



NOTES FROM THE NZALT EXECUTIVE MEETING 27 – 28 October 2007

Below is a summary of the main points covered at the NZALT Executive Meeting in Wellington on 27 – 28 October 2007. A full copy of the minutes is available to paid-up members by emailing nzalt@paradise.net.nz

The New Curriculum was released on 6 November in the Hutt Valley with our own Learning area in it! Well done to all involved in making this happen. For further developments visit http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/the_new_zealand_curriculum NZALT's response to the New Curriculum will be appearing on the website soon: www.nzalt.org.nz

Action Plan for NZALT As Executive we spent one day looking at our organisation with an outside facilitator so that the executive and members will be clear about our direction and how we can work best. We look forward to sorting out an action plan over the next year.

Changes to Certificates of Excellence Criteria for Level One NCEA Certificates of Excellence have changed. Your students will now need to achieve FOUR excellences to qualify. At Levels Two and Three NCEA the criteria stay the same – three excellences qualify a student for an NZALT Certificate of Excellence.

Year 7 /8 certificates NZALT certificates will be available for language students at Years 7/8 for effort and achievement . The certificates will be available in PDF format.

Newsletters From 2008 NZALT will be following Massey's format of newsletter. The first newsletter is to everyone and the after that members will continue to receive our newsletter and non-members will receive headlines and relevant notes (with a reminder about joining up).

Year 7/8 Liaison Teacher Eileen Muller has been seconded to Executive as the Year 7/8 member. Eileen teaches Spanish in the Hutt Valley.

NZALT AWARDS

Speak up award for Y7/8 teachers: Congratulations to Vivienne Lee of Waiuku Primary School who has been awarded \$300 to upskill herself with a Spanish course. Make sure you apply for the next round!

FIPLV award This is awarded to Language teachers in recognition of outstanding contribution to Language teaching. If you know some one worthy of nomination you will need their details, reason for award, outline of their career and contributions, citation of no more than 300 words and a photo. Visit the website for the form and send to Sue the Secretary by 1 February 2008. <http://nzalt.org.nz/events/index.shtml#FIPLV>

COMPETITIONS

Jingle competition – Congratulations to students at Rangī Ruru Girls' School (Y13) and Iona College (Y9) who have won CD vouchers kindly sponsored by Sasakawa Fellowship Fund for Japanese Language Education www.sasakawa.co.nz .

Publications <http://nzalt.org.nz/whitepapers/>

Polyglot is on its way! You will receive a mailed copy this term.

The New Zealand Language Teacher (NZLT) will arrive during the summer holidays.

New Scholarship Guidelines To update you, Adèle Scott, along with other Language Association presidents, is in correspondence with the Minister of Education about this issue and the only response has been “future evidence could indicate a different outcome”. To help our case further NZALT has designed a survey which we want to be accurate about Year 12 and 13 subject choices with responding to new scholarship native speaker guidelines. If you did not receive the survey from your Regional Language Adviser please contact me to participate.

NZALT Subs rebate 2008: If you pay your subs by the end of Feb 2008 you go into a draw for a free membership for the year – make sure you are in to win!

"Absolutely Positively Languages", NZALT Conference 6 - 9 July 2008 in Wellington
Prepare your budgets now! The keynote speakers - Dr Ema Ushioda of Warwick University and Ian Lillico, educational consultant of Western Australia - are authorities on motivation. Early bird rates are \$330 per member and \$450 non-members. The Massey region will subsidise conference registration \$100 to the first 10 members to apply to the regional officer. For this subsidy you must be a paid up 2008 member.

There is also a call for papers if you are presenting:

<http://www.nzalt.org.nz/conference/index.shtml>