



November 2018

Kia ora, this is CLA's last newsletter for 2018.

The Canterbury Literacy Association work hard to provide amazing events that support and promote effective literacy. My thanks to the committee for their passion, enthusiasm and hard work in running these events!

I would also like to thank the attendees and supporters of our four amazing events this year. Our AGM at the end of February, was kindly hosted by the University of Canterbury bookshop. Then, in May, Jeannie Skinner, National Library facilitator was the presenter of "Reading for Pleasure, Well-being and Empowerment". A small number of dedicated literacy teachers attended the seminar at Beckenham School. Her message that "Kids Who Read Succeed!" promoted the adage that reading for pleasure is the key to life-long learning. Jeannie stated that 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 Term 3, the children's event was run in partnership with the Christchurch School of Young Writers. Ferrymead Historic Park was the ideal venue to inspire young poets. The 22 children were ably led by local poet and writer Gail Ingram, and author/CLA committee member Heather McQuillan. Our children's events are becoming very renowned and places were booked out quickly! The last event of the year is Best & Worst books. This year it is being held at the new central library Tūranga on Tuesday 20 November. Look out for the flier in your school. We look forward to seeing you there!

Some of our committee attended the NZLA Conference at Palmerston North in the October school holidays. What an amazing opportunity it was to listen to such a range of high calibre educators! Did you know that Canterbury is hosting the NZLA Conference in Christchurch next year? Plans are well underway and I am delighted to inform you that we have booked the venue (Rangi Ruru Girls' School) and confirmed many well-renowned national and international speakers. It is an exciting time for Canterbury and I encourage you to start talking to your school Principal about budgeting for and supporting a couple of teachers from your school to attend!

Please look out for our newsletters and fliers about upcoming events and remember to renew your CLA membership! The benefits include cheaper attendance costs to all CLA events, access to the free children's event and 3 volumes of the Literacy Forum journal (which will soon be able to be accessed online). Personal members also have the opportunity to apply for Travel Awards and Research Scholarships. For further details on the benefits of belonging to our Association, check out the website nzla.org.nz. Also search us out on Facebook - we update details about all events and will be including information about the NZLA Conference in October next year.

I wish you the best for the final busy term and hope you have a relaxing holiday with lots of reading!
Meri Kirihimete!
Karen Amyes
President

Congratulations Jeannie Skinner

We know a number of you attended and greatly enjoyed the Jeannie Skinner *Reading for Pleasure, Wellbeing and Empowerment* afternoon workshop in May. We thought you might like to know that Jeannie's contribution to literacy has been acknowledged recently. Congratulations Jeannie!

2018 Storylines Betty Gilderdale Award winner

The 2018 Storylines Betty Gilderdale Award for outstanding service to children's literature has been awarded to Northland's passionate advocate for children's books and literacy, Jeannie Skinner. Among many other things, Jeannie has helped organise and promote Storylines and New Zealand Book Council author tours, and developed an award for student librarians. Jeannie Skinner will be presented with her award at a function in Auckland in late November, to be advised in November newsletter.

Jeannie Skinner



Writers Make History

Ferrymead Historic Park was the venue for our Writers Make History free event for children on September 27th. Twenty four writers, from twelve CLA member schools, spent the day writing poetry under the expert guidance of Heather McQuillan and Gail Ingram from the School for Young Writers. There was a strong demand for this event and unfortunately some schools had to be turned away when we reached capacity. Children travelled from as far away as Timaru, Methven and Cheviot to attend.

The railway station, schoolroom and general store provided inspiration for list and comparison poems. Bill Manhire's 1950s poem was used as a model. The young writers were encouraged to use precise words and sensory detail in their poems.

Many of the children's poems have been published on the School for Young Writer's website. The website is a great source of ideas for writing and has lots of examples written by children. I encourage you to take a look.

www.schoolforyoungwriters.org and click on Young Writers on the Web.



School For A Day: 1961

Tick, tock, tick, tock
 Screech
 I try not to moan while I sit at my desk
 Be cautious
 Do right-hand links
 Screech
 You hear it again
 But can't hold it in
 Aggh!
 Smack!
 My hand stings
 I can't help but scream
 I'm in detention. It feels so bad
 Why did I choose to take a chance?

 So, always remember
 Write with your right
 Don't talk
 Shush, she's watching you
 With the ruler in her right hand.

Jordan Oates, Year 5, Methven School

Shopping then and now

When I went into the General Store, I saw
 dusty pianos
 shiny china dolls
 rusty cans of Edmonds powder
 fresh-laid eggs
 and fruit.
 I smelled fresh air.
 What I liked most
 was the name of the store.

In the shops today
 there are sparkling floors
 aisles metres long
 fresh food for miles.
 I smell air conditioner.
 My basket's so full of
 my favourite foods.
 We call it a supermarket.

Atiria Tutaki-Phillips, Year 5, Linwood North School

Link to more poems: <https://www.schoolforyoungwriters.org/writers-on-the-web>

Jacqui Malham



New Zealand Literacy Association Conference 2018

– Marie Clay Award Recipients' Reports

Experienced Teacher Award

I was encouraged to apply for the Marie Clay experienced teacher award this year by a colleague and I was so grateful to receive it. I found the conference in Palmerston North to be extremely inspiring. The key note speakers were well researched and each one delivered a variety of key messages that resonated with me and made me think, question and ponder.

I enjoyed having discussions and networking with other educators in the variety of workshops you could opt in to and over the delicious lunches and morning teas provided at the conference. Another stand out was my discovery of how much talent we have here in New Zealand with our authors and illustrators. Listening to the likes of Kate De Goldi, Donovan Brixley and others has reignited my curiosity in books written and illustrated here in New Zealand.

Because of this conference, I have now joined the Canterbury Literacy Association so the drive for literacy and events like this can continue long into the future. I would highly recommend any teacher to attend this conference!

Gretchen Cocks

Early Years Teacher Award

I just wanted to thank the CLA for the opportunity to attend the Literacy Landscape conference last week. It was an amazing experience and I found the speakers very inspiring and moving too. I also got a lot out of the workshops and have taken on board some things that I will apply in the classroom. It really has broadened my knowledge of literacy and the teaching of literacy.

So thank you again. I really am honoured that I was able to attend this amazing event.

Kind regards,

Anna Reid.

Children's Rights to Read



NZLA 2018 Conference keynote speaker, Dr Bernadette Dwyer from Dublin City University, is the current President of the International Literacy Association. She outlined what she called *the 'choppy c's of change in an online environment'*, noting that today's students need to develop a range of skills, strategies, dispositions and social practices necessary to collaborate and communicate effectively, to engage in critical thinking, and to be engaged, curious and creative learners. This resonated well with our experience in New Zealand Aotearoa, provoking some great professional discussions.

Bernadette also highlighted the role that we can play in honouring the [Children's Right to Read:](#)

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY ASSOCIATION Children's Rights to Read

1. Children have the **basic human right** to read.
2. Children have the right to **access** texts in print and digital formats.
3. Children have the right to **choose** what they read.
4. 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.
5. Children have the right to read for **pleasure**.
6. Children have the right to **supportive** reading environments with knowledgeable literacy partners.
7. Children have the right to extended **time** set aside for reading.
8. Children have the right to **share** what they learn through reading by collaborating with others locally and globally.
9. Children have the right to read as a springboard for other forms of **communication**, such as writing, speaking, and visually representing.
10. Children have the right to benefit from the financial and material resources of governments, agencies, and organizations that **support** reading and reading instruction.

"As literacy educators, we are responsible for delivering on the promise inherent in these rights. Whether we are working in the classroom or preparing the next generation of teachers, we have a responsibility for every student entrusted to our care. We must enact these rights in classrooms and schools and work with others to ensure the same in homes, communities, governments, and societies. We hope you will join us in these efforts. It is only by working together that we will reach our goal of literacy for all. "

Bernadette Dwyer
ILA President of the Board

Upcoming
Event!

***Not to be missed* – The Best and Worst Children's Books of 2018**

Come along for an evening of laughter, 'THE' low down on this year's Best and Worst Children's books as well as Christchurch's best Christmas cake. Don't forget your gold coins!

Tuesday 20 November, Tūranga – Central Library, 6:00pm.



Canterbury Literacy Association is proud to present...

BEST + WORST

**Best & Worst Children's
Books of 2018**

*Ngā Pukapuka Tamariki Pai Rawa,
Kino Rawa hoki mō 2018*

In association with...

Christchurch City
Libraries
Nga Kete Wananga o Christchurch

With support from...

Scorpio Books

**TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER
TŪRANGA - CENTRAL LIBRARY
6PM - 7:30PM**

Raffle prizes. Gold coin donation for Christmas Cake.

Save the
DATE!

Next year's NZ Literacy Association Conference is taking place in Christchurch.

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

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THE ARTS AS A BRIDGE TO LITERACY

The 42nd New Zealand Literacy Association National Conference promises to be exciting and interactive with Authors & Illustrators, Exhibitions & performances, Workshops and Keynote Speakers.

IN 2019 OUR GUEST SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE

DAME WENDY PYE

DR. VIV AITKEN

DR. MURRAY GADD

MARY CHAMBERLAIN

MARCUS AKUHATA-BROWN

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER TBC



To register your interest or find out more go to www.nzla.org.nz

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2018 CLA Calendar of Events

Term Four

**Tuesday 20
November**

**Tūranga -
Central Library
6:00-7:30pm**

The Best and Worst Books of 2018

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.

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



Meri Xirihimete

Merry Christmas and best wishes for an enjoyable summer break.