



April 2019

Kia ora literacy lovers,

We are writing this introduction to our first 2019 newsletter with a heavy heart. It has been a confronting and challenging March for people in greater Christchurch and the region, particularly for those in the public domain - police, doctors, nurses, first responders and the wonderful role principals, teachers and staff played ensuring students were safe when the city went into lock down.

A big thank you to all of you for all of you who continue to support Christchurch. We are showing the world that we are a supportive, loving and caring community and I am so proud of our community spirit! Remember to look after yourself. The Mental Health Foundation has a great website that promotes the 5 ways to wellbeing.

This year we are running fewer events than usual as we are focussed on planning and hosting the New Zealand Literacy Association Conference in Christchurch this year. The conference will be at Rangi Ruru Girls' School in the October school holidays - 29 September to 2 October. Has the flier arrived in your inbox, or have you spotted it on Facebook? Our theme is *The Arts as a Bridge to Literacy*. Planning is well underway. Conference details and registration are on the NZLA website.

<https://nzla.org.nz/events/2019-conference-cla-the-arts-as-a-bridge-to-literacy/>

There are a number of great keynote speakers and we are looking forward to a number of interesting workshops that reflect the conference theme. In addition to the keynote speakers there will be a range of workshops. We are calling for interested people to make submissions for a workshop presentation. You may wish to share the presentation with a teaching colleague. Further information is included in the newsletter. We are looking forward to hearing from you. We hope our efforts will be rewarded by a well-attended, exciting event that promotes literacy and showcases our amazingly resilient and recovering city.

If you would like to help with the conference drop us an email.

Next term, the children's event is at Tūranga (Central City Library) on Friday 17 May. It will be an amazing event for your school librarians! Look out for the flier arriving at your school soon. Details in the newsletter.

Is your school a current member of our organisation? A membership form is included in this newsletter and a reminder will have been emailed to your school. There are many benefits to joining our Association: you receive a generous discount to our events, and the opportunity to send children from your school to our next event. You will also receive 3 copies of the NZLA Journal *Literacy Forum* and as an individual member you are eligible to apply for the Marie Clay Literacy Trust Awards to attend the NZLA conference. These awards are now able to be applied for - information about how to go about this is also included in this newsletter.

Best wishes for the next few weeks as we settle back into learning and routine.
Ma te kotahitanga e whai kaha ai ta tau - In unity we have strength. Kia kaha!

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Karen Amyes & Kate McClelland
Presidents CLA



Best and Worst Books of 2018

At the end of 2018, we were delighted to be able to hold our annual event for teachers, librarians, educators, writers, booksellers, and other lovers of children's books in the newly opened Tūranga, Central Library, TSB room.

Our key sponsor, Michelle Fenton-Lee from Bush Inn Paper Plus, opened the evening with some insights from a bookseller's point of view, her main clients being grandparents and parents looking for a great bedtime read.

Four teen readers from The School for Young Writers discussed their favourite books from the year. Their levels of perception and enthusiasm made every teacher's heart leap with joy. Here were four examples of the thinkers and lovers of books that we strive to grow in our classrooms.

While we are aware of the shrinking budgets for school libraries are final three guests demonstrated just how important it is to have knowledgeable librarians working within schools. Desna Wallace (Fendalton School) shared her favourite picture books, Zac McCallum (Halswell School) talked about the impact Graphic Novels are having in his library and Tracey Hull (St Andrews Preparatory) told us about some great junior fiction reads.

Thanks to Bush Inn Paper Plus, Scorpio Books, Kotuku Creative, Prickle and Pop and McKenzie and Willis for their very generous raffle donations. So many of the audience members went home with books and bags of treats.

Heather McQuillan





Student Librarians' Big Day Out

A day especially designed as a thank you to our wonderful student librarians,
Years 5 to 8

Mix it with the “big” librarians at one of the best new libraries in the world!

Learn some new library skills

Create and Make something special to bring back to your school library

Who: Two student librarians selected from member schools only.
Year 5 to 8. Places strictly limited on a first in basis.

Where: Tūranga, Central Library

When: Friday May 17th. 9.30 to 2.45

Free

Register using this [form](#)



NZLA 42ND NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2019

JOIN EDUCATORS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY
AND AROUND THE WORLD TO DISCUSS AND
EXPLORE THIS YEAR'S THEME

THE ARTS AS A BRIDGE TO LITERACY

THEMES FOR OUR WORKSHOPS ARE

LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS

Drama, storytelling, visual arts, puppets, dance, music...

LOVE OF LITERATURE

Inspiring our students with a love of literacy and learning – library, engagement, authors, illustrators, creativity, rich literature, poetry...

SHARING OUR PRACTICE-BASED INQUIRIES AND RESEARCH

Including spiral of inquiry, NZLA research, Kāhui Ako research...

OUR SPEAKERS INCLUDE



Dr. Steven
Layne



Marcus Akuhata-
Brown



Dr. Viv Aitken



Mary Chamberlain



Dame Wendy Pye



Gavin Bishop



Dr. Murray Gadd

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT CLOSING 18 JUNE 2019

REGISTER NOW AT

<https://nzla.org.nz/events/2019-conference-cla-the-arts-as-a-bridge-to-literacy/>

CALL FOR WORKSHOP SUBMISSIONS CLOSING 18 JUNE 2019

<https://nzla.org.nz/events/2019-conference-cla-the-arts-as-a-bridge-to-literacy/workshops/>

Calling for NZLA Conference Workshop Submissions

We welcome expressions of interest workshops at the upcoming NZLA conference. There are three themes for the conference workshops. Consider the opportunities you provide in schools with 'The Arts as a Bridge to Literacy.'



THE ARTS AS A BRIDGE TO LITERACY

THE NZ LITERACY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 2
RANGI RURU GIRLS' SCHOOL | CHRISTCHURCH 2019

CALLING FOR WORKSHOP SUBMISSIONS 2019 NZLA CONFERENCE IN CHRISTCHURCH

Thank you for your interest in presenting a workshop at this Conference. Please complete the form, giving as much information as possible.

<https://nzla.org.nz/events/2019-conference-cla-the-arts-as-a-bridge-to-literacy/workshops/>

This will allow us to complete the fullest picture on the Workshop you are offering.

The over-arching themes for the conference workshops are...

1. **Learning through the arts – drama, storytelling, visual arts, puppets, dance, music...**
2. **Love of literature- inspiring our students with a love of literacy and learning – library, engagement, authors, illustrators, creativity, rich literature, poetry...**
3. **Sharing our practice-based inquiries and research – including spiral of inquiry, NZLA research, Kāhui Ako research...**

* All workshops will be an hour duration

* Workshops submissions close **Tuesday 18 June**

* If you have any questions, please contact sophie.orourke@waitakiri.school.nz



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APPLY NOW!

Marie Clay Literacy Trust Award

\$1000 towards conference registration, travel and accommodation expenses for

One 'Early Career' teacher

(up to six years teaching experience)

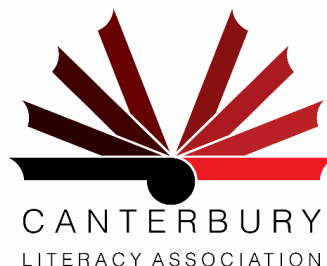
Application process:

Written applications for all awards should include a brief statement including:

- Reasons for wishing to attend the conference
- How you might apply new learning from the conference
- A brief statement of support from a senior staff member from your current school

Send your application to Karen Amyes and Kate McClelland with the details as above to canterburyliteracy@nzla.org.nz before 30 April 2019.

You will be notified in writing regarding the success of your application.





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Marie Clay Literacy Trust Experienced Teacher's Award



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This award for \$500.00 is to go towards attending the New Zealand Literacy Association 42nd National Conference in Christchurch from 29th September – 2nd October 2019

To apply:

- write a letter of application outlining how the award would benefit you
- complete the form below
- attach a letter of endorsement from your Principal

Name

School

Position in School

Email

Cellphone

NZLA
Membership

Please indicate if you are a:

Individual Member

School Member

Name of Council

Principal's
Name

Principal's
Signature

Applications close on **29th April 2019**

Application letter, Principal's letter and this cover sheet
to be emailed to president@nzla.org.nz





Membership subscriptions now due.

<https://nzla.org.nz/regional-council/canterbury> and 'Join' to download a membership form



(Canterbury Council of the NZ Literacy Association)

Invoice
2019 CLA Membership
1st January 2019 – 31st December 2019

2019 School Membership \$85.00

Name of School

Postal Address

Telephone

Name of nominated school contact (essential)

OR 2019 Personal/Unwaged Membership \$65.00

Name _____

Full Postal Address _____

Telephone _____

Email (Essential) _____

Position held _____

Make cheques payable to: Canterbury Literacy Association by 1/4/2019.

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.***

2019 CLA Calendar of Events

Term Two

Friday 17 May

Student Librarians' Big Day Out

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Term Three

**29 September -
2 October**

October School Holidays

42nd NZLA National Conference

**Rangi Ruru Girl's
School**

The Arts as a Bridge to Literacy

A motivating selection of keynote speakers, a great programme, a wide range of workshops

Information, registration, workshop submissions, accommodation details all at <https://nzla.org.nz/events/2019-conference-cla-the-arts-as-a-bridge-to-literacy/>

Term Four

**Tuesday 21
November**

The Best and Worst Books of 2019

**Venue to be
confirmed
6:00-7:30pm**

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.

Cost - Gold coin contributions for drinks and raffle tickets.

Canterbury Literacy Association Committee

President: Karen Amyes and Kate McClelland e: canterburyliteracy@nzla.org.nz

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Treasurer: Lesa McKenzie e: cla2014lesa@gmail.com

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

New committee members are always welcome - contact a committee member to find out more.



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