

NZALT Regional Round-up Sept 2007 - Sept 2008

Victoria Region
by Philippa Doig



Global Challenge: International
Quiz Night November 2007

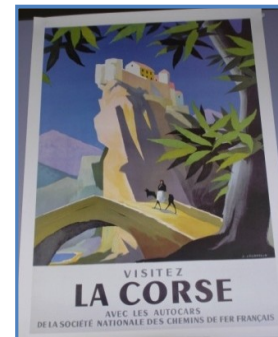
Welcome to Juliet Kennedy who is now helping with NZALT Victoria region – a small committee at last! we look forward to her energy and enthusiasm for upcoming events.

The ILANZ Advisers made up the questions for each round and Wellington language teachers competed in a quiz night which tested specialist knowledge of the five languages and cultures of the countries where that language is spoken. The winning team took home stunning prizes!

In 2008 NZALT Victoria supported a number of regional cluster meetings by providing afternoon tea to teachers who attended cluster meetings on: Motivating Boys to learn Languages (Masterton); Differentiation in the Language Classroom (Upper Hutt and South Wairarapa); Peer Assessment (Lower Hutt); Interactive Games for Progressing Learning (Kapiti and Porirua Basin); Digital Learning Objects (Upper Hutt, Central Wellington, Kapiti, and Porirua Basin)

We had a good meeting to discuss the strategic plan for NZALT in May – these are exciting times with NZALT taking a really hard look at becoming more high profile! We also gave away a French retro poster to Philippa Watson of Wellington Girls' College and we drew names from a hat to reimburse a member for 2008 NZALT registration. Sue Kano was the lucky winner.

We supported Victoria region members to go to conference. These NZALT members received \$100 subsidy towards their conference registration: Manu Menard, Junko Bracefield, Sarah Wilson, Irja Haefliger, Elspeth Davies, Lotofoa Fiu, Jo Towers, Monika Riddell, Linda Morris, Rosina Price, Philippa Watson, Kate Lucas, Claudia Jacobi, Sue Kano, and Charles Wilson. Congratulations to these NZALT members!



Many schools asked for and received Certificates of Excellence to reward the outstanding results of their students in NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3.

I wish all NZALT members a positive end to the year and look forward to another lively year for NZALT Victoria in 2009 – although not as lively as hosting NZALT conference!

Philippa Doig
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Waikato-Bay of Plenty Region
by David Hall

Term 1 each year sees various Senior Language Camps take place in the Waikato-Bay of Plenty region. Venues are campsites within our region, such as Tui Ridge near Rotorua or Camp Raglan. This year saw the French and German language camps take place, both of which were highly successful, with numbers increasing from previous years. Senior students relish the opportunity to get together with other students studying their language, make new friends and practise their spoken language skills.



Senior French Camp, Rotorua
Students show off their paper constructions
on a French theme

The aim is for students to carry out as much as possible in the target language, with formal workshop sessions, games, movies, competitions, quizzes and the inevitable and always effective focus on food.

Local NZALT members meet each term through the year, sometimes for purely social reasons, sometimes for educational reasons. One such meeting focussed on the use of the interactive smartboard at Year 7 and 8 levels, hosted by teachers at Berkley Intermediate School in Hamilton, where we encountered innovative teaching ideas designed for the language classroom.

NZALT Waikato helps its local members by providing them with free language stickers for Learning Languages Week, a popular item which proves a real hit with students in schools. This is something we have done for a number of years within our region and its appeal has never waned.

David Hall
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Otago Regional Roundup

by Chris Durrant

The last reporting period for the region has brought a number of changes to personnel and activities in the region. After long and intensive service by Jenness Riethmaier in, of late, almost a sole-charge role for the region, other members of the language-teaching community have put their hands up and decided to become active in leadership roles in the association. Before anything else is said about what we are doing, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Jenness for her outstanding work organising the region and keeping things going in a period of change. Jenness has been responsible for basically everything and needs to be thanked profusely for these efforts.

After an association meeting and election our new Regional President is Jane Wheatley, our new Secretary, Christine Gardner. We have also elected a number of committee members. Also elected, and replacing yet another role which Jenness had taken on, is Chris Durrant who has put himself forward and been confirmed as the new Regional Officer for Otago/Southland. These changes and an influx of young teachers into the region's high schools have had an immediate effect in the renewal of interest in the association and its activities. The Dunedin group now meets regularly twice a term and professional contacts are being strengthened. Clearly our next step is to pick up the contacts with our Southland colleagues and with intermediate and primary teachers in both areas. More on that later....

In a recent meeting Chris Durrant reported back on his Goethe Institute trip to Berlin to take part in a course on Digital Media in the Classroom. Of particular interest is LingoFox, a German worksheet production programme, which can be used in German, French, Spanish or English to produce detailed worksheets at the touch of a button. Visit <http://www.lingofox.de/en/index.htm> for more information and contact Peter Thierbach at thierbach@lingofox.de to organise trials and software purchase. The price for a department of four is a one-off purchase price of around \$400.



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