

The Tauranga Moana Reading Council is a group of Teachers and R.T.Lits with a passion for the teaching of reading. Our members include Bay of Plenty Schools as well as individual members from Te Puke to Waihi. The purpose of the council is to promote best practice. For more information on how to become a member contact the President, Carol Burborough, c/o Maungatapu School, P.O. Box 7041, Tauranga.

Literacy Partnerships

Arataki School, May 24th 2006



Blair Koefoed

Blair Koefoed, Keynote Speaker, "The Snail is Wake Upping". An interactive discussion of the role of language in the child's development of a system to process print. One of the focus issues was how the power of a child's language structure over-rides a teachers attempts to correct them. He empowered teachers to reflect on the multi-cultural mix of children we are now teaching and how they use literacy.

Murray Gadd, Keynote Speaker. His presentation involved teachers critiquing a piece of writing about winter and discussing what teachers of reading and writing need to know about the dimensions of effective literacy.

As well as two outstanding Keynote Speakers, five workshops provided teachers tools to implement new ideas into their literacy programmes.

Teacher quotes from the night.

"Inspirational—I went away with new ideas that I will be using in my classroom". (Jo Budd, Junior teacher)

"It was so neat to see boys inspired to learn and hooked on novel reading". (Sarah Black, Senior Teacher).

P.S. Those who stayed on thoroughly enjoyed the pizzas. Sorry they were late.

TMRC Upcoming Events

Celebrating World Literacy Day - September 8th Friday

D.E.A.R.—Drop Everything And Read! Why not swap classes for 15 minutes after lunch and enjoy reading to another class.

Look out for the flyer coming to your school about the Mystery Literacy Bus Tour on Thursday September 7th!

National Courses

NZRA 30th Annual Conference, 24-27 September, Paihia, Bay of Islands. A conference with a strong New Zealand flavour, including speakers Joy Cowley, John Hattie, Gavin Bishop, Trevor Bond and Alison Davis.

See www.nzra.org.nz for more information.

Literacy recipes to try

5 reasons to take a running record

1. To get an indication of reading capability
2. To find out a student's inference and higher level understanding
3. As a way of measuring progress
4. To see if a child can read and retell to show comprehension
5. It can be a reflection of your teaching

FORUM

This issue of FORUM includes Harry Hood's article 'Riding the Literacy Roundabout', Dr Stuart Middleton's 'Today's Version of Checkpoint Charlie' as well as TMRC's review of our Parent Evening. If your school is a member of Tauranga Moana Reading Council you will find a copy of FORUM at your school. FORUM is an internationally recognised journal with fantastic articles for all involved in education.

Popular books available at Books A Plenty

Picture book: *Elfrida*, by Klara Fall. Elfrida the sheep is tired of looking like all the other sheep so she asks the shearer for something different and starts a trend! Lovely rhyming language.

Early readers: *The Tale of Despereaux*, by Kate DiCamillo. The story of a tiny sickly mouse with rather large ears, this delightful tale can be read by a proficient young reader or enjoyed with an adult.

8-9 plus: *The Unluckiest Boy in the World*, by Andrew Norriss. Bad luck follows Nicholas everywhere. Only a brave person would want to be his friend!

10 plus: *Hunter*, by Joy Cowley. Destined to be a classic, this title won the NZ Post Book of the Year. It is a story of two different worlds, spanning 200 years.

Remember Books A Plenty offers 20% discount to all schools who buy books from their Tauranga store.

Useful websites

www.memfox.com

Mem reads aloud some of her books, gives the story behind the stories, plus some excellent articles for discussion at staff meetings.

www.adrianbruce.com

An Australian teacher who effectively links literacy with ICT.

