

Auckland Literacy Association Newsletter Term One 2019

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President's Pen

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

A very warm welcome to the New Year. Let's make this year full of amazing experiences that engender a love of literacy in everyone with whom we interact. Over the summer I have noticed a sense of joy and peaceful engagement with literacies at our local park where families and groups of friends gather to enjoy the beach and share picnics. Many have retreated under the pohutukawas or umbrellas engrossed in their books, magazines and digital devices. The challenge for us all is how to keep this 'summer vibe' alive in meaningful ways for ourselves and students, even those who may not have picked up a book or pen this summer but have been interacting and communicating via social media or just writing and drawing with sticks in the sand.

The theme for the New Zealand Literacy Conference 2019 is [Arts as a Bridge to Literacy](#). How we integrate Art, STEM and other curriculum areas into literacy in enticing and creative ways that relate to our student's lives and also invites them to step outside their world.

In 2019 the Auckland Literacy Association will bring you a wealth of topics from highly respected academics, classroom practitioners and literacy specialist.

- Getting Started: Inspiring Literacy in Innovative Learning Environments
- Digital Literacy and Integrating Information Technology across the Curriculum & AGM
- New Initiatives in Literacy, Oral Language and ESOL
- Improving literacy learning and teaching: Lessons from research
- Using talk to foster student's high-level thinking about text.

The events include panels, seminars and a dinner presentation which will be located in schools and venues across Auckland. You will not want to miss these events so check the dates and details of the programme in this newsletter and mark your calendar.

We invite you to join us at the Annual General Meeting on 20 March when the Executive Committee Members are elected. The Programme, Promotions and Publicity Sub-committees are very active and welcome new members.

The Auckland Literacy Association membership increased in 2018 and the goal is to continue this expansion in 2019.

Six good reasons why you should become a school or individual member:

- Highest quality professional learning and networking opportunities.
- School Membership - five staff attend events at member rates
- Individual members may apply for the Marie Clay Literacy Trust Research or Travel Awards worth \$5000 each
- Auckland Literacy Association provides scholarships to attend NZLA Annual Conference
- Automatic membership in the New Zealand Literacy Association which includes benefits such as receiving three free copies of the peer reviewed journal *Literacy Forum New Zealand* annually + reduced registration at NZ and Australian Literacy Association conferences
- Receive ALA Newsletters(4 electronic issues annually)

Please complete the attached membership form now.

The New Zealand Literacy Association values its affiliation with the International Literacy Association which promotes best classroom practice and research internationally. The latest ILA communication highlighting ILA's [30 Under 30 List](#) celebrates the rising innovators, disruptors, and visionaries in the literacy field including Deborah Grant from Christchurch. Recently the ILA has curated a [Literacy Glossary](#) which contains fundamental literacy terms necessary to critical discussions on literacy research and instruction. Think of it as a shared vocabulary for our field—defining our profession, one word at a time. See if you agree with the definitions.

NZLA and ALA support the [Children's Rights to Read](#) launched by Bernadette Dwyer, President ILA at the NZLA Conference in 2018. They are available in Te Reo, English and several other languages.

Here is a sample from the 10 Children's Rights to Read:

- Children have the right to [access](#) texts in print and digital formats.
- Children have the right to read texts that [mirror](#) their experiences and languages, provide [windows](#) into the lives of others, and open [doors](#) into our diverse world.

Please download them to share and discuss with colleagues and students. You might create your own Rights to Write and Communicate. *The ability to READ, WRITE, and COMMUNICATE connects people and empowers them to achieve things they never thought possible. Communication and connection are the basis of who we are and how we live together and interact with the world* ([ILA Website](#))

Help us make 2019 an outstanding year for the Auckland Literacy Association as we champion the art of reading, writing and communicating in a myriad of innovative, exciting and engaging ways.

In conclusion, my sincere thanks to the current Executive Committee for their personal time, expertise and passion they contribute to the Auckland Literacy Association, and to our members who make it a vibrant professional organisation.

Ngā mihi nui,
Sue Court
Auckland Literacy Association



The 42nd NZLA's conference, 'The Arts as a Bridge to Literacy' promises to be an exciting and interactive event with outstanding speakers.

Held in Christchurch from 29th - 2nd October 2019 featuring **DR. Steven Layne, DR. Viv Aitken, DR. Murray Gadd, Mary Chamberlain, Marcus Akuhata-Brown and Dame Wendy Pye.**

We will share details as they come to hand or check out NZLA. <http://nzla.org.nz/>

Don't miss our first event of the year!

Only two weeks to go!

13th February Venue: Tirimoana School




Join us for afternoon tea from 4:00pm in the redesigned library,
Followed by seminar in ILE (Rm 18 & 19), 4.30 – 6.00pm

Getting Started: Inspiring literacy in an Innovative Learning Environment

Hear how experienced classroom teachers create an exciting literacy programme in an ILE / classroom. Presenters: Anna Watkin, Miriana Christensen & Chris Bradbeer



ALA Exciting Events 2019: Mark your diaries!

<p>Term 1</p> <p>13th February Venue: Tirimoana School 4:00 – 6.00pm</p> <p>20th March Venue: TBC 4:30 – 6.00pm</p>	<p>1. Getting Started: Inspiring literacy in an Innovative Learning Environment Hear how experienced classroom teachers create an exciting literacy programme in an ILE / classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anna Watkin, Massey Primary School - Miriana Christensen, Tirimoana School - Chris Bradbeer, Stonefield School <p>2. Digital Literacy and Integrating Information Technology across the curriculum and AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stuart Hale- Virtual Learning Network- Provides professional expertise to enable teachers and students to use 21st century technology successfully.
<p>Term 2</p> <p>8th May Venue: Papatoetoe West School, 4.30–6pm</p> 	<p>3. New Initiatives in Literacy, Oral Language and ESOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jane Van Der Zeyden, Tools 4 Teachers <p>Jane has provided both Literacy and ESOL professional development to schools across NZ. She has worked on Schooling Improvement Initiatives, the Accelerating Literacy Learning Project (ALL) and was Practice Leader at Learning Media while working in the Ministry of Education, Literacy and English Language Learning professional development contract.</p>
<p>Term 3</p> <p>28th August Venue: Faculty of Education & Social Work, Epsom Campus, UOA</p> 	<p>4. Improving literacy learning and teaching: Lessons from research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christine Boocock, Project Director, National Reading Recovery, The University of Auckland <p>Christine has been closely involved in the field of early literacy throughout her career. She has worked in Canada, USA, England and Australia as well as New Zealand, teaching children and training teachers, Tutors and Trainers. Christine has undertaken classroom-based research in the areas of guided writing and guided reading for her masters and doctoral studies. She has presented worldwide on early literacy learning and teaching.</p>
<p>29th Sept – 2nd Oct Christchurch</p>	<p>42nd NZLA Conference, The Arts as A Bridge To Literacy Sponsored Teacher applications for 2019 will be available to members.</p>
<p>Term 4</p> <p>7th November Venue: Quality Hotel 10 – 20 Gladstone Rd Parnell</p> 	<p>5. End of Year Celebration Dinner - ALA presents Ian Wilkinson Professor of Educational Sciences - Literacy, The University of Auckland.</p> <p>Ian is interested in all aspects of literacy learning and teaching, though his current 'passion' is how talk can be used to foster students' high-level thinking about text. He was involved in two large-scale projects in the United States, one focused on classroom discussions about text to promote high-level comprehension, and the other on how to help teachers engage students in intellectually rigorous discussions to promote argumentation. His most recent book, co-authored with Alina Reznitskaya, is entitled <i>Learning to argue, arguing to learn: Helping students become better thinkers through dialogue</i> (Harvard Education Press, 2017).</p>

Dip Your Toes into a New Book!

“Love At First Chapter”

Some Young Adult writers have started a free book discovery resource suitable for young adult readers (intermediate and college age students) and for you as well!



It's called www.LoveAtFirstChapter.com. Sign up on the website to get the first chapter of a new, curated Young Adult novel every two weeks. It's good for readers of all ages (Young Adult books are for everyone!) who can't decide on their next book, or just for those who like a good surprise.

If you don't like the first chapter, you can just delete the email, and no harm's done. If you do find yourself hooked, you can follow the links to get the full book. We like to think that sometimes, one chapter is all it takes.

The writers don't make any money from this –they have set it up purely for the love of books. Number of readers (both adults and young adults) in New Zealand sadly is on the decline, they hope this free resource will help people discover new books without having to make a full commitment, and hopefully encourage more people to give reading a go!

Getting Started - Tips for Beginning Teachers:

In the holidays just before I start my second year of teaching, I have had time to reflect on my first year as a teacher, looking at what helped and what didn't. Here are a few tips to help keep you on track:

1. Take the time in the first few weeks to teach your learners how to set out their books and what your work expectations are. Model this across all subjects.
2. Make time for “Daily Reading Aloud” to your class, sophisticated picture books are super for this! Get to know your school, public or national library – available to all teachers. <https://natlib.govt.nz/>
3. Do not rush in the beginning. You have the whole year to work with your learners. Spend the time setting up class routines. Be consistent with these and always follow-up when you say you will.
4. Don't try to pack in too much work. It is better to have quality than quantity. A great writing resource I used was: <http://www.unicornwriting.com/poetry-teaching-ideas-and-teaching-materials-583722.html>
5. Have an overarching theme that you can link your teaching across all the curriculum areas, this will make it authentic and richer. Here is a link to Literacy on Line, very helpful: <http://literacyonline.tki.org.nz/Literacy-Online/Planning-for-my-students-needs>
6. Keep a roll / record book to store information such as behaviour, contact details, trip money, speech topics, results. It is good to have this all in one place.
7. Keep a folder (digital or non-digital) of evidence that links with Our Code and Standards.
8. Take time to observe other teachers, especially teachers who are doing your release. It is good to notice how others manage your class.
9. Don't be too hard on yourself – this is your chance to learn. Celebrate the great days and for the not so great days have a tissue ready and find someone you can talk to and get advice from.
10. Be professional at all times and set up good communication with your colleagues and especially your parents. Make them feel welcome and have an open-door policy; use the knowledge they have. An extra hand in class is always useful.
11. A useful starting Blog was: <http://melulater.blogspot.com/2016/04/the-essentials-i-reckon-beginning.html>
12. Remember to have fun. And on those bad days remind yourself that that you are only a part of that learner's lifelong learning journey.

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Getting Started: Inspiring literacy in an Innovative Learning Environment

You won't want to miss this!

Hear how experienced classroom teachers create an exciting literacy programme in an ILE / classroom

Speakers:

- Anna Watkin, Team Leader (Junior Syndicate), Massey Primary School
- Miriana Christensen, Classroom Teacher (Senior School), Tirimoana School
- Chris Bradbeer, Deputy Principal, Stonefield School.

Where: Tirimoana School

When: Wednesday 13th February 2019

Time: 4.30-6.00pm Refreshments available in redesigned school library from 4.00pm

Cost: Members \$15.00 Non-members \$30.00

RSVP: Friday 8th February to akldlitassoc@gmail.com

Draw Prize from Scholastic: Library books in bag worth \$300!



Payment online to: Auckland Literacy Association

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Member schools can bring 5 teachers at the member price. All extra will be at the non-member price of \$15.00 pp.

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2019 Membership Subscription Invoice

School Membership \$80.00

- schools can send up to 5 staff to seminars/workshops at member rates
- receive free copies of NZLA Literacy Forum (- a peer reviewed journal, 3 issues annually)
- receive ALA newsletters (4 electronic issues annually)
- have opportunities to hear literacy experts at seminars and workshops
- your staff can apply for sponsorship to attend the annual NZLA conference
- Your can apply for study awards and
- are able to join the 'International Literacy Association' and receive their publications

Please include email and address so your school receives newsletters and Literacy Forum NZ.

*Nominate a staff member to join ALA committee and your school can have an extra attendee at ALA events at no cost

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Individual Membership \$65

- are able to attend seminars and workshops at member rates
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