

REPORT OF SLANZA TAI TOKERAU, 2005.

2005-2006 SLANZA Activities

17 February 2005 a group of interested Slanza members gathered in Kerikeri to form a working committee and plan the year's programme.

Allocation of responsibilities in **the committee**:

- Chairperson Di Eastwood
- Secretary Jeannie Skinner
- Treasurer Kaye Neely
- Others Elaine Heeney, Jennifer Puckey, Heather Greaves Liz Christensen, Jill Hatherly, Julia Smith later joined this committee

This busy, hardworking committee planned 4 interesting workshops throughout the year

Term 1 AGM. Library Environment theme

Guest speaker was Jane Edgar, teacher Librarian at Mellons Bay School, Auckland. Jane shared many wonderful ideas on library environments, displays, activities, etc.

There was a good representation from across the Northland schools.

14 April Slanza supported the meeting the Proctor Library had with **Wayne Mills**. This focus was on helping parents to help their children become readers, particularly focusing on motivating boys to read.

Term 2 STORYLINES Literature theme

Di represented Northland in Auckland at the opening of the Storylines Festival, 2005. Our committee worked with the Children's Literature of Foundation of New Zealand to bring the STORYLINES Festival to Northland for the first time. Our theme was "Kid's reading Northland Style". We put together a package and posted this to over 70 schools. The package included:

- Storylines information- programme, Fun day activities, publicity material
- List of good websites on reading and book
- Reading aloud guidelines NLNZ
- Dads and Lads info from Wayne Mills
- Puzzle maker mazes and other simple activities
- Reading in unusual places – digital photos- reading Northland style

We hosted three authors / illustrators who toured around the Bay of Islands and Far North area, visiting schools, kindergartens and public libraries. They were Tessa Duder, Ross Kinnaird and Rolf Heimann (unfortunately didn't get to his school appointments due to fog and the plane not being able to land in Kerikeri.),

There were good press releases and information in various papers and on the local radio stations.

SLANZA CONFERENCE; DIGITAL AGE LITERACIES

Eyes to the Future at Langholm Hotel, Auckland. 10 -13 July.

Northland received from Hydestor Shelving two sponsored registrations to the Slanza 2005 Conference. Also, Raeco money was used to sponsor Northlanders to the conference. In total the Tai Tokerau SLANZA sponsored ten members to the conference.

Term 3 INFORMATION LITERACY with SAUCE

In term 3 SLANZA co- coordinated with National Library to bring Trevor Bond to Northland for a series of seminars on information literacy and his SAUCE model. Trevor is an experienced teacher, principal, ICT adviser and education Consultant.

TERM 4 CHRISTMAS CHEER

An informal meeting was held at Kerikeri High School with a book display by BOOKS n MORE. Refreshments were served while we chatted about favourite books to buy for Christmas presents. Never a quiet moment with teachers and librarians talking about books.

SLANZA AWARDS 2005/2006

Northland's nomination of the ASB TRUSTS for a Certificate of Recognition was successful and Peter Rowe, Trustee, accepted the Award presented at Conference. The ASB Trusts has been a huge contributor of funds for school libraries in their George [heal area of Northland and Auckland. The amount is in the millions over the past few years and it has enabled schools, many of which are small, rural and low docile, to develop lovely libraries with money for books, automation systems and shelving. The ASB Trusts deserve recognition, applause and commendation for their huge commitment to supporting children's literacy through the development of school libraries. We think no other single non- government organisation has ever done as much to develop libraries in New Zealand.

Successful Study Grants and awards 2005/2006

Dee Brooker, Whangarei Boy's High School, won a study grant in 2005
Julia Smith, Kerikeri High School, Heather Whelan and Dee Brooker all won grants to attend either the SLANZA 2006 mini conference or the 30th Reading Ass. Conference.
Dee Brooker won a reading award at the 2006 mini conference

Northland Slanza Membership

Has increased over the year. February we started with 59 members when this committee took office. Through emailing, net work meetings and Jeannie's faxes SlanzaTai Tokerau has increased their membership to.....
Slanza NZ membership reached record numbers this year.

SLANZA NATIONAL EXEC.

Di Eastwood has represented Tai Tokerau again this year and reported regularly at committee meetings and workshops. After their face to Face meetings.
The Development Plan is under way. Our committee discussed the SWOT of Slanza and Di took these to a face to Face meeting in Christchurch.
The plan is on the slanza website now for you to see.
All exec members are working on certain projects in this plan.
Dyane Hosler and Di Eastwood planning a paper on Presenting Library information for PD sessions.

Di Eastwood
Tai Tokerau, Slanza
Chair, 2005