



**School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa Inc**  
**Te Puna Whare Matauranga a Kura**

## **Waikato/Bay of Plenty Regional Update: May 2005**

### **Recent activities**

**Advocacy Workshop: Pauline McCowan**, a National Library advisor, and founding member of SLANZA in Auckland, talked to a well-attended workshop at Hamilton Boys' High School on Saturday, 12 March. Pauline looked at ways school library staff can increase their profile and influence within their school communities, and how they can advocate for their students' library needs in the face of shrinking budgets and often, difficult politics. Pauline believes that a robust and resourceful library service is critical to improving student learning, and spoke of the need for library staff do everything they can to be a 'visible' and pro-active participants in their school community.

She was very pleased to see such a good turn-out from the Waikato/Bay of Plenty region for the workshop, as she believes that a strong SLANZA membership gives political 'weight' to the organisation in their role as advocate for improving school library standards and conditions within the overall New Zealand educational scene.

Participants were pleased to welcome also, **Robin Dixon, from RAECO**, SLANZA's principal sponsors. Robin showcased some of RAECO's latest products, and gave an entertaining 'demo' of what was on offer to school libraries for processing and mending their resources. He encouraged library staff to use their website [www.raeco.co.nz](http://www.raeco.co.nz). RAECO's ongoing sponsorship and support of SLANZA has been much appreciated by the organisation, and Robin was asked to pass this on to RAECO management. Robin was thanked also for RAECO's sponsorship of the morning tea.

**Library tours:** A successful series of SLANZA library tours at the end of last year has prompted several members to ask if these could be repeated. You will remember SLANZA ran three separate day-trips to Auckland, Hamilton and Bay of Plenty school libraries. There were some great spin-offs, as library 'tourists' picked up on ideas from the schools we visited, to take back to their own school libraries. School library network meetings for Term 4 were suspended to encourage participation in these SLANZA trips, and we thank National Library for their input into the organisation of these. Please advise Linda at National Library ([Linda.McCullough@natlib.govt.nz](mailto:Linda.McCullough@natlib.govt.nz)) if you are interested in taking part in any further tours, so you can be advised if these go ahead.

**Membership:** We are delighted to have already 88 registered members from our region for the 2005 year – SLANZA goes from strength to strength! Many of these are new members – welcome to you! and we are pleased to welcome

back many 'old hands' too. However, we have experienced a few 'glitches' in our membership over the last year, with some members who had passed their subscription renewal notices on to their school administrations for payment, only to find that these had not necessarily gone through, and they had fallen off the SLANZA membership database, in spite of their best intention to renew. This had the unwelcome effect, in some cases, of making their school ineligible for the SCIS discount available to SLANZA members – in some cases costing them hundreds of dollars for the want of a \$40 SLANZA subscription. If this could apply to you, could we urge you to make sure that your school has renewed your SLANZA subscription as soon as the annual invoice comes through.

This invoice should be received within the first two months of each financial year, when the Membership Secretary from National Executive sends these out to all SLANZA members who were registered members in the previous financial year (i.e. within the year beginning 01 January 2004 – ending 31 December 2004). If you have not received an invoice for this year, you/your school may have failed to pay your subscription in 2004. If you are uncertain, please check this with the national Membership Secretary. She is Niki Waterhouse, [nwa@lincoln.school.nz](mailto:nwa@lincoln.school.nz) or [niki.waterhouse@ihug.co.nz](mailto:niki.waterhouse@ihug.co.nz). Alternatively, you can down-load a new membership application form from the SLANZA website: [www.slanza.org.nz](http://www.slanza.org.nz)

### **SLANZA Conference and National AGM, Auckland, 2005:**

Last year SLANZA concentrated on 'Reading' as the focus for our Mini-Conference in Cambridge. This year we look at Information Literacy in ***Digital-age literacies: Eyes to the Future***. This three-day conference has a range of great keynote speakers and workshops, including Ian Jukes (educational technology and learning for the future); Karen Sewell from ERO; David Hill, one of our favourite authors; and many others. Programme details and registration information is posted on the SLANZA website: [www.slanza.org.nz](http://www.slanza.org.nz)

If you are considering attending this exciting three-day event, you may also be interested in applying for one of **three free registrations** which SLANZA National Executive is sponsoring for each of the seven SLANZA regional groups. The recipients of these free registrations will be decided by ballot. If you are interested, please write a letter of application (minimum 100 words) to the local Chairperson, detailing why you think you and your school would benefit from the Conference. Letters must be received by 30 May 2005. Address as follows:

Gerri Judkins, Chairperson,  
SLANZA Waikato/Bay of Plenty,  
Southwell School  
P O Box 14 015  
Enderley, Hamilton

## Calendar of events:

- 11 June                    **Regional AGM** (see attachment). There will be some changes to the Regional Committee this year as current members stand down, so please think about standing on behalf of your School Library Network group. Don't forget we can always have more than one representative per area too: it's not always possible for everyone to come to all committee meetings. We welcome lots of interest! Contact your nearest local SLANZA representative (current committee's details attached) if you would like to join in.
- 08-10 July                **Archives**  
Anyone interested is welcome to attend weekend workshop sessions on managing small archives, hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton. The Public Records Act passed into law recently, making schools re-think how they manage their school records and archives, and you may like to advise your school management of the timeliness of this seminar. Speakers include Narelle Scollay (National Archives, Auckland) and Christine Black (School Archivist at St Cuthbert's College), who are repeating their '*Out of the Banana Box and into the Archives*' workshop, first presented at our SLANZA school archives seminar in Tauranga. For those of you who missed this, here is a wonderful chance to catch up. For a programme of sessions on offer, please contact: Sister Margaret-Mary Hunter, Archives, Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, Phone: 07 856 6989; email: [Archive@cdh.org.nz](mailto:Archive@cdh.org.nz).
- 11 13 July                **SLANZA Biennial Conference & National AGM 2005.**  
See details above
- 06 August                **Bay of Plenty Children's Literature Association**  
Annual seminar. Contact Pat Osman, Tauranga Intermediate School: Ph: 07 578 4401
- 11-14 September      **LIANZA Conference** this year is in Christchurch.  
For details of this three-day event, see [www.lianza.org.nz/events/conference2005/index.html](http://www.lianza.org.nz/events/conference2005/index.html)
- 08 October              **Waikato Children's Literature Association Fantasy Seminar** with Kate de Goldi and Vicky Jones. For information email [gerri.judkins@southwell.school.nz](mailto:gerri.judkins@southwell.school.nz).

We hope you can come to some of these events – especially, don't forget to support us at our AGM in Tauranga on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Ka kite ano,  
Linda McCullough  
For the Waikato/BoP Regional Committee