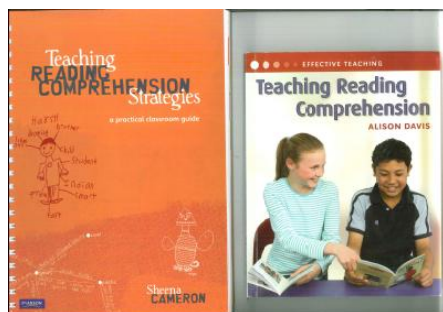
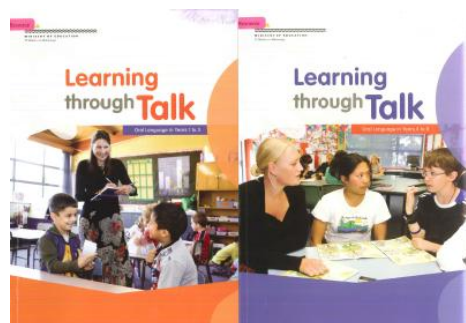


Have you seen these great resources!



Canterbury Reading Association Newsletter May 2010



From the President:

Our recent A.G.M. held at the University Bookshop saw many of our existing committee members stand again; Sue Bridges, Fiona Gilmore, Megan Graham, Jacqui Malham & Chrissy McLean. It was also a great pleasure to welcome five new committee members to this team – Carolyn Bolland, Kirsten Brown, Louise Dobson, Wendy Dobson and Scott Wolfe. This committee is already fired up and organising some great events for us all. We said farewell to Charlotte Baldwin who has worked tirelessly for many years as a committee member, treasurer and president. Jo Fletcher also resigned from the committee after many years. We wish them both well but we do know these two will continue to support the C.R.A.

It was great to meet up with many of you on the recent Authors' Bus Trip and what an impressive commitment some of our members make! Six teachers from Ashburton Netherby arrived just in the 'nick of time' to grab a quick drink and something to eat before hopping on the bus with Gavin Bishop and Bill Nagelkerke.

I hope to meet up with many of you at our next event on June 23- "Let's Talk" with Gail Loane & many of our talented literacy teachers who will be sharing their practice with us!

There is a lot going on in our world of literacy. Are you aware that our very own Chris Henderson is facilitating a Primary Literacy Community online?

<http://www.literacyonline.tki.org.nz/> Why not join the online discussion?

I have also just heard about a useful website for teachers:

<http://www.opencourtresources.com>

CHEERS JOY



You're invited to the 23rd IRA World Congress on Reading

12 – 15 July 2010
Sky City Convention Centre
Auckland, New Zealand

Leading and learning literacy.

An inspirational programme featuring keynote speakers with a world view as literacy leaders

Stuart McNaughton (New Zealand)

P David Pearson (USA)

Beverly Derewianka (Australia)

Joy Cowley (New Zealand)

See websites for details: www.reading.org or www.nzra.org.nz

Let's Talk Seminar

The CRA are holding a seminar incorporating the newly published 'Learning to Talk' oral language resource books. We have managed to secure the passionate and inspiring New Zealand literacy expert **Gail Loane**. You are all invited to attend this fantastic event which will include an opportunity to attend a workshop at a level of your choice. These workshops will be lead by effective classroom teachers and literacy practitioners. CRA have organised this event for you in order to help promote and support oral language development in Canterbury. We would love you to make full use of this opportunity, so bring along your whole team as part of your Professional Development. Look out for the flyer with this newsletter.

Bonus Opportunity

If you are fully paid member school (July 2010 – Dec 2011) there will be an opportunity for your school to participate in a workshop with **Gail Loane** during the day on June 23rd. This workshop is for students (2 Year 5/6, 2 Year 7/8) and a teacher to work in a small group with Gail for a 90 minute session. First in first served as limited numbers apply and please note there is a cost for this opportunity. Register your interest using the enrolment form for 'Let's Talk.'

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Subscriptions for 2010-2011 are now due.

At our AGM in April a motion was passed to align CRA subscriptions with the school year (Jan-Dec).

Please see the subscription form enclosed with this newsletter.

Note: attendance at 'Let's Talk' is discounted for schools that have paid 2010-2011 subscriptions.

Successful Road Trip

Two famous Christchurch authors and a bus full of eager teachers joined together recently for a twilight tour. As we stood at the river's edge at Kerr's Reach, Bill Nagelkerke explained how he wove local historical details into his novel, Old Bones. Right on cue rowers paddled past us and the setting sun outlined a NW arch as Bill read snippets from his book. At the site of the old Edmonds Factory Gavin Bishop pointed out the buildings he used for the illustrations in 'Mrs Mc Ginty and the Bizarre Plant.' The photos Gavin used as the basis for his illustrations jogged our memories about how life was back then. We enjoyed the opportunity to hear what else the writers were working on and many teachers went home proudly clutching autographed copies of Gavin's book.

