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ETHNIC SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

NEWSLETTER

Community Languages Schools
Where Language and Culture Come Together

WELCOME TO 2009

The Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria and Community Languages Australia trust you are well rested and ready for another exciting year.

Much is planned for this year, which will make learning for our students a valuable experience and a rewarding experience for teachers, parents and community members.

This year we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria. Much has happened in that time – much has been achieved.

We will celebrate with:

- ❖ National Conference on June 27, 2009
- ❖ Anniversary Dinner
- ❖ Prepare a Publication about the last 20 years

We call on you to be involved!

Best wishes for 2009 and looking forward to working with you throughout the year!

THE FIRES IN VICTORIA

We send our deepest sympathy to the families and friends who have lost their love ones in the horrific Victorian Fires. We hold close to our hearts those who have lost their properties and who have suffered the trauma of fire. As the days wear on and the traumatic effects start to have a stronger impact, **we as a Community will need to be strong, resilient and ensure our support is ongoing. In a week, in a month, in three months, in six months and beyond; we will need to be standing there ready to offer support. Children supporting children, community supporting community, teachers supporting teachers!**

We urge all our community languages schools, parents, teachers and students to contribute to the rebuilding process.

How can I help?

Organise an event to raise funds, send message of support, volunteer services and time, think about inviting some of the children affected to your school at some time to mix with your children to have a fund event, speak to community members about other ideas.

This is a devastating time, but we need to look at opportunities that will **strengthen our Community and show the true Australian way of caring and sharing!**

Will you take up this challenge?

If you have ideas or know of people who need support please contact Stefan Romaniw on 0419531255

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ESAV MEMBERSHIP

Please complete and return your 2009 ESAV Membership Form together with your \$30 Annual Membership Fee – Cheques made out to ESAV membership. Your membership fee assists with running your organisation.

You contribution is important. Please pay by 30 April 2009

VICTORIAN REGISTRATION & QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY

 Victorian Registration & Qualifications Authority	
Certificate of Registration as a Senior Secondary Provider	
Name of provider:	Community Languages Australia
Registered business address:	185 Faraday Street CARLTON VIC 3053
Registration number:	SSP6
Course registered to deliver:	Victorian Certificate of Education: LOTE Units 1 - 4
Date of registration:	17 December 2008
Chief Executive Officer:	Mr Stefan Romaniw
<small>Registered under Part 4.3.10 of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006</small>	
	
<small>LYNN GLOVER Director, VRQA</small>	
<small>Registration is valid until 31 December 2013.</small>	
<small>This certificate should be displayed in a prominent place in the organisation</small>	

We are pleased to advise you that the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) has granted Community Languages Australia registration as a Senior Secondary Provider to deliver VCE units 1- 4 of Languages Other Than English. All schools who responded in writing that they wished to be part of the process have now been included.

This is a positive step for Community Languages Australia but more importantly for the schools providing VCE and their enhanced recognition.

VCE providers will receive a written notification and an invoice to pay as part of the process.

This payment will include:

- Preparation
- Training
- Site visit
- Administration and data processing

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Put the date in your diary ***SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2009*** in Melbourne

This will be part of our 20th Anniversary celebrations. We also hope to have dinner following the Conference. As this will be National, we are looking for strong numbers - Don't forget!!! Saturday June 27, 2009

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AUDIT OF COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS

In 2007 the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) conducted an initial audit project involving a small number of community languages schools (CLS). Auditing is a normal part of the evaluation process of any major grants program. In Victoria, over \$4 million is provided to community language schools each year. These audits are conducted to assist community language schools to best meet their funding responsibilities and inform the DEECD of areas where revisions to guidelines and contracts are needed to best support the Department's probity requirements. The audit provided a useful benchmark for future audits and has resulted in some changes to the criteria for future accreditation of community languages schools for funding purposes.

In 2009, the DEECD will audit a small number of CLS schools and this will then continue on an annual basis. The process will focus on financial and administrative issues relating to the running of the schools as safe, effective learning and teaching environments, in accordance with their status as DEECD grant recipients. The DEECD will advise those schools which will be included in the next round of audits in writing. A list of schools to be included in the annual audit will also be provided to the ESAV. Following the audit, a written report will be provided to the school and if there are any issues that need to be resolved then support will be given to the school by the DEECD to resolve them.

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Although an audit process can seem confronting to community-based organisations, it should be remembered that the DEECD provides grants to you so that you can provide a service on behalf of government. As such, this is a partnership that the Department values and wants to protect. This process will be embarked upon in this spirit – one of mutual learning and continuous improvement.

Carol Kelly,

Assistant General Manager, Student Learning Programs Division, DEECD

DEECD – 2009 FUNDING APPLICATION

All schools should have received Department of Education Information Packs about the 2009 Funding for Community Languages Schools. **Please read the information carefully.**

Closing date 30th of April, 2009

Schools will receive an advanced payment towards the 2009 per-capita grants in March.

For more information contact Mr Kypros Kyprianou on 03-9349-2861 or Kyprianou.kypros.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

UNIVERSITY	COURSE TITLE	DATE
Monash Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 Early Year	March 25
RMIT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 Arabic	April 1
RMIT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 Chinese	April 2
RMIT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 English	April 2
RMIT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 Chinese	April 2
VUT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 Vietnamese	March 24
VUT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 2 Vietnamese	April 21

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TITLE	DATE	PRESENTER
VELS - Basic introduction and philosophy and how it impacts on our teaching	April 2	Maria Dikaiou
Program for teachers new to VCE	April 6	Adrienne Horrigan
Hands on session to plan an effective VCE program	April 9	Adrienne Horigan
Language activities for all	April 20	Jac. Von Werch
Developing a unit around a theme for secondary school students	April 29	Teresa De Fazio
Designing effective written tasks for school assessed coursework	May 5	Adrienne Horrigan
VCE Study Design, including the Detailed Study and End of the year Examinations	May 7	Maria Dikaiou & Gabriella Bertolissi
Planning units of work using the Bloom's Taxonomy and Gardner's Multiple Intelligences – a step by step guide	May 13	Maria Dikaiou
Understanding and preparing for VCE examinations	May 19	Adrienne Horrigan
VCE Study Design, including the Detailed Study and End of the year Examinations	May 20	Maria Dikaiou & Gabriella Bertolissi

All courses funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

REMINDER - 2009 CULTURAL DIVERSITY QUEST

Be part of the
Cultural Diversity Quest 2009
Exploring and Celebrating
Victoria's Cultural Diversity
Win prizes for your school!

Open to all Victorian school students the Quest Awards give young people the opportunity to explore, express and celebrate Victoria's cultural diversity through a range of media such as art, design, digital media and writing.

With great prizes on offer for students, schools and teachers, you can't miss this opportunity to be involved.

Entry is open to all Victorian school students in the following mediums:

- Text
- Visual Arts
- Multimedia

See over for more details or visit our website:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/quest/default.htm>



The Cultural Diversity Quest is a key component of Cultural Diversity Week, held annually in Victoria between 17-23 March and coincides with United Nations Day for the Elimination of Racism.

A Victorian Government initiative 

Aim: To provide an opportunity to showcase existing work or explore new themes around an understanding of cultural diversity within the school or broader community

Schools are invited to enter work that demonstrates students' understanding and appreciation of Victoria's cultural diversity.

Closing date for entries 25 February 2009

Quest Information, Visit the website for:

- Links to VELs
- Entry forms
- Ideas for entering
- Conditions of entry

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/quest/default.htm>

A Taste of Harmony CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AT WORK



Celebrate our diversity in the most delicious way!

Make lunchtime more exciting by participating in *A Taste of Harmony* 16-22 March 2009. There is no fundraising involved, it's free to join and easy to organise.

All you need to do to register is complete the fax back form on the other side of this page or register online and either ask your colleagues to bring their favourite dish that reflects their cultural background, or head to a participating local restaurant for a special feast with a multicultural flavour.

A Taste of Harmony is aimed at workplaces taking the time to celebrate cultural diversity - after all, it is what makes Australia so unique.

Register now!

Visit www.tasteofharmony.org.au to register or simply fax back the registration form on the other side of this page.

For further information, visit the website or call 1800 077 069.

Proudly supported by



A Taste of Harmony is a new national campaign celebrating cultural diversity in Australian workplaces. The inaugural event will take place from 16 to 22 March, coinciding with National Harmony Day, which is held on 21 March. The campaign is also supported by the Australian Multicultural Foundation and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

All Australian workplaces are invited to register for **A Taste of Harmony**. During the week, workers can bring multicultural meals to share with their colleagues at lunch, or eat together at a locally participating restaurant or cafe.

Registering is free and easy and no fundraising is involved - it's simply about celebrating Australia's rich cultural diversity.

For more information and to register your workplace, restaurant or cafe visit www.tasteofharmony.org.au

LANGUAGE PICNIC

Sunday 1st of March, 2009 from 11am – 2pm
Jells Park, Wheelers Hill



Do you have language interests?

Come along to Melbourne's first ever

LANGUAGE PICNIC

on Sunday, 1st March, 2009, from 11 am to 2 pm,
at Jells Park, Wheelers Hill, near playground behind the café
(entry at Waverley Rd, Melways Ref. 71, J5)

**Bring family and friends, some goodies, a rug, a
chair, and**

- ❖ Share your language experiences
- ❖ Swap ideas on raising children with more than one language
- ❖ Find out more about language learning
- ❖ Celebrate Australia's linguistic and cultural diversity

ALL WELCOME!

To register your attendance and language, please email
Angela, dacafarella@optusnet.com.au, or call Brigitte on 0408 991894.

This is a not-for-profit initiative of the Languages Action Alliance.
Find out what LAA is about at www.lingo.org.au

2008 ACHIEVEMENTS

highlighting some of last year's achievements....

6TH NATIONAL COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 4, 2008 - PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Over 150 participants from all States and Territories had the opportunity to network, increase their overall understanding of languages education and cultural maintenance programs. It set the path for future directions and priorities, one of these being to ensure community languages schools in Australia and Community Languages Australia continue to receive funding under Commonwealth and jurisdictional funding programs

The Conference theme was: *2008 The International Year of Languages - Where Languages and Culture Come Together*. Held at the Catholic Education Office Conference Centre, the Conference discussed the issues of future COAG funding and Commonwealth – State and Territory Funding arrangements. The Conference called on all Governments to continue their support for community languages school programs as a vital partner in the delivery of languages education in Australia.

Participant's feedback has been very positive. Some of the issues raised have now been taken up with representatives of Government and Government Departments. The Conference endorsed full support for Community Languages Australia the State and Territory Associations, and the grass roots work done by schools and teachers.

To find more about the conference and its program, please visit our national website:
www.communitylanguagesaustralia.org.au

2008 VICTORIAN STATE COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

GREAT NUMBERS EXPERIENCE SUCCESSFUL

Close to 400 community languages school teachers / instructors and administrators representing more than 25 communities attended the Victorian State Community Languages Schools Conference at the Sidney Myer Asia Centre, University of Melbourne on Saturday July 5, 2008.

Community Languages Australia, Executive Director Stefan Romaniw opened the Conference, highlighting the commitment and endeavour of those attending – as being replicated every week by teachers - instructors and administrators to give students the opportunity to foster language and culture through quality programs.

Carol Kelly Assistant General Manager, Targeted Programs Branch gave a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) perspective on languages, the commitments, the range of providers, the need to work in partnership and also to build bridges through community partnership. An interesting statistic Carol provided was as follows;
2 out of 5 students who commence in the early years in a community language school go onto to complete VCE in the language; whilst only 1 in 12 do so in mainstream schools.
The presentation gave food for thought as how to provide effective languages education provision in the future.

The day came to an end and parties bid each other farewell. Some agreeing to meet at the National Community Languages Schools Conference on October 4, 2008 in Perth, others inviting each other to visit schools, others just saying – Same place, same time Next year! To find more about the conference and its program, please visit our website: www.esav.org.au

QUALITY ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK WORKSHOP A SELL OUT

On May 29th over 90 teachers and instructors attended the Quality Assurance Framework Implementation Workshop at LMERC in Melbourne. The large room had standing room only.

Many schools, many communities were represented. This was another indication of the commitment of community language school teachers, instructors and administrators.

The Framework has certainly created great interest from schools.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information on the updated Framework and also to commence the training program for those who will be **the drivers** of the Framework process in their schools.

Community Languages Australia Executive Director Stefan Romaniw welcomed participants and explained the '**journey**' schools were now commencing. He highlighted the fact that the process of having all schools working on the Framework will take up to 3-4 years but the end product will be better teaching and learning. Students, teachers, parents and the community will be the big winners.

Dr Bob Carbines and Dr Tim Wyatt from Erebus inspired participants showing them the path to implementing the Framework and providing sound practical advice. The do's and don'ts were well articulated. **The key message: This is not an individual's job - This is joint effort by all Stakeholders.**

We will continue with PD, please let us know if your school needs assistance.

FIRST AID COURSE

21592VIC Course in First Aid Level 1 - Emergency Life Support

In 2008, ESAV has conducted 3 courses through South West Training Services Pty Ltd, a Registered Training Organization. Each course ran for six hours. There was an assessment process at the end of the course – both practical and written.



GROUP	DATE	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS
Group 1	15/6/2008	LMERC	20
Group 2	15/6/2008	LMERC	20
Group 3	26/10/2008	LMERC	18

TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

All courses were well attended

TOTAL COURSES	TOTAL SCHOOLS	LANGUAGE GROUPS	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
16	71	23	359

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Victorian PD continues... Teachers keep coming, give us more!

TOTAL SESSIONS	TOTAL SCHOOLS	LANGUAGE GROUPS	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
17	66	27	620

RAISING CHILDREN BILINGUALLY SEMINAR



Community Languages Australia in cooperation with the Research Unit for Multilingualism and Cross Cultural Communication School of Languages, University of Melbourne have conducted a series of this seminar throughout Australia.

The seminar program targets parents, early childhood – Pre School workers, grandparents, teachers and others interested in bilingual education.

Raising children bilingually is a very important process. There are many positive strategies that can be employed. This seminar will provide participants with some of these important tools.

All seminars proudly sponsored by the Victorian Multicultural Commission

IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR THIS YEAR

- Annual General Meeting ESAV
- Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria
- National Community Languages Schools Conference to be here in Melbourne
- Other planned activities :
 - Annual Dinner Dance
 - Event to recognize achievements of VCE students

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

OAMPS Insurance Broker

PERIOD OF INSURANCE

July 12, 2008 to July 12, 2009 at 4pm Local Time

COVERING

The Insured's legal liability to pay by way of compensation to third parties in respect of personal Injury and/or Property Damage happening during the Period of Insurance caused by an occurrence in connection with the Business of the Insured (as per Insurers Policy Wording).

LIMIT OF LIABILITY

Public Liability - \$10,000,000 any one occurrence.

Products Liability - \$0 in the aggregate during the Period of Insurance.

Asbestos Liability - \$0 any one occurrence and in the aggregate during the period of insurance.

Incidental Errors and Omissions - \$0 any one claim and in the aggregate during the period of insurance.

EXCESS

Property Damage & Bodily Injury \$1,000

NOTE:

SPECIAL CLAUSES APPLICABLE: As Per Attached

1. Molestation Exclusion
2. Communicable Diseases Exclusion
3. Participation Exclusion

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