 4626  
j.hawke@evaluate.co.nz



You may like to assist with:  
Conference bags  
Registration desk

You may have contacts:  
Sponsorship, trade stalls,  
Workshop presenters, overseas teachers etc





## New Zealand Literacy Association Conference 2018 – Literacy Landscapes

Considering your professional learning and development options?

This year's conference is being held 3-5 October 2018 Palmerston North.

Details for registration, conference presentations and accommodation can be found at

<http://nzla.org.nz/events/2018-conference-mla-literacy-landscapes/>



### The NZLA website

The NZLA website continues to evolve.

<http://nzla.org.nz>

Explore:

- The NZLA mission statement; people; history, Presidents' reports, policies; timelines; international affiliations;
- Calendar of events
- NZLA conference details
- Forum and
- Scholarships

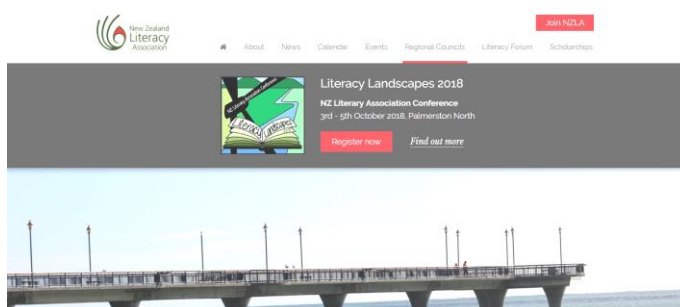


Each regional council has its own space.

Check out the Canterbury Literacy Association space.

<http://nzla.org.nz/regional-council/canterbury/>

- Join online
- Access previous newsletters
- Regional news
- Locate upcoming events



**New resources available on Literacy Online** <http://literacyonline.tki.org.nz/>

### Sound Sense

<http://literacyonline.tki.org.nz/Literacy-Online/Planning-for-my-students-needs/Sound-Sense>

Sound Sense: Supporting reading and writing in years 1–3 is a revised and updated edition of Sound Sense: Phonics and Phonological Awareness (2003).

[PDF Download]

**SOUND sense**  
Supporting reading and writing in years 1–3



## 2018 CLA Calendar of Events

### Term One

Tuesday 27 February University Bookshop	<b>A.G.M.</b> 5:15-5:30pm <i>Followed by...</i> A great opportunity to browse the University Bookshop to purchase books for your school library or own collection.
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### Term Two

<b>Thursday 10 May</b> <b>Beckenham School</b> 4:00pm afternoon tea 4:30 – 6:00pm	<b>Reading for Pleasure, Wellbeing, and Empowerment</b> with Jeannie Skinner, National Capability Facilitator, National Library of New Zealand, Kerikeri. Details in this newsletter and poster emailed to your school.  RSVP by 3pm, Thursday 3 May.
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### Term Three

<b>Date TBC</b>	<b>Heather McQuillan</b> – <i>author and Executive Director at The School for Young Writers – Te Kura Kaituhi Rangatahi</i>  Students writing event during the day. Workshop with teachers after school. Details to be confirmed.
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### School Holidays

#### Literacy Landscapes - NZLA 2018 Conference

3-5 October Palmerston North

<http://nzla.org.nz/events/2018-conference-mla-literacy-landscapes/>

### Term Four

<b>Late November</b> <b>Early evening</b> <b>Venue and date</b> <b>TBC</b>	<b>The Best and Worst Books of 2018</b> In partnership with the <b>Christchurch City Council Libraries</b> 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.
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### Canterbury Literacy Association Committee

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

**President-elect:** Kate McClelland

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**Treasurer:** Lesa McKenzie e: [cla2014lesa@gmail.com](mailto:cla2014lesa@gmail.com)

**Committee:** Barbara Aberhart, Joy Hawke, Jacqui Malham, Heather McQuillan & Scott Wolfe.

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