

## NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS – WHERE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COME TOGETHER!

### **CENSUS 2006 - AUGUST 8 COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS IN AUSTRALIA HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY OVER COMING WEEKS**

#### **August 8, 2006 is Census Night!**

Community Languages Australia and the Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria calls on community language schools in Victoria to promote this important event.

The Census results assist Governments in their planning at various levels.

**Ethnic Community members hold the key to many issues such as:**

- ❖ Identity,
- ❖ Languages spoken,
- ❖ Religion,
- ❖ English proficiency and
- ❖ Other areas.

This information tells us in more detail about our Australian make up.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has provide support to Community Languages Australia and member schools to promote this event and a set of classroom activities have been prepared.

#### **CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES**

We encourage  
**ALL SCHOOLS IN VICTORIA**  
to undertake these activities in their classrooms in the last week of July and first week of August 2006.

**THEY ARE AIMED AT CHILDREN TAKING  
WORK HOME AND DISCUSSING THE  
ISSUES WITH THEIR PARENTS.**

### **SOME OF THE QUESTIONS:**

**Question 12** Asks which country you were born in. Knowing where people come from will help in providing appropriate services.

**Question 13** Asks when you first arrived in Australia. This information can help them understand how long it takes groups to adjust to life in Australia. Services and Funds can be provided to particular groups.


**Questions 14 & 15** will identify people according to generations

**Question 16** Asks whether you speak another language – This information can be used to provide language services in particular areas.

**Question 17** Will identify how quickly people from different groups learn to speak English.

**Question 18** A person's ancestry may be different from the place a person was born.

**Question 19** Asks about your religion. You may need to write in and specify if your religion or the rite of your religion is not listed



Attached are a series of  
classroom activities for all  
levels.

*Hey everyone at home...*

*The Census is on August 8*

*Did you know .....???????*

**FUNDING CAMPAIGN MEETING  
OF ESAV MEMBERS  
AUGUST 1 , 2006 6.00PM**

Will your school send a representative?

*You are invited to a Public Planning Meeting to discuss ESAV plans for seeking increased funding for community languages schools in 2007 and beyond.*

**TUESDAY AUGUST 1, 2006 AT 6.00PM  
LMERC, PALMERSTON STREET CARLTON**

**Agenda**

- ✓ Report on current activity
- ✓ Distribution of lists of Members of Parliament to go and see
- ✓ Copy of Funding proposal for you to use when visiting MP's
- ✓ Invitations for Members of parliament to Visit your school
- ✓ **REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

**2006 STATE  
CONFERENCE  
THANKS**

Many thanks to all who attended the 2006 State Community Languages Schools Conference on Saturday July 1, 2006.

Close to 300 people attended. The feedback we have had is that participants enjoyed the workshops and an opportunity to meet, discuss and share a day together. Stimulating speakers, active workshops, great day together.

**WATCH THIS SPACE --!!!  
MORE INFORMATION  
SOON**

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY  
LANGUAGES SCHOOLS DINNER**

**NATIONAL COMMUNITY  
LANGUAGES CONFERENCE  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 7, 2006**

*Brisbane*

The 4<sup>th</sup> National Community Languages Schools Conference will be held in Brisbane on

*Saturday October 7, 2006*

*Carlton Crest Hotel Brisbane*

*9.30 am - 4.00pm*

- ✓ Exciting guest speakers
- ✓ Launch of National Statement on Community Languages Schools
- ✓ Launch of Organisational and Administrative Manual
- ✓ 8 workshops
- ✓ Teachers and Instructors from all around Australia

*All you have to do is register by  
September 10 2006  
and we will cover your registration cost.*

*.....Brisbane*

You need to pay for travel costs - If you book now there are some great deals

available on the internet:

- [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au),
- [www.virginblue.com.au](http://www.virginblue.com.au),
- [www.jetstar.com](http://www.jetstar.com)

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTENTION BY  
CONTACTING FAHRY ABUBAKER ON  
9349 2400 OR EMAIL  
ABUBAKER.FAHRY.F@EDU.VIC.GOV.AU**

*Organise a group and travel, even stay overnight!!*

**THINK ABOUT IT, PLAN  
AND ACT NOW!!!**

**TRAINING PROGRAM**

We are now advertising our next set of Credit Bearing Training Courses.

Please refer to the attached brochure.



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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

In recent weeks 3 Professional Development sessions have attracted close to 200 participants.

Maria Gindidis delivered a session on keeping students motivated especially in those at times difficult middle years and early secondary years.

Maria Cikoja provided valuable advice in developing curriculum and then translating the theory into classroom activities. She also provided some strategies for managing our languages education classrooms.

Another 6 sessions are happening over coming weeks.

*The attached PD brochure is a **REMINDER** for those who have registered **ONLY**. ALL these sessions are already FULL*

**PD Sessions Start at 6.00pm**

**BUT WAIT – THERE IS MORE .....**



**READ ON .....**

**WE ARE ADVERTISING A New PD SESSION**

**Internet Exchange in the Community Languages Education Classroom the Use of Technology**

Presented by Associate Professor Robert Debski, from

**WHEN? AUGUST 24, 2006  
6.00PM- 7.30PM  
LMERC  
150 PALMERSTON STREET,**

The University of Melbourne.

Robert will further expand the strategies he presented at the State Conference -

- ✓ **CONNECTING CLASSROOMS AROUND THE WORLD THROUGH INTERNET ,**
- ✓ **COMMUNICATING WITH FAMILIES OVERSEAS AND**
- ✓ **USING THIS AS A KEY LEARNING TOOL**

*Registration by August 18, 2006 Limited spaces -- Leaflet attached*



**❖ MEMBERSHIP FEES**

**ESAV Membership fees are due for those who have not paid for 2006**

**\$30 per annum.  
Send to ESAV office**

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**❖ PUBLIC LIABILITY**

Contact Fahry Abubaker to get a copy of the Public Liability Policy

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# **FUNDING**

## **PER CAPITA FUNDING FORMS**

Applications for 2006 funding closed in May. Schools received information and forms to register students for Per Capita Funding late last year and again early in 2006.

Over the past years closing dates have moved from March to April and now May at the request of schools, who indicated that this task required more time. The closing date in 2006 was May 1, well into the school year. For most schools this was at least an 8-10 week period of classes.

The Department of Education and Training (DE&T) extended this date to accommodate a few schools that had late forms and forms that had to be returned because they were not filled in correctly. For the first time in 2006 a new process was introduced which saw schools being paid their grants soon after receiving applications and when all reporting requirements were fulfilled.

We have been informed that as late as mid July 2006 some schools were seeking mainstream school principals to sign student forms. DE&T approached the ESAV on this matter and there is an agreement that this should not occur and that forms received at this late stage should not be considered. Whilst the student population is often fluid – with new students enrolling others leaving mid year the guidelines are clear on these matters.

**We seek your understanding and cooperation in this matter.**

## **DO YOU RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE PEOPLE AT OUR STATE CONFERENCE ???**



**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL IN BRISBANE ON OCTOBER 7, 2006**