



Tai Tokerau Reading Association Newsletter - March 2009

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 aim to provide literacy promotion in the form of:

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

Annual Subscriptions:

\$45.00 - Individual

\$60.00 - School/Organisation

Joining TTRA automatically makes you a member of NZRA.

Membership of NZRA is 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.

Forum

Forum is the official magazine of the New Zealand Reading Association. Members receive this magazine 3 times/year as part of their subscription. It contains a range of articles, reports and reviews mainly written by members throughout New Zealand. This is a refereed journal.

Literacy Trust Award

Each year the Tai Tokerau Reading Association, and the Literacy Trust jointly fund the costs for a teacher with less than six years service to attend the National Reading Conference. The Literacy Trust was established by Dame Marie Clay and is administered by the NZRA. This enables a teacher, within the first 6 years of their career, to participate in a high quality professional development experience. Under this award the Marie Clay Literacy Trust will pay the registration and a contribution towards travel costs, the Tai Tokerau Reading Association will also assist with travel and we trust that schools will assist with accommodation.

TTRA Conference Award

In 2006 the Tai Tokerau Reading Association hosted a very successful national conference for the New Zealand Reading Association. The profits from this conference are invested and the interest is used to fund a teacher from a Northland school to attend the National Reading Association Conference. This is open to all teachers in Northland. The registration fee has not been announced but will be approximately \$500. A further \$350.00 will also be given towards the cost of travel and accommodation.

Applications for these awards are due by 4pm Thursday 9th April to Rex Morris, TTRA, Kamo Primary School, Three Mile Bush Rd, Whangarei. Applications should outline how the experience will benefit your career and may be supported by one referee. Principals have further details and a copy of the cover sheet to attach to your application or contact r.morris@kamoprimary.school.nz

The successful applicants will be notified at the seminar day on 16th May.

What's on this year?

- **Term 1**
 - 9.3 AGM
 - 28.3 Outdoor Movie: Tale of Despereaux -Town Basin
- **Term 2**
 - 16.5 Seminar Saturday
 - 17.5 Storytime Character Hunt

Annual Seminar

This year we plan to hold again our very popular literacy Saturday seminar at Whangarei Intermediate School.

[Note the change of venue]

“Making Connections”

Keynotes

-Jill Eggleton -Jill is an International Educational consultant, with a wide variety of teaching experiences, spanning thirty years...she is an author of numerous children's books, poetry and teacher resources in the organisation and management of balanced literacy...she is an author and international educational consultant who has worked in the literacy arena for more than twenty years, and as a classroom teacher for thirty...She will be talking to us.

-Rob Southam has many years teaching experience, is a trained Reading Recovery Teacher and has edited a book for New Zealand Teachers called *Simply Starting*. She has presented numerous workshops and seminars to Principals, Secondary and Primary Teachers, Parents, and Students on ways to increase reading achievement and increase the motivation of boys around reading.

A wide selection of workshops will be available for you to choose from.

Costs: \$50.00 for members

\$60.00 for non-members

Includes morning tea and lunch

Please register and pay [Glenice Andrews at 1 Shoemaker Rd, Waipu] by Friday 8th May - we need to arrange catering and we will not be invoicing schools.

- **Term 3**
 - Children's story writing competition.
 - Writing a narrative story. Prizes for each and every Year group [1-8] Supported by Storytime
 - Watch out for further details
- **Term 4**
 - Michele Anstey and Geoff Bull [Australia]
 - details to be advised

TTRA Executive

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33rd National Reading Conference Millenium Hotel, Queenstown 27 - 30 Sept, 2009

“Literacy: A Remarkable Adventure”

Main Speakers will include Kathryn H Au, Mary Chamberlain, Terry Crooks, Lester Flockton, Sheena Hervey, Korky Paul

Visit website: www.nzra.co.nz for further details and to register online.
Registrations open May 2009 - but you can 'pre-register' now to book your place

IRA World Congress of Reading Auckland July 2010

World Literacy Day

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

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