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ETHNIC SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

NEWSLETTER

Community Languages Schools
Where Language and Culture Come Together

7TH NATIONAL COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS CONFERENCE AND CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ETHNIC SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

A WORTHWHILE AND GREAT PRESENT!!



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Community languages school teachers and instructors in Victoria and nationally showed their commitment again by attending the 7th National Community Languages Schools Conference and marking the 20th Anniversary of the Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria held on June 27, 2009 at the Sidney Myer Asia Centre, University of Melbourne.

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Over 350 teachers from more at 20 communities spent the day listening and discussing issues of languages policy in today's Australia and the major role community languages schools play in delivering languages education in Australia. A strong line up of presenters, Members of Parliament and workshop facilitators together with entertainers from Multicultural Arts Victoria received a strong vote of approval by participants at the end of the day and more importantly since then. The Conference prodded people to think about policy and the role of languages, the arts and sport can play in delivering programs and how they can improve what happens in the classroom.

Executive Director of Community Languages Australia, Stefan Romaniw welcomed participants and explained the reason for the Conference theme ***Language, Culture and Sport Building Bridges to a Cohesive Society – Building bridges.***

All these factors play an important role in encouraging students to maintain language and culture if used in partnership and effectively – Intertwined and coordinated they are a powerful tool.

He also welcomed all the delegates of the Australian Federation of Ethnic Schools Association (AFESA) who were in attendance and who were holding their National AFESA Council Meeting. Guests from NSW, ACT, SA, Queensland, WA, Northern Territory and Tasmania were also welcomed.

Liz Beattie MP Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs brought best wishes from the Premier of Victoria and Minister for Education and stressed the major role community languages schools played in the Victorian delivery of languages education.

Nicholas Kotsiras MP, State Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs who was joined by Shadow Minister for Education Martin Dixon called on politicians on all sides to review their commitment to languages education and support for community languages schools and to recommit to an effective bipartisan approach to the delivery of programs. This would place Australia at the forefront of having a nation of diverse language speakers that in turn would better place us in trade, community relations and international relations

Jose Alvarez, State Director of Immigration representing the Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Citizenship Laurie Ferguson MP also reiterated the Commonwealth Government's support for languages and community languages schools.

Elizabeth Drozd, newly appointed member of the Victorian Multicultural Commission also reinforced the VMC commitment and support for community languages schools.

Tassos Douvartzides, Chair of AFESA offered a vote of thanks to all guests, speakers and presenters and encouraged participants to use the day to reflect on their work and form new networks, partnerships and share their experiences.

To read more about the conference please visit our website at:

www.communitylanguagesaustralia.org.au/MediaRelease/2009/2009-10.pdf

VICTORIAN REGISTRATION & QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (VRQA) VCE – VRQA REGISTRATION – COST SAHRING ARRANGEMENT

We recently wrote to schools delivering VCE informing them of the successful accreditation process undertaken with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA). This process granted Community Languages Australia (CLA) registration on behalf of all Victorian community languages school providing VCE. Schools must be accredited with the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) in the first instance.

At a public ESAV meeting of all VCE providers it was resolved unanimously that ESAV and CLA apply for registration and that an administration cost should be covered by all VCE providers The ESAV and

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CLA informed all school authorities that the cost will be \$350 per school and requested payment as soon as possible.

To date some schools have not responded to this request. I am writing to request that all outstanding monies be paid by September 30, 2009. If you have any problem with payment please call me on 0419 531255 to discuss.

Please send cheque to ESAV at 150 Palmerston Street Carlton 3053.

CHINESE COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS' MEETING

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

You are invited to a meeting of all Principals and Administrators of Chinese Community Language Schools in Victoria to discuss the future growth and development of Chinese language schools in Victoria.

The meeting will be held on Thursday September 3, 2009 at 6.00pm at LMERC 150 Palmerston Street Carlton.

As you will be aware Community Languages Australia (CLA) and the Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria (ESAV) have worked closely with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) in ensuring that correct registration processes are in place and that schools undertake regular accreditation processes. Funding provided by DEECD assists us in providing ongoing quality programs by offering training, professional development and conferences for teachers and instructors. DEECD also has put in place a process for schools intending to opening new campuses. We have developed a strong model of cooperation and understanding between stakeholders.

We are encouraging you to attend the planned meeting on September 3, 2009 to clarify issues and discuss ways of enhancing the teaching of Chinese in a systemic way.

Our main focus must be to provide quality instruction to our students. Please confirm your attendance at the meeting by contacting Fahry Abubaker:

Tel 93492400 or email Abubaker.Fahry.f@edumail.vic.gov.au.

WALK IN HARMONY

SUNDAY JULY 12, 2009

Thank you to those who came to the Walk of Harmony and for making it such a success. It was a great day with more than 10,000 people turning out, generating considerable noise, colour, excitement and genuine goodwill. It was tremendous to see the crowd building up at Carlton Gardens, then walking through the city to Federation Square – noting the incredibly long line of people that were walking together as one to show the world that Victoria embraces its diversity.

George Lekakis
VMC Chairman



FIRST AID COURSE

21592VIC Course in First Aid Level 1 and 2 Emergency Life Support



LEVEL 1: Saturday Aug 22, 2009

\$50

LEVEL 2: Saturday Aug 22 & Sunday 23, 2009

\$80

COURSES ARE HELD AT LMERC 9.00AM - 4.00PM

Courses will be conducted by South West Training Services Pty Ltd, a Registered Training Organization. The course will run for eight hours. There will be an assessment process at the end of the course – both practical and written.

TEACHER TRAINING COURSES SEMESTER 2, 2009

UNIVERSITY	COURSE TITLE	DATE
Monash Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 - Primary Teachers	September 1
Monash Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 2 – Advanced Methodology	September 2
RMIT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 Arabic	August 26
RMIT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 Chinese	August 26
RMIT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 2 Chinese	August 28
RMIT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 Greek	August 25
RMIT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 2 English	August 28
VUT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 Vietnamese	October 20
VUT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 2 Vietnamese	October 24

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMESTER 2, 2009

TITLE	PRESENTER	DATE
VELS – Intercultural Knowledge and language Awareness	Maria Dikaiou	Tue - Aug 25
Accreditation for Community Language Schools. What do we need?	Maria Gindidis	Tue - Sep 8
Last Term and First Term Activities	Jac. Von Wersch	Mon – Sep 14
Engaging Learners with exciting community language tasks and activities linked to VELS Prep to Year 8.	Maria Gindidis	Tue - Sep 15
Beyond the text book- how to enhance LOTE learning	E. Karakehagias	Mon - Sep 28
Analysing questions types in VCE language examinations.	A. Horrigan	Wed - Oct 7
Using great numeracy activities (Games in language class)	A. Truckendbrodt	Thu Oct 15
Programming for Combined Classes in Senior Secondary Classes	A. Horrigan	Tue - Oct 20
Why is it great to be bilingual?!!	Maria Gindidis	Wed - Oct 21
Successfully Leading and Managing a Great Community Languages School	Maria Gindidis	Wed - Oct 28

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

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Course is held at LMERC, 150 Palmerston St, Carlton, 3053

ESAV MEMBERSHIP



If you haven't returned your 2009 ESAV membership form together with your \$30 Annual Membership Fee as yet please do so immediately –

You contribution is important

Payment was due by 30 April 2009. All cheques should be made out to ESAV membership

OAMPS PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE BROKER

PERIOD OF INSURANCE

July 12, 2009 to July 12, 2010 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.

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EXCESS

Property Damage & Bodily Injury \$1,000

NOTE:

SPECIAL CLAUSES APPLICABLE: As Per Attached

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT ACCREDITATION PROCESS

In December 2009, the accreditation of over 100 Community Languages Schools will need to be renewed. These schools will need to submit their applications by 30th September for reaccreditation beyond 2009.

The Department will send a reminder letter to those schools concerned which will outline the reaccreditation process to be followed.

If you wish to check your school's accreditation status please contact Mr Kypros Kyprianou, Senior Project Officer, Student Learning Division, on 03 9349 2861 or by email at kypryanou.kypros.k@edumail.vic.gov.au or Ms Connie Andreana, LOTE Manager, at andreana.connie.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

VCE PUBLIC MEETING

*Theme: Suspension of Small Candidature Languages
at the Year 12 (Certificate) Level*

Monday 24 August 2009, 7.30pm

Multicultural Hub
506 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
(Opposite Queen Victorian Market, Melway Map 1E)



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USEFUL CONTACTS

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▪ LANGUAGES & MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION RESOURCES CENTRE	03-9349-1418
▪ VICTORIAN MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION	03-9651-0651
▪ VICTORIAN CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY	03-9651-4300
▪ OAMPS INSURANCE BROKER	03-9412-1666
▪ ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL OF VICTORIA	03-9349-4122
▪ MODERN LANGUAGES TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA	03-9349-5759