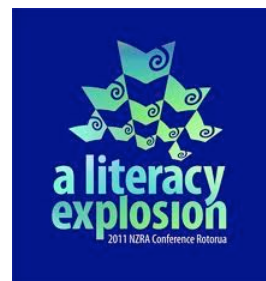




Tai Tokerau Literacy Association Newsletter - August 2011



The three day conference with key speakers including a memorable beginning by Avis Glaze, (Ontario Canada) Murray Gadd (Writing and what really works), Paul Nation (Vocabulary), Jill Ellington (Passion for Poetry) proved strong interesting presentations that were the framework for a host of well organised and diverse workshops on a range of literacy subjects.

Can you comprehend the passage written below? Although each sentence is grammatically correct without some insight the following proves difficult to understand for the best of readers. An interesting exercise that is insightful in how children struggle to comprehend text

Table 2

With hocked gems financing him, our hero bravely defied all scornful laughter that tried to prevent his scheme. "Your eyes deceive", he had said. "An egg, not a table, correctly typifies this unexplored planet". Now three sturdy sisters sought proof. Forging along, sometimes through calm vastness, yet more often over turbulent peaks and valleys, days became weeks as many doubters spread fearful rumours about the edge. At last, from nowhere welcome winged creatures appeared signifying momentous success. (Adapted from Dooling and Lachman, 1971, p 217)

Sheena is coming to Whangarei !

Dinner Meeting 29th September.

Sheena Cameron currently facilitates workshops for Auckland and Otago Universities.

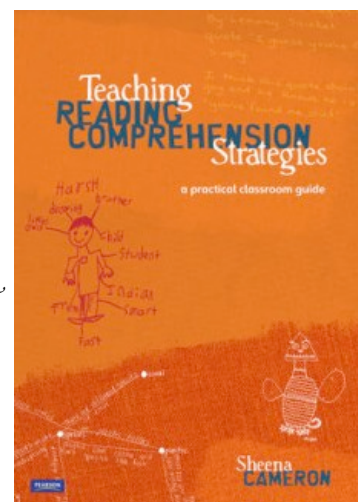


She is the author of The Reading Activity Handbook, (2004), The Display and Publishing Handbook (2006) and Teaching Reading Comprehension Strategies (2009)

Travel Fellowship

The New Zealand Reading Association is pleased to announce an international literacy conference travel fellowship supported by the Marie Clay Literacy Trust. The fellowship will be awarded to a NZ educator to attend an international literacy conference in 2012. Go to NZ Reading Association website for details.

www.nzra.org.nz



Story Writing Competition Years 1-8

All Tai Tokerau Schools are invited to enter **one story from each year group**. Please select the best story from each year group from your school.

Please send to: Mavyn Finlayson
Waipu Primary School
6 Argyll Street
Waipu 0510

Please Note : Entries must be received By Friday 19th August 2011

All stories remain the property of the Tai Tokerau Literacy Association and will not be returned to writers. No late entries will be accepted. 1st and 2nd prizes will be awarded to each year group.

Stories are limited to 500 words.
Stories may be completed by hand or on the computer.

Prizegiving will take place at 5.00 pm on Monday 5th September at Whau Valley School.

Winners will be notified through their schools.
Parents are welcome to attend prizegiving.



Stop Press ! Stop Press !
The exciting news just announced is the confirmation of **Joy Cowley and Gail Loane** as keynote speakers at next years **TTLA seminar . Wow!**
Tell your friends.

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Forum

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World Literacy Day

Organise your school to celebrate this day on 8th September.

- Stop, Drop and Read! at prearranged time
- Parents/grandparents/celebs share a favourite book
- Run competitions
- Design or make books/covers/badges/ bookmarks
- Favourite characters
- Get your children to enter the story writing competition.

Tai Tokerau Literacy Association

We are part of the **New Zealand Reading Association** and the purpose of this is to ...

- encourage literacy learning
- encourage research in literacy education
- publish results of significant literacy investigations and practices
- foster continuing literacy education programmes for teachers
- encourage and support the work of reading & literacy councils in NZ
- provide and promote meetings and conferences in the field of literacy

TTRA aims to provide literacy promotion in the form of:

- Seminars
- Workshops
- Speakers
- Contributions to FORUM
- Encouraging attendance at National Conference
- Attracting wide membership.

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Membership of NZRA provides excellent ongoing professional development and you get...

- * 3 copies of Reading FORUM annually
- * Discounted rates for attendance at local events and National Conference
- * Teachers with < 6 years experience are eligible to apply for Literacy Trust Award.
- * Applications available for NZRA Research Scholarships and Literacy Trust Travel awards.
- * Sponsorship to attend Leadership Workshop prior to Annual Conference