



# Auckland Literacy Association Newsletter Term One 2021

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# President's Pen

Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei', Fakalofalahi Atu, Kia Orana, As-salamu alaikum, Namaste, Bula vanaka and Gid'day!

Welcome to 2021 and let's hope it will be a happier, brighter and healthier year for each and every one of us! 2020 has been a difficult year, but it also has been a year of learning new things for us as educators and teachers. It has taught us to value and be more appreciative of everything in life, especially things that we take for granted.

As we stand at the thresh-hold of yet another year we understand the literacy demands of the curriculum, and that being successful in literacy learning will aid our students to succeed in all other areas of their learning. ALA is committed to helping support teachers by presenting the best of the best resource personnel so we all can learn and upskill ourselves to be effective teachers of literacy.

We have a great line up of speakers for 2021. Please note the details given in the ALA Calendar of Events, included in this newsletter. We are pleased to announce that our much-awaited event with Dr. Murray Gadd is now happening on 16<sup>th</sup> March, and the flyer is included in this newsletter. We have some spaces still available, so anyone who wants to register can do so before the closing date given on the flyer.

In closing I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy, uninterrupted and successful year! Let's keep helping our students, in Alan Duff's words to "dream big" and achieve high. We look forward to seeing you all at the ALA events this year.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Alice Musuku  
ALA President

## **Don't miss our first event of the year!** ***Murray Gadd & AGM!***

**Venue:** Duncan McGhie Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Education & Social Work, Block J1 Epsom Campus

Join us for afternoon tea from 4:00pm, Followed by seminar 4.30 – 6.00pm

### ***"Being an Effective Teacher of Writing"***

Hear Murray Gadd's insights as he shares an illustrated presentation of being an effective teacher of Writing Y1 – 8 and is supported by classroom stories from three Auckland teachers.

# Term 1 Event Registration Form

## Auckland Literacy Association



### AGM followed by Dr. Murray Gadd Being an Effective Teacher of Writing

Murray shares an illustrated presentation of being an effective teacher of writing (Year 1 - Year 8) and is supported by classroom stories from three Auckland teachers.



Dr. Murray Gadd works nationally and internationally as a literacy facilitator, researcher and teacher. For the Ministry of Education, he was one of the writers of "Effective Literacy Practice Years 5 - 8, the English section of the New Zealand Curriculum, and the English Exemplars

His most recent research (on working proficiently at instructional writing with Year 5 - 8 priority learners; published by NZCER in 2018) was undertaken with Professor Judy Parr and 23 teachers at five diverse New Zealand schools. An overview of Murray's background and examples of his work can be found on his website: <https://murraygadd.co.nz>

During lockdown many of you would have used Murray's amazing videos on teaching writing, 'Learning from Home', on the Ministry of Education website. He has graciously shared many resources online for the teachers and parents to use when teaching their children and students.

Following Murray's presentation, these classroom teachers will also share their stories.

1. Ashley Triana: Year 6-8 (Clayton Park School/Auckland Normal Intermediate)
2. Debbie Winks & Ashleigh Radford : Year 2 (Stanmore Bay School)

Do not miss this opportunity! Be quick and register to ensure your place!

**When:** 16th March  
**Time:** 4:30 - 6.00 PM  
**Where:** Duncan McGhie Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Education & Social Work, Block J1 Epsom Campus

Come early to enjoy the Scholastic display of books, giveaways and prize draw

#### Registration:

**\$30 for members**

**\$35 for non-members**

Auckland Literacy Association email: [aucklandliteracy@nzla.org.nz](mailto:aucklandliteracy@nzla.org.nz)

# Auckland Literacy Association



## Registration Details:

**\$30 for members**

**\$35 for non-members**

Register by Tuesday 10th March

ALA Member Schools can send five teachers at member rates of \$30 per person, any extra staff can attend at \$35 per person

School Name	Contact Email
Attendees Names	Attendees Names

Your registration will only be confirmed when we have received this form via email to [aucklandliteracy@nzla.org.nz](mailto:aucklandliteracy@nzla.org.nz)

Payments to: Auckland Literacy Association

Bank: ASB 12 3047 0068110 00

Reference: your name or school name

**Please email completed form to [aucklandliteracy@nzla.org.nz](mailto:aucklandliteracy@nzla.org.nz)**

Alternatively post a cheque with the above form to:

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# Mark Your Diaries!



## Auckland Literacy Association 2021 Events Calendar

Term	Event	Date	Time	Venue	Registrations
Term 1	<b>Dr Murray Gadd &amp; AGM</b>	Tuesday 16th March	4.15 for 4.30 start till 6.00pm	6EJ, 101	\$35 non-members
	<b>Being an Effective Teacher of Writing</b>	Tuesday 16th March	4.15 for 4.30 start till 6.00pm	Epsom Campus, UOA	\$30 members
Term 2	<b>Sponsored Teacher Applications</b>	Applications for sponsored early career & experienced teachers to attend NZLA Conference, Hawkes Bay, 4-5 October 2021 Closing date: TBC			
	<b>Young Authors &amp; Illustrators</b>	Friday 25th June	9.00 am-12.30pm	Te Papapa School	
Term 3	<b>NZ Research</b>	An event for senior students to be inspired and work with some amazing NZ authors and illustrators: Peter Millett Myles Lawford Kat Merewether Melinda Szymanik			
	<b>NZLA Conference</b>	4-5 October		Iona College, Havelock North, Hawkes Bay	
Term 4	<b>NZ Research</b>	University of Auckland, Associate Professor Dr Rebecca Jesson Date, time and venue TBC			
	<b>Gala Dinner</b>	10th November		The Parnell Hotel & Conference Centre, Gladstone Rd, Parnell	

# Report: 2020 ALA Gala Dinner Event with Alan Duff

10th November 2020

ALA finished the year on a high with a conversation with author Alan Duff. Alan recently released a new book, **A Conversation with my Country**, and this framed his talk.

Alan shared his relentless passion for kiwi children to be exposed to the power of reading, empowering their learning so they can all reach their potential. He shared how he became the writer he is, the highs and the lows. An environment of violence, anger and feelings of humiliation. And the contrast? His father surrounding him with positive ideals, education and books that forged his love of writing and the written word.

In 1992 Alan became aware of the numbers of 'bookless homes' after a visit to Camberley School, Hastings. From this, an idea developed to create opportunities for children to own books that they could share at home with whanau. Alan has worked enthusiastically for children like the ones he met at Camberley ever since. His writing successes placed him in a position where he could do something positive for children who came from homes where there were few books.

The Alan Duff Charitable Foundation Books in Homes began in 1994. Alan found like-minded people with drive and commitment, starting with Christine Fernyhough setting up an office at Mainfreight. Scholastic came on board and it soon became **Duffy Books in Homes**. Having his name linked was not what Alan wanted, however the Duffy name has now been linked to Books in Homes for over 25 years. Alan likes to go big and go hard and he definitely has. In 2020, there are over 200 other funding partners, more than 520 schools, 280 early childhood centres, and over 12 million books have been distributed to over 100,000 children. Duffy Books in Homes has grown international wings and spread overseas to the USA and Australia.

Alan shared his desires for children in NZ especially those with an upbringing similar to his own. He wanted them to be in a place where they could '**dream big**' for parents to put them first, back them to the hilt and not let them down, for families to share rituals around reading, simply snuggling in and reading a book from when children are young. The rewards are two way, youngsters and parents experiencing joy and a positive reaction to the cadence of a voice reading, bringing text to life and enhancing a love of time together and reading.

Alan spoke about finding the right people, the stalwarts who get stuck in and get involved, and how teachers can be that person for their students. He suggested that schools are safe places for children, especially those who always arrive early and leave late. Children are at school for six hours a day so teachers can make important messages count and be powerful, and school can be the place where they are put first. Teachers are in a place of influence so need to be understanding, model positivity, resilience and show pride in students and their achievements.

Alan asked us to **look in the mirror** and left us considering the messages we give, what more we can do and be better at for the children in our care. A thought provoking and entertaining evening.

Bronwyn Hayward  
Resource Teacher: Literacy  
ALA executive member

# NZLA Conference 2021



## 2021 NZLA CONFERENCE

4th - 5th October 2021  
Iona College, Havelock North

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FEBRUARY 2021: [www.nzla.co.nz](http://www.nzla.co.nz)  
ALL ENQUIRIES: [hawkesbayliteracy@nzla.org.nz](mailto:hawkesbayliteracy@nzla.org.nz)

We will share details as they come to hand or check out NZLA.

<http://nzla.org.nz/>

## Lockdown Literacy Links

- <https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/>
- <https://www.storylineonline.net/>



Storyline Online

- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>





# Auckland Literacy Association 2021 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
- You can apply for study awards and
- can 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

School Name	
Contact Person	
Email	
Mailing Address & postcode	

## Individual Membership \$65

- can attend seminars and workshops at member rates
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