



NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS – WHERE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COME TOGETHER!

GENERAL MEETING – NEW DATE

The planned General Meeting which was to be held on Monday February 27, 2006 is being **RESCHEDULED AND WILL NOW BE HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 13, 2006**

to coincide with

Cultural Diversity Week.

We are planning to have a **BBQ** on this day have an opportunity to meet and discuss issues

You are encouraged to attend.

**MONDAY MARCH 13, 2006
GENERAL MEETING
Celebrating Diversity
At 6.00pm at LMERC in
Carlton**

The planned language specific meetings –February 27, 2006 – Chinese and Turkish have also been rescheduled and new dates will be provided.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

We are now rolling out our Professional development Program

The focus this year will be

- VELS
- Classroom activities
- Technology in the Classroom

We now have activities planned for each month. **BUT YOU NEED TO REGISTER AS PLACES ARE LIMITED**

Don't miss out!

WEBSITE

The Community Languages Australia National Webmasters Forum was held on February in Melbourne.

We now have a National Website

www.communitylanguagesaustralia.org.au

It has news on community languages schools activities and will be available to provide information for administrators, teachers, students and parents. In April we will also launching the ESAV Website. If your school has a website please send the address to Fahry Abubaker for inclusion.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

The Department of Educational and Training (DE&T) will be writing to you shortly about the new Victorian legislation which now requires all employees and volunteers who work with children to provide the agency/organization where they work with a Working with Children Check. The purpose of the Check is to prevent people with inappropriate criminal and professional disciplinary records from working with children or volunteering in children's clubs and activities

This will now be mandatory for all community languages school teachers and instructors. The letter will outline the details, process and timelines for this to occur.

The ESAV fully supports this position and encourage schools to commence the process.

**HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR ESAV
MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2006??**

COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS – VICTORIA
MARCH – APRIL 2006

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

MARCH 2006

REGISTRATION FOR MARCH SESSIONS CLOSSES MARCH 4 2006.

MONDAY MARCH 6, 2006

Using VELs in the language classroom: A practical approach

This session will cover how to interpret VELs in a practical manner for use by the language teacher in planning tasks and lessons. The session will provide lots of ideas for different types of activities and how these reflect VELs. Participants will be provided with a booklet of practical and fun tasks and notes on easy interpretation of the two dimensions of VELs: Communicating in the language and Intercultural knowledge and awareness.

Presenter Teresa De Fazio,
Venue and Time: LMERC 6.00pm
Registration closes March 4, 2006

TUESDAY MARCH 14, 2006, THURSDAY MARCH 23 2006

PLANNING VELs LOTE UNITS

Presenter: Maree Dellora
Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority
Venue and Time: LMERC 6.00pm
Registration closes March 4, 2006

APRIL 2006

REGISTRATION FOR APRIL SESSIONS CLOSSES MARCH 20, 2006

MONDAY APRIL 3, 2006

MONDAY APRIL 24, 2006

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Presenter Teresa De Fazio, Victoria University
Venue and Time: April 3 LMERC 6.00pm
April 24, Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus

MONDAY APRIL 10, 2006

USING TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM.

Using PowerPoint to develop writing/researching skills from year 7 to year 10

Presenter Juliette Barreau,
Venue and Time: LMERC 6.00pm