



**Ethnic Schools
Association of
Victoria Inc**

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NEWSLETTER

Ethnic Schools – Where language and culture come together!

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Welcome to 2005

Welcome to a **NEW** school year!
2005 will bring with it new challenges for
Community Languages Schools!

We are now moving into using the new
terminology – Community Languages
Schools rather than Ethnic Schools.
Some 15 months ago we asked schools
what their opinion was –
“Do they wish to change the name to
Community Languages Schools or stick
with Ethnic Schools”.

Most nominated for COMMUNITY
LANGUAGES SCHOOLS.

The review undertaken in 2004 by Erebus
Consulting on behalf of the Office
Learning and Teaching in the
Department of Education and Training
also made these recommendations- So
we will now start to introduce the new
name.

CURRICULUM

This year will see the introduction of the
Victorian Essential Learning Standards.
This will replace the CSF Under the
Minister for Education’s Blue print for
Education, the issues of curriculum reform
were addressed.

In 2005 we will be introduced to **Victorian
Essential Learning Standards**.

INTRODUCTION TO THE VICTORIAN ESSENTIAL LERANING STANDARDS

Training sessions for YOU AND REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR STAFF

We will conduct a special Professional
Development sessions in conjunction with
the **VCAA** to provide you information.
We have organized two nights – You can
choose which night is more suitable, but
we do encourage your school to send
representatives.
The session will be held in lecture theatres
at **RMIT**, Swanston Street Melbourne

Wednesday February 23, 2005

Room 10.4.27

OR

Thursday February 24, 2005

Room 12.7.02

- Wednesday February 23, we have
290 places
- Thursday February 24, we have 140
places

Please register on the attached form.

Place are limited

REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 18, 2005

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STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ESAV

As an Association we also need to have look at ourselves.

Attached we provide for your perusal and comment a draft ***Strategic Plan for our Association over coming two years.***

- **Representation**
- **Quality Assurance**
- **Promotion**
- **Membership**
- **Policy**
- **Funding**
- **Communication**
- **Management**
- **Strategic Planning**

We are requesting you to read it, make your comments on how we might improve the plan . We will look at the plan during the sessions mentioned above – **February 23** and **24** 2005. You can email or fax your suggestions and ideas to Fax **03 93470 297** or email afesa@netsol.net.au

EDUCATION

And last but not least we need to ensure that our core work – providing linguistic and cultural maintenance programs is constantly improved. Educationally based teaching methods and positive opportunities for children to learn are very important.

We have established communities and we also have communities who have recently arrived. We hope that we will also provide all members every opportunity to develop into stronger schools and communities.

TEACHER TRAINING

Attached is the teacher-training program for the coming months. As you will be aware the Department of Education and Training provides in excess of \$200 000 for training which is conducted through tertiary institutions.

Currently we are advertising training courses for the March – June period. Numbers are limited and in some cases some prerequisites apply. Please read the attached information and respond accordingly

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In mid February we will announce our **PD** program for March to June 2005. We are lining up range of interesting presenters with a great range of topics. We hope you will participate.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please pay your membership dues for 2005 and if 2004 if you have not done so. The cost is **\$30.00** per year and makes chouse payable to ESAV –Membership 150 Palmerston Street Carlton 3053

UPDATE INFORMATION FORM

For schools who did not complete this form last year we request you return to ESAV office by February 25m, 2005

We wish you well in 2005 and look forward to another great year.