Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria

NEWSLETTER

Community Languages Schools
Where Language and Culture Come Together

WELCOME TO 2015

The 2015 School year has commenced and schools are now in full swing. Whilst it's only March, much has already occurred.

Two information sessions informing schools about the new funding procedures were held on 16 and 17 February 2015. Over 100 participants attended.

Vicky Marinelis, Senior Officer, Department of Education and Training provided detailed information on the new process. If you require further information you can contact Vicky on 9349-2861 or Fahry Abubaker at the ESAV 9349-2400.

Guidelines:
Community Languages Australia and DET work very closely in developing guidelines which we hope meet the expectations of all, if not all, then most. I have on occasion mentioned, we (SCHOOLS, COMMUNITIES, ASSOCIATIONS, CLA, ESAV, and DET) are a team and need to travel the journey together.

Per Capita Funding, Training and PD come with responsibilities, therefore Guidelines and Regulations are in place to coordinate, manage and grow the Program.

One example of this is the 5km Rule. For some it may be an imposition for others it's important to maintain their activity. There are at times exceptions, but they would be extreme. Collectively we have found that the rule works well for most and helps regulate delivery. Schools should understand the need for this rule. If there is a problem we are more than pleased to discuss this with you.

Promoting language learning:
The Greek community launched an exciting new campaign *Speak Greek in March* on February 23, 2015 an initiative that other communities can undertake.

The Ukrainian community have called 2015 the Year of Ukrainian language study.

Year 12 Muslims Achievements Awards hosted by Human Appeal International is again recognising those who did well in languages study of Arabic.

If you have held events or are planning initiatives let us know so we can put it on our websites.

A number of schools have invited Language Ambassadors to address their students.
We invite schools to use the Love of Language website to encourage students with their maintenance of language and culture

Registered Training Organisation:
As you will read in next part of this newsletter Community Languages Australia has now been registered as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). This opens new opportunities and also raises the bar in terms of improved quality teaching and learning.

We encourage you to consider enrolling if you meet the requirements.

Funding:

I am meeting with the Minister for Education the Hon James Merlino this week and will be requesting that the new Andrew's Government consider providing additional per capita funding in the 2015-2016 Budget. I have also met the Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Finance The Hon Robin Scott to raise the same issues.

We have also suggested to both Ministers that they consider a <u>Meet and Greet the New Ministers</u> Event in the near future.

I look forward to working with you throughout 2015

Stefan Romaniw OAM
Executive Director, Community Languages Australia

CLA – REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION

We are pleased to announce that Community Languages Australia has successfully become Registered Training Organisation (RTO) which means we will be able to deliver the course which many of us have been waiting for: The Cert IV in Community Languages. (see page 4).

Victorian **Registration &**
Qualifications Authority

This is to certify that

Australian Federation of Ethinic Schools
Association Inc
trading as
Community Languages Australia (CLA)

is a

Registered Training Organisation

Registration No. 22 602

registered under part 4.3.10 of the
Education and Training Reform Act 2006
to provide the accredited courses and to
award, confer or issue the recognised
qualifications
listed on its scope of registration.

NATIONALLY RECOGNISED
TRAINING

LYNN GLOVER
Director, VRQA

Valid to 30 November 2019

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING (DET)

New process for 2015

DET is trialling of an electronic CLS student data collection process for 2015 to:

- Improve and streamline the per capita funding process
- Reduce manual processing, allowing for quicker and more efficient processing of data
- Eliminate anomalies that may be missed through manual checking
- Enable earlier calculation and payment of grant entitlement to CLS than is currently possible
- Save resources and time for all

All accredited CLS will receive an email at the school's registered email address (by 2 March) with the following files:

I. 2015 CLS Application for Funding Support (Complete and return with your submission- either send by post or scan and attach to email)
II. Terms and Conditions of the 2015 Funding
III. CLS final Report to DET (for funding received in 2014)
IV. 2015 CLS electronic data collection **Information & Instructions**
V. Database File called **DETDataCollection.accde**

CLS Electronic Student Enrolment Register Deadlines

- Final submission to DET allowed within specified timeframe (Friday 27 March –Thursday 2 April 2015)
- Deadline date for submitting to DET: **Thursday 2 April, 2015**

Accreditation beyond 2015

- Community Languages Schools which have been granted accreditation up to 31 December 2015, must submit the required documentation for reaccreditation by 30 September 2015, if they wish to claim the per capita grant in 2016.
- Please note that **it will not be possible for your school to claim funding from the Department in 2016, if your school's accreditation is not current.**
- **If your school's accreditation expires in 2015, please prepare all documentation well before the deadline date of 30 September, 2015 to allow for feedback and revisions.**

Final Accountability Report for funding received in 2014

Please finalise and send your school/organisation's **Final Report for Funding received by DET in 2014** (using the 2014 DET Final Report proforma sent out to you previously), and attached **together with your organisations Financial Accountability Statement**, by: **16 April 2015)**

2015 ESAV MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All member schools are requested to complete and return the 2015 membership renewal form and also to make sure that they are financial members

You contribution is important

All cheques ($30) should be made out to ESAV membership

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY

Our previous Insurance Company OAMPS has now been incorporated into the Arthur J Gallagher Group. We are now in the process of completing details for the 2015 Renewal.

A Certificate of Currency of the 2015 public liability insurance policy will be sent to all schools in April 2015. The current policy is valid till April 1st 2015.

CERT IV IN COMMUNITY LANGUAGES TEACHING

Community Languages Australia has embarked on another professional development initiative to assist community language teachers. We are pleased to announce the Certificate IV in Community Languages Teaching course. This course will assist participants to develop necessary skills to work effectively across a range of teaching activities.

What will the course cover?
The course will cover a range of topics that have been specifically developed and selected for community languages teachers. These include:
- Introduction to Community Languages Teaching
- Learning resource development
- Introduction to vocational education and training (VET)
- Contemporary approaches to and models of community language teaching and learning
- Effective community language delivery
- Principles of unit planning
- Learning program design and development
- Using ICT in community language teaching
- Apply intercultural language teaching skills
- Teach the grammatical structures and discourse forms of community languages
- Planning assessment, tools and processes

What do participants get at the end of the course?
Successful participants will obtain a Certificate IV in Community Languages Teaching. This is a recognised vocational education qualification. CLA is now a registered training organisation and is able to provide this Certificate.
The aim is to provide teachers with a chance to improve their teaching skills and understandings, provide further job or/and educational pathways, provide participants with an opportunity to network with other teachers working in the sector.

Who can enrol?
Expressions of interest for a place in this course are invited from anyone over 18 years of age who has a teaching role at a Victorian community languages school. This might be a senior educator or coordinator or teacher who is interested in continuing to develop skills and understandings of quality teaching in the sector.
Please note:
- Applicants must have already undertaken a credit bearing LOTE Methodology Course Phase 1&2, CLA funded LOTE methodology course.
- Applicants must have a strong intermediate level of English and will be tested prior to an offer being made.

Where is it being held?
The course will be held at LMERC- 150 Palmerston St, Carlton.

When will the course run?
The course is expected to run in Semester 1, 2015 from 26 March – 21 July. The sessions will be scheduled mainly on a *Thursday* evening from 5:30-9pm (weekly) and there will be approximately 5-6 all day *Saturday* sessions during this semester. Some will be scheduled during term breaks. The course comprises 70 hours of workshop time.
Please note that all applicants will also need to attend an information session to take *a compulsory language, literacy and numeracy test*. This is scheduled for the **19th March**.

How much does the course cost?
Whilst DET will cover most course costs, enrolment costs for each participant will be $200
Indicative costs for texts - $60-70.

Who will teach the course?
The course will be managed and delivered by an expert team of educationalists drawing on expertise in a range of specialist areas. This ensures that participants will gain current and expert support in their learning.

Will there be assessment?
Assessment of learning will be undertaken through activities such as lesson plans, development of a unit of work, presentations etc. Some of the tasks will require the participant to trial their materials in a school setting etc. so it is important that each participant has the support of the principal.

How can I find out more information about this important course?
An information session will be held on the **19th March, 2015 6-7:30pm at LMERC**. Interested applicants will be invited to take *a compulsory language, literacy and numeracy test* that evening.

19 March: 6-7:30pm Information Session for Applicants (including Language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) test) TDF/FA		
Dates	**Time**	**Sessions**
26 March	5:30-6:00pm 6.00-9:00pm	Orientation Introduction to language teaching (1)
28 March (Sat)	9:30-4:30pm	Introduction to language teaching (2)
31 March(Tue)	6.00-8:00pm	Introduction to language teaching (3)
11 April (Sat)	9:30- 4:30pm	Learning resource development Introduction to contemporary approaches to and models of language teaching and learning
16 April	5:30-9:00pm	Introduction to VET
23 April	5:30-9:00pm	Contemporary approaches to and models of language teaching and learning
30 April	5:30-9:00pm	Contemporary approaches to and models of language teaching and learning
7 May	5:30-9:00pm	Contemporary approaches to and models of language teaching and learning Effective community language delivery -1
14 May	5:30-9:00pm	Effective community language delivery -2
23 May (Sat)	9:30- 4:30pm	Effective community language delivery -3 Principles of unit planning -1
28 May	5:30-9:00pm	Program design and development
4 June	5:30-8:30pm	Program design and development
11 June	5:30-9:00pm	Using ICT in community language teaching
18 June	5:30-9:00pm	Apply intercultural language teaching skills
27 June (Sat)	10-4:30pm	Teach the grammatical structures and discourse forms of community languages
30 June (Tue)	5:30-9.00pm	Planning assessment, tools & processes
18 July (Sat)	9:30-4:30pm	Planning assessment, tools & processes
28 July (Tue)	6:00-7:30 pm	***Evaluation and Graduation***

ESAV ACTIVITIES: SEMESTER 1 - 2015

We are pleased to announce our Training and Professional Development program for Semester 1 - 2015. These programs are fully funded by the Victorian Department of Education

LOTE METHODOLOGY COURSES			
Course ID	**Course Title**	**Start Date**	**End Date**
CRS10194	Monash Uni – Prep (Foundation) to Year 10 (CLIL included)	17-Mar-15	02-Jun-15
CRS10197	Deakin Uni - LOTE Methodology	17-Mar-15	02-Jun-15
CRS10195	RMIT Uni Phase I Chinese	18-Mar-15	20-May-15
CRS10196	RMIT Uni Phase I Mixed Level	18-Mar-15	20-May-15
CRS10193	VUT Uni Phase I&II Vietnamese	12-May-15	11-Jun-15
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM			
PD ID	**PD Topic**	**Presenter**	**Date**	**Day**
PD10208	VCE for teachers new to Language	Maria Dikaiou	12/03/2015	Thursday
PD10209	Group work to enrich learning with new activities	Elizabeth Karakehagias	01/04/2015	Wednesday
PD10210	Using thinking skills to engage learners	Dr Andrea Truckenbrodt	13/04/2012	Monday
PD10211	AusVELS Languages Curriculum Planning - Preparing curriculum documents for Year F - 4	Maria Dikaiou	14/04/2015	Tuesday
PD10212	AusVELS Languages Curriculum Planning - Preparing curriculum documents for Year 5 - 10	Maria Dikaiou	21/04/2015	Tuesday

Important Notice:

Due to OH&S rulings on the capacity of the Statewide Resource Centre (the rooms used for our Professional Development Sessions) we will be restricted with the registration numbers for each PD session. The rooms can safely accommodate 25-30 people maximum. Therefore participants who haven't registered and received confirmation may not be permitted to attend.
All successfully registered participants will receive confirmation via email

FIRST AID COUSE & ANAPHYLAXIS & ASTHMA			
Activity ID	**Activity Title**	**Activity Date**	**Venue**
ACT10120	First Aid Level 2 Course	**12/04/15**	LMERC, Carlton
ACT10121	Anaphylaxis Course	**12/04/15**	LMERC, Carlton
ACT10122	Asthma Course	**12/04/15**	LMERC, Carlton

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

2015 Community Languages Schools Conference will be held on the following dates in different States: (information will be provided to you soon)

- ❖ **Our Conference (Victoria) –** Saturday July 4th.
- ❖ South Australia – Saturday June 20th.
- ❖ NSW – Saturday June 27th.
- ❖ **National (Brisbane) –** Saturday October 3rd

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- ▪ Arthur J Gallagher Group: Insurance Broker   03-9412-1335
- ▪ MODERN LANGUAGES TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA   03-9349-5759
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