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From the President

2009 is proving to be another busy year for the School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa! Our apologies that this is the first national newsletter this year but time and technology issues have ensured the delay.

Most regions have recently had their AGM's and so I would like to welcome those who have remained on a committee and those who have joined a regional committee for the first time. I am sure you will find it a most rewarding and interesting experience. For those who have stood down from a committee this year, thank you for your hard work and dedication. It was with sadness that we learned last month of the folding, for the time being, of the Top of the South (TOTS) sub-branch of the Aoraki Region owing to a drop in membership and to the changing circumstances of several of the committee with no one else able to take up the role. Thank you TOTS – we remember well the wonderful Mini-Conference you organised in Nelson in July, 2006.



Benjamin Franklin once said “but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes”. I would like to add ‘change’ to this list. The recently announced changes in service design and delivery by NLNZ School Services are currently a cause of great concern among some members. As this was only an internal review and SLANZA members were therefore unable to comment, it is felt that there was no real opportunity for input by school library staff, as significant stakeholders, into the development of the new structure. As advocates for good school library services, we are concerned that the changes and innovations in the delivery of frontline services to schools will, in fact, meet the needs of those school libraries and school library staff most in need of support to enable them to support the teaching and learning in their schools. These concerns have been conveyed to NLNZ by National Executive. It is sincerely hoped that they achieve “the systemic and structural shifts and developments that school libraries really need if they are to survive in the future” (p8 *Structural Change Proposal*). The proof will be in the pudding.

It is with great anticipation that we await our 2009 Conference – “Turning Heads” at Rangi Ruru Girls’ School in Christchurch, 28-30 September. The Conference Committee has been working extremely hard organising what will be a lively and informative Conference with great Professional Development and opportunities for networking with our colleagues. The Hon Anne Tolley, Minister of Education, is also to speak. Remember – Early Bird registrations close on 1 August. Ahh, Christchurch in the springtime!

Included in this Newsletter for your information is the 2009 Work Plan to which the National Executive is working. This is instead of a longer term strategic plan as we have had in the past. The National Executive has nominated a project owner for each task; this owner is responsible for seeing that piece of work through to completion. We recognise that the National Executive members fulfill their SLANZA responsibilities over and above their day jobs and so, to achieve our goals we may need to enlist the support and expertise of SLANZA members to contribute to working groups as necessary.

Best wishes for Term 3
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Regional Roundup

WELLINGTON REGION NEWS TERM 2 2009



Vicky Young
SLANZA Wellington
Chair

Last month the committee gathered together for an enormous mail out. We sent information about SLANZA to all Wellington area school principals and a separate letter to library staff

Our first meeting this year was held at Corinna School in Porirua East. This was hosted by Michelle Whiting, Principal and a member of our committee and Lynne Stevens, the Library Assistant and recent recipient of a SLANZA award. Our speaker was Jan Baynes, Advisor ESOL/Literacy, Victoria University Faculty of Education.

The topic was School Libraries supporting English Language Learners. Our audience felt the session was helpful and enlightening.

In keeping with our aims for this year our meetings are being spread around our region in order to give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend and share ideas.

We also work to ensure that we cover a variety of schools, primary, intermediate and college.

Last month the committee gathered together for an enormous mail out. We sent information about SLANZA to all Wellington area school principals and a separate letter to library staff. The former contained a membership form and the latter a notice for our AGM. We look forward to increased membership following this.

Our AGM and term 2 meeting was held in the newly refurbished Wellington Girls' College Library on 24 June with Barbara Else as our guest speaker.

Vicky Young
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AORAKI REGION NEWS JUNE 2009

Over the past two terms our focus has been on the Turning Heads Conference.

In Term 2 we had a book buying social event hosted at the Children's Bookshop. We listened to Shelia Sinclair who brought us up to date with new titles, ones we may have missed and those yet to be published.

Also in Term 2 we will have our AGM and a professional development opportunity. This will include a presentation from Christchurch City Libraries on databases and services of interest to school libraries.

The SLANZA Conference will be held in Christchurch 28 – 30th September.

In Term 4 we are planning on having a social event to celebrate Christmas and the end of another successful year.

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OTAGO REGION NEWS JUNE 2009



Jenny Millar
Outgoing **SLANZA**
Otago Chair

We had our A.G.M. last week and the new Chairperson/Regional Representative is Bridget Schaumann. We have a committee of 6 and our membership at present is 25 and growing.

Our Professional Development Interloan scheme is well underway and lists will be emailed to local SLANZA members at the beginning of term 3.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 5th August at Silverstream Primary School in Mosgiel and will have a primary school focus.

Jenny Millar
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The topic of this PD was "Staying safe in the School Library". A panel of community experts including a Community Senior Sergeant, a member of Netsafe, an NZEI field officer, two RTLBs and a member of the GSE shared safety tips and useful strategies



Kaaren Hirst Outgoing
SLANZA Auckland Co-
chair

AUCKLAND REGION NEWS JUNE 2009

Term one of this year saw a gap in our events calendar while Committee members attended to the rigorous demands of their own workplaces.

On Wednesday the 17th June we held a very successful full day seminar. The topic of this PD was "Staying safe in the School Library". A panel of community experts including a Community Senior Sergeant, a member of Netsafe, an NZEI field officer, two RTLBs (Resource Teacher for Learning and Behaviour) and a member of the GSE shared safety tips and useful strategies. This was very entertaining and informative.

Included in the day was our SLANZAK AGM. We announced that we were stepping down as Co-Convenors of SLANZAK. A heartfelt plea for new members for the committee was well received with five new recruits signing up on the day. In addition we were thrilled to have ten new members sign up for SLANZA membership. We have found in the past that these days do generate increased interest in SLANZA.

Robin, Malo and Betty from Corporate Express attended for part of the day and were able to talk to the attendees about current issues.

We are currently planning a book visit to Wheelers Bookshop in the first week of next term, and have a Copyright seminar for August.

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TE TAI TOKERAU NEWS JUNE 2009



Di Eastwood
Te Tai Tokerau
Chair

Storylines Festival
Family Fun
Day....Saturday 29
August

Wendy is the recipient of an NZEI Support Staff Scholarship which is supporting her work this year

Term 1

Wayne Mills in Kerikeri for the Kids Lit Quiz 3rd April (week 9 term 1). Wayne gave the lecture he gave last year when he was awarded the Margaret Mahy Medal. This meeting was promoted to schools, through School Newsletters, in newspapers, to Kindergartens, Book clubs etc
There was a Short AGM beforehand. Take Note had an excellent book display and sales. Approx 55 people attended.

Term 2

Kate de Goldi was the Far North for the first two weeks of Term 2. Kate ran a writing workshop for teachers after school. SLANZA provided afternoon tea before the workshop. 30 teachers attended...was fabulous...well Kate was her usual fabulous self.

Storylines Festival Family Fun Day....Saturday 29 August.

A small subcommittee have been meeting and planning our Term 3 Storylines Festival Family Fun day...lots of work!!!

Further plans have been made for:.....

Term 3

Bookshop evening at Take Note, Kerikeri
National LIANZA Library Week, Thursday 10th August,
Wine and cheese, browsing and book talking, discounts...
Dinner afterwards at Café Jerusalem?

Could include a book review competition egg 6 word reviews, with a prize...

Term 4

Library tour Kaitaia area? Library picnic?
Web 2 and reading?

We discussed holding our workshops/ events in Kaikohe / Kaitaia / Mangonui areas, to try and draw in more members, teachers, etc.

With an enthusiastic committee and great planning like this, I am sure SLANZA Te Tai Tokerau will have a successful year.

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WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY NEWS JUNE 2009

Waikato/BOP Region held our AGM at the Rotorua Public Library on 16th May 2009.

Prior to our AGM we hosted a panel discussion on 'Managing Student Behaviour' within the library environment. This was a lively and informative discussion focusing on librarians' rights and responsibilities, and suggestions for dealing with the more mature students.

Our panelists were Donna Mason (New Zealand Educational Institute), Jeanette van der Wal (Group Special Education) and Jan Stobie (Deputy Principal at Tokoroa Intermediate School).

We also enjoyed a presentation from Wendy Ballard (School Librarian at Greenpark Primary School in Tauranga) on 'Managing the Library Intranet'.

Wendy is currently creating a school library website, based on a web page on her school's website. Wendy is the recipient of an NZEI Support Staff Scholarship which is supporting her work this year. In Term 3 the website will be offered to other schools as an online resource package.

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SOUTHLAND REGION NEWS JUNE 2009

Southland region held their AGM on 15th May at the meeting room at the Invercargill Public Library, where our new regional chairperson Donna Watt, Information Manager at Aurora College was elected and will take over this role after SLANZA conference in September. Donna has a huge knowledge of school libraries and information literacy and is going to be a hard-working representative for and in Southland.



Senga Watson
SLANZA Southland
Chair and President-
elect

There are at least 6 librarians from Southland attending SLANZA conference in September, one a new member and our first primary school member. Everyone is excited about attending and is anticipating a great conference.

SLANZA Southland has coordinated with National Library to have Bob Docherty, book-talker extraordinaire visit our region again this year. He is visiting Southland schools this week talking to both students and teachers about great reads.

At the beginning of June the Southland secondary school librarians (and a TLR) participated in a PD day looking at the new curriculum from a library perspective. In the afternoon we ran a hands-on EPIC session using examples of assignments and how we could use the databases as a resource for these. This was a very beneficial day with everyone having one practical thing they were going to take back and use at their school.

We have begun making purchases for our Professional Development Library and have also received a few donations to add so we will be operational from our next meeting at the beginning of term 3.

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Book Review

The loblolly boy by James Norcliffe.
Longacre Press, Dunedin. 2009.
ISBN 978 1 877460 25 8. pbk. RRP: \$19.99

A loblolly boy is an unworldly being with the ability to fly. He is invisible to all except extra 'sensitive' people, the dangerous 'collectors' and Captain Bass, an ageless ex-mariner who lives in an isolated small beach hut. A loblolly boy can switch bodies with a 'sensitive' who longs to escape their unbearable life. Red is a young lad living in a home for abandoned children. The uncaring staff and cruelty of other children make his life a misery. When Red meets a strange boy in the wooded garden who promises escape he grasps at this chance and too late realises that he has exchanged bodies with the strange winged boy. The joy of being able to fly and soar away from his misery takes Red to Captain Bass where he has a glimpse of his future through the captain's magic telescope. He realises that the life of a loblolly boy is a very lonely one and the only way to escape is to find another 'sensitive' to exchange with to enable him to become human again. His quest is full of adventure, humour and danger, and has a satisfying ending. This fantasy novel will be relished by boys and girls of year 8 to 10 level and is highly recommended for the school library.

Jenny Millar





Storylines™

Children's Literature Charitable Trust

More details about the
Family Days, Story
Tour and Workshops
are at
www.storylines.org.nz,
with regular updates
about events and
activities



This website is free, safe,
educational, age appropri-
ate, high-interest,
with fun visuals, and cele-
brates New Zealand's
pride of place in the
global village

Storylines Festival of New Zealand Children's Writers and Illustrators

23 August – 30 August

This year is the 16th Annual Storylines Festival of New Zealand Children's Writers and Illustrators. It promises to be as exciting and colourful as ever, with Free Family Days being held in Wellington and Christchurch on Sunday 23 August, Kerikeri on Saturday 29 August and Auckland on Sunday 30 August.

Book launches, the chance to meet favourite authors and illustrators, the opportunity to watch illustrators create new illustrations before your eyes, hear favourite books read aloud, explore the world around us, and print making using basalt are just some of the activities planned. Unravel the myth of Weta Workshop and meet the creative minds behind some of their best-known children's titles. This year's authors and illustrators promise a range of activities that will entice all ages to have a go at something new and exciting – so come and join in the fun!

Part of this year's festival includes the Northland (27 – 28 August) and Auckland (24 – 28 August) Story Tours, where Storylines' guest authors and illustrators visit selected schools and early childhood centres in the region.

Workshops in Writing and Illustration for 8-14 year olds take place on Saturday 29 August in four different venues around Auckland. Details and tickets are available online at www.storylines.org.nz. Numbers in each workshop are limited.

More details about the Family Days, Story Tour and Workshops are at www.storylines.org.nz, with regular updates about events and activities



infoblitz

"Hi there - I'm Wendy Ballard the librarian at Greenpark Primary School, Tauranga and also new committee member of SLANZA Waikato/BOP Region. Last year I received an NZEI Support Staff Scholarship to work on a Website/Online Resource Package for NZ Primary Schools. Some Intermediates and Special Education Services have also expressed an interest.

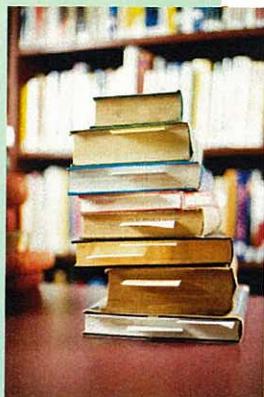
Infoblitz is live from Term 3 and can be accessed at www.infoblitz.co.nz

This website is free, safe, educational, age appropriate, high-interest, with fun visuals, and celebrates New Zealand's pride of place in the global village. I invite all librarians and students to use this site from school libraries, computer suites, classrooms and home internet.

If you like it please spread the word to colleagues, students and parents. I welcome feedback and suggestions via the website. My overall goal is to provide a manageable tool for our younger students to use for Blitzing those research topics, investigating relevant "out there" info, and fine tuning those high-tech skills which are so necessary for participating in our rapidly changing world of information access."

www.infoblitz.co.nz

Permission to use Cover Images



The National Executive would like to thank Bridget Schaumann for the work she has done contacting Publishers on behalf of SLANZA members seeking permission to use cover images in our libraries. We are also grateful to the Publishers who have responded so positively to this request. Remember, you must be a current SLANZA member to take advantage of this.

The following Publishing Houses have granted permission for SLANZA members to use the cover images of books they wish to promote in their libraries.

The cover images should not be altered, or cropped. You may use colour copies of the books, or digital images within your library, on blogs, wiki and web pages for the purpose of promoting reading and books to your students and in your school community.

The publishers have many images available on their websites and would prefer that you obtain the images from there, if that is possible.

This has been negotiated for SLANZA members and is an exclusive permission to SLANZA members only.

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Pan Macmillan

Simon & Schuster and imprints

Bloomsbury on the provision that the covers are only displayed in their entirety, with no part shown in isolation (for example, cutting off the title or the author's name, just to show the illustration separately). And not Harry Potter at this stage, although I am working on it, and will let you know when it is available.

Allen & Unwin – not Harry Potter

Black Dog Books

Longacre Press

Hachette NZ

Harper Collins and imprints

Gecko Press

Walker Books

Chicken House

Penguin – and therefore Reed and Puffin, Viking, Dorling Kindersley as well

Pan Macmillan

Harper Collins and imprints

Longacre

Simon and Schuster and imprints

Allen and Unwin

Random House (which means Black Swan, Transworld, Hutchinson, David Fickling, Doubleday and Vintage)

Hachette (therefore Little Brown, Orchard, Franklin Watts)

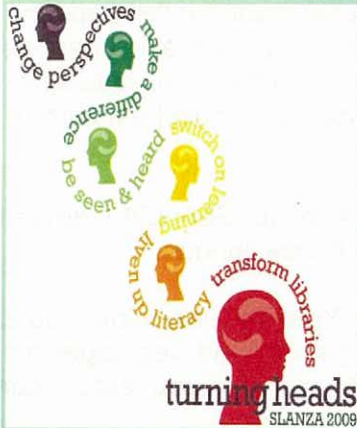
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 for Conference
 information



'Turning Heads'

SLANZA Conference

28-30 September 2009

Library teams we need you!!!



Conference planning is well underway. Registration is open!

Early bird registrations close on the 1st of August...

The Conference programme promises to be interesting and stimulating.

Our "head turning" keynote speakers are:

- Suzette Boyd
- Nathan Mikaere-Wallis
- Brian Falkner
- Derek Wenmoth
- Denise L'Estrange-Corbet

There will be a wide range of workshops and social activities that you will remember forever!

Visit www.slanza.org.nz for Conference information

Or contact eddy@eenz.com

IT Initiatives

BUTTERFLY AWARD

Mount Aspiring College Library Information Centre MACLIC has received the Butterfly award from Golden Bay High School for its library blog
<http://macliv.wordpress.com>

National Executive Work Plan 2009-10

| | Activity | Owner | Deliverables and Milestones |
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| Conference 2009 participation | National Library Advisors Newsletters – National and Regional Sponsorships | NE Regional Chairs Conference Committee | 200+Delegates at Conference |
| Membership Drive- to Strengthen Regions and Upscale Organisation | Networking –personal contact with neighbouring schools Letters to Principals of Non-Members Letters to Non-Renewals | Regional Chairs NE Regional Chairs Regional Chairs | Increased membership of SLANZA annually |
| Develop relationship with M.o.E. and Minister of Education | Meeting with the M.o.E. Meeting with the Minister Liaison with NLNZ and LIANZA through SAF LIANZA through SAF | JR JW President | Relationship building with M.o.E. and Minister of Education ongoing |
| Standards for NZ School Libraries. | Develop Terms of Reference for Working Party to develop Standards | KH (Convenor) DH, DE, JM, JW, KS | Report back to June 2009 NE meeting with proposed Terms of Reference. Presentation to NE of proposed Standards by end 2009 |
| Evidence-based Practice Dossier to be developed | On List-serv originally. Regions to forward examples to JW for website. Promote responses | Regional Chairs | Dossier developed by mid 2010 |
| Staffing and Funding Dossier | Gathering evidence – SLANZA Survey 2007 2009 LIANZA Remuneration Survey Independent reports | DH, JW JR Regional Chairs to JR | On-going |
| Building Sponsorship Relationships | Develop Portfolio Maintain existing relationships. Develop new relationships | JR KS KS | Increased sponsorship on-going |
| Promotion and Marketing | Brochures – website Articles in publications 'Marketing the Profession' Website / Blog Newsletter. Flanners | Regional Chairs SW RF JW, SW, KR KR DE | Completed |
| Advocacy | NLNZ – Policy and Governance LIANZA - 2009. LIANZA Remuneration Survey | JR JR and Regional Chairs | Ongoing September, 2009 |
| Archives | Sort and store SLANZA Archives | JR | Archives sorted and stored by Dec. 2009 |
| NE Portfolios Handbook | Develop portfolios for NE roles Develop portfolios for Regional Committees | JR KH | NE Portfolios Handbook and Regional Committee Handbook developed by Dec. 2009 |
| Maintenance of Existing External Relationships | Subscriptions to ASLA, IASL Representation on: Strategic Advisory Forum EGG 2009 LIANZA Remuneration Survey LIANZA Professional Registration Any Questions Overview Group Te Puna Strategic Advisory Committee Marketing the Profession Multiple Literacies Working Group PPTA ICT Taskforce | JR JR SW JR JW JR/KS JR RF LP DE | |

As the period of the SLANZA Development Plan 2005-2008 has passed, the National Executive has put together a work plan for 2009-2010 with a view to developing a new strategic plan towards the end of 2010. It is included here for members' information. If you have comments or can contribute in any way, contact your regional representative, or the incoming president, Senga Watson.

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News from the National Executive Meeting, Wgtn 20/21 June 2009

NLNZ Services to Young New Zealanders -

Geraldine Howell gave a presentation about proposed changes to School Services.

She began by outlining the process that is being undertaken. Staff consultation period ends 26 June.

Feedback will then be considered and final decisions will be announced to staff on 13 July. The implementation of the new structure will begin depending on the final decisions.

At this stage it is only an internal consultation document. Opportunity for feedback from SLANZA was discussed but only after final decisions have been announced but before implementation of new structure. SLANZA NE will then make a formal response.

Geraldine then gave a brief outline of the proposed structure.

Of note:

- 3 CIS Centres
- Fewer Advisors but addition of 2 Maori and 1 Pacifica Advisors
- 0800 Advisors telephone number
- Enhanced web presence
- 8 new Specialist positions
- 4 technology projects
- Involvement with strategic development of school libraries through the Strategic Advisory Forum. (see below).
- SLANZA invited to have input into Professional Development content and service delivery. .

Strategic Advisory Forum-

SLANZA is represented on this Forum. Because of concerns expressed at Forum meetings and evidence from previous LIANZA Remuneration Surveys, a preliminary paper 'School Libraries: Problem Definition Paper – May 2009' has been produced by NLNZ Strategy, Policy and Communications Team. This is being developed into a Discussion Paper for future consultation by NLNZ, LIANZA and SLANZA with the Ministry of Education and ERO. It is hoped that this will provide SLANZA engagement with the Ministry of Education which has proven difficult to instigate so far.

"Turning Heads" SLANZA Conference 2009 – 28-30 September at Rangī Ruru Girls' School Christchurch -

Keynote speakers now confirmed. 3 major sponsors – AccessIt, All Books New Zealand and Wheelers Books. Minister of Education, Anne Tolley, to speak. Will include AGM.

Membership Renewals – reminders being sent from regions.

Non-member Schools – letters with membership forms being sent from regions.

New Member 'Welcome' Packs – to be developed.

Communication – problems with communication to members were recognised and ways to overcome these were identified.

2009 LIANZA Remuneration Survey - members to be requested for permission to use their email addresses to receive Survey to facilitate improved response rate this year.

SLANZA Flanners – 8 flanners have been purchased for use at regional events to promote SLANZA.

Use of Cover Images – On behalf of SLANZA members' permission is being sought from publishers to use book cover images.

Standards for New Zealand School Libraries – A Working Group has been appointed and Terms of Reference have been developed for this group.

Handbook for NE members – has been developed and to be placed on SLANZA website.

Otago and Southland Regions Trial – has been successful and so will be formalised at AGM.

SLANZA Wiki – is being developed. To be linked to SLANZA website.

Pay and Employment Equity – concern about closure of the Pay and Employment Equity Unit to be conveyed to Minister of State Services.

2009 Work Plan – additions and amendments made. To be posted on SLANZA website.

SLANZA 10th Anniversary 2010 – ideas for celebration discussed.

AnyQuestions Service Overview Group Representative – Kim Slack (Aoraki) to be SLANZA representative.

Te Puna Strategic Advisory Committee – expressions of interest from Wellington Region members to be called for because of proximity.

Johann Williams and Heather Manning (LIANZA rep.) - farewelled from last National Executive meeting and thanked for invaluable service and dedication.

Rosalba Finnerty - thanked for fine hospitality and catering for meeting.



SLANZA National Executive at Marsden College Library Wellington, June 20/21 2009

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Kim Slack (Aoraki) and outgoing President Joyce Richards