



**Ethnic Schools
Association of
Victoria Inc**

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NEWSLETTER

Ethnic Schools – Where language and culture come together!

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PUBLIC MEETING OF COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS / ETHNIC SCHOOLS IN VICTORIA

TUESDAY MAY 31, 2005 – 6.30PM RICHMOND TOWN HALL

WE NEED A STRONG REPRESENTATION FROM YOUR SCHOOL

The Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria and Community Languages Australia invite all school authorities, teachers, parents and students to a Public Meeting to discuss issues relating to community languages schools in Victoria. We are extending invitations to Ministers and Government MP's, Members of the Opposition, Department of Education and Training representatives, VCAA and others stakeholders.

The aim of the meeting is to:

- reinforce our support for languages education
- discuss ways in which we can form stronger partnership with all stakeholders
- seek increased support for the major work being done by community languages schools in Victoria
- seek ways forward for VCE issues involving community languages

What can you do?

1. Encourage your staff, parents and some students to attend
2. If you conduct classes in rented premise e.g. government and non government schools invite the principal of the school and Presidents of the School Council or their representatives to attend
One issue that continues to be raised is the lack of awareness of the role community languages schools play – This can only be addressed by engaging and informing host schools.
3. If you have access to ethnic media ask them promote the meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING IN SUPPORT OF

**COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS/ETHNIC SCHOOLS
and**

LANGUAGES EDUCATION AND CULTURAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS IN VICTORIA

TUESDAY MAY 31, 2005 AT 6.30PM

RICHMOND TOWN HALL BRIDGE ROAD RICHMOND.

Working together to support languages education in Victoria

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3rd NATIONAL ETHNIC SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

The 3rd National Conference of Ethnic Schools will be held in Adelaide on June 25, 2005 at the University of Adelaide

Victorian community languages schools are encouraged to send their representatives -

The Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria considers this a major Professional development activity.

THE ESAV WILL COVER YOUR REGISTRATION COST OF \$35 PER PARTICIPANT.

Therefore when registering only send your form to South Australia and copy to ESAV 150 Palmerston Street Carlton 9053

Schools will now need to cover travel costs -



Australian Federation of
Ethnic Schools Associations Inc.
in association with
The Ethnic Schools Association of SA Inc.



3RD ANNUAL NATIONAL ETHNIC SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

**The University of Adelaide
Union House, Level 4 - South
Victoria Drive, Adelaide**

Saturday June 25, 2005

9.30am -4.30pm

Theme of the Conference is –

Quality Programs in Community Languages Education

The full program, workshop titles, presenters and registration forms are attached.

**CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION
11 June 2005**

TRAVEL

Flights can be booked through Qantas or Virginblue – Some good deals are available if you book early on the internet –

www.qantas.com.au

www.virginblue.com.au

or

Contact Student Flight Centre Student Flights

4/250 Flinders Street Melbourne **Ph:** (03) 9663-5265 **Fax:** (03) 9663-4702

Quoting **COMMUNITY LANGUAGES AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Travel arrangements can also be made with National Bus companies and Interstate train companies

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Please register expression of interest for the Professional development Program

Form attached

Integrating culture into language classes.

Teresa De Fazio

MONDAY MAY 30, 2005

6.00PM

LMERC

This workshop will provide ideas for practical strategies when

Integrating cultural awareness activities in the classroom. The

Session will also provide a forum for discussion on the issue of Integrating culture, particularly in relation to VELs.

Getting physical: motivating students through adapted TPR strategies.

Teresa De Fazio

MONDAY JUNE 20 2005

6.00PM

LMERC

LMERC Motivating students can sometimes be a problem in Ethnic School Language classrooms. This workshop will demonstrate the use of adapted Total Physical Response (TPR) strategies that will facilitate engaging students in their language learning. It will be a hands-on session that demonstrates a lesson and provides teaching ideas.

Intercultural competence and language learning

Dr Margaret Gearon

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1, 2005

6.00PM

LMERC

Putting thinking, fun and creativity into ethnic school programs –

Maria Gindidis

WEDNESDAY JUNE 16 , 2005

6.00PM

LMERC

In this seminar teachers will be encouraged to consider the theories behind second language acquisition as a backdrop to the place of thinking skills in the 21st century ethnic school classroom. Teachers will leave this session with many practical, easy-to-use strategies for enhancing student thinking in their classroom and with an understanding of the broader context in which these engaging strategies may be implemented in ethnic schools and all early, middle and later years programs.

NETWORKS

The ESAV and Community Languages Australia have initiated a number of language specific network meetings.

As a result the -
Chinese Community Languages School Network
and
Vietnamese Community Languages School Network
have been formed.

Meetings with Turkish and Arabic schools have been held and are progressing well.

We will be calling meetings with other language groups to ensure that we develop stronger links.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING REGIONAL NETWORKS

Community languages schools /Ethnic schools issues were presented to the DET Regional LOTE Network forum on April 26, 2005. This new initiative should assist in better communication, planning and relations between all providers of languages education in Victoria.

Meeting with individual LOTE Regional Officers will be conducted in the regions to raise the awareness about community languages / ethnic schools in Victoria

NON FOR PROFIT AND COMMUNITY BASED

The community building capacity of ethnic schools/community languages schools is that they are non-for profit and community based!

COMMUNITY LANGUAGES REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION WORKING PARTY

The first meeting of the DET Implementation of the Review Working Party - Community languages schools met last week with further meetings scheduled in May. Many issues are being discussed to ensure transparent, effective and quality programs in Victoria. We will keep you informed of these issues

NATIONAL WEBSITE

www.communitylanguagesaustralia.org.au

is now on the web – You can post information about your school and its activities by emailing Fahry Abubaker:
abubaker.fahry.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

15th NATIONAL CONFERENCE AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF MODERN LANGUAGES TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS SEIZING THE FUTURE

July 6-9 2005 in Melbourne Promenade Hotel Southbank
Schools are encouraged to send teachers to this national conference. On Saturday July 9, 2005 special sessions will be conducted for community languages schools. A flier is attached and more information and registration details are available on the Internet - www.seizingthefuture.info

VICTORIAN STATE COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

Saturday October 1. 2005 – Melbourne
WATCH THIS SPACE