

# CONNECTIONS

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## Kia ora Home Tutors

Kia Ora ESOL Home Tutors,

Happy New Year and greetings to you all. Thank you very much for returning your Learner forms, they confirm the excellent results you achieved last year.

We are looking forward to our Garden Party on 11th. March. This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends from the training course and introduce your learners. We will be entertained by members of the Burmese Community. Our AGM will be held on the 23rd March (see inside for details).

This year the resource room times have changed. We will now be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30 -12.00. If these times do not suit, just phone and Lynne can arrange another time or post resources to you.

We look forward to catching up with you all in the near future.

Very Best Wishes

*Zoe Lynne & Roza*

## You are invited to our Garden Party



Thursday 11th March. 5.30 -7.00pm

All Home Tutors, learners and families.  
Bring food to share and we'll have a party on the lawn outside our office.

Building 60, Gate 4, Unitec. Carrington Rd.

## Diary Dates

*HTTC Training*

*Thurs.25th/Fri.26th. Feb*

*Garden Party*

*Thurs 11th. March 5.30-7.00pm (note change of date)*

*AGM*

*Tues.23rd March 7.00pm*

*Notice of Annual General Meeting of ESOL Home Tutors (West Auckland) Inc.*

**the AGM**

will be held on Tuesday 23rd March at 7.00pm at the  
**Home Tutor Office**  
Bldg 60, Gate 4, Unitec

- Agenda:
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| 1) Apologies           | 5) Treasurers Report    |
| 2) Minutes of last AGM | 6) Election of Officers |
| 3) Chairpersons Report | 7) General Business     |
| 4) Coordinators Report |                         |

***Our guest speaker is Wendy Preston from Art Mixit, a creative art organisation working with refugee teenagers***  
Light supper afterwards.

Greetings from the Chair,

What a wonderful time of the year. We have just finished 2009, with the wonderful Christmas season and we look back and realise that at English Language Partners good things happened, including a name change that fits with what we do.

And now, having said 'Happy New Year' to family and friends, and I trust with a good break which maybe even included a holiday, we look forward to the challenges of 2010.

Thus I want to say to all who read this, thankyou for all you contributed to or participated in, in the vital work of English Language Partners in 2009. And so with hearts, minds and arms wide open reach out and look forward to all the experiences that will come your way in 2010 – the good and the not so good – and thank God for this wonderful country in which we live.

Have a great year and God bless you. *Muriel Gooder*

**Out and About**



The Hobsonville Social English Group visited a lifestyle garden in Whenuapai.

*"we learnt that in NZ some people have lifestyle blocks of land for enjoyment, not for profit, but it is still hard work. We were amazed by the beautiful, huge tulip tree and its interesting flower. Benjamin was suprised to see the gigantic tractor lawnmower. We appreciated the topiary display—we've never seen so beautiful a garden. We enjoyed the idyllic farming lifestyle and for many of us it was a wonderful new experience"*

On the last day of term Rozalia's Reading and Writing class enjoyed their lunch at Coyle Park, Pt.Chevalier

# Volunteer Day Celebrations

In December we celebrated Volunteer Day with a morning tea at the Fickling Centre. Our guest speaker was **Auckland City Mayor John Banks**. Special Home Tutor Awards were presented to long time tutors **Penny Mitchell** and **Glenys Mather**. **Fahima Saeid** shared her Home Tutor experience. We were treated to a delicious morning tea, and items by dancers and a singer from the Burmese community.

**Penny Mitchell** has been a home tutor since 1998. During that time she has taught 9 students who ranged in levels from pre-literate to intermediate and are from China, Ethiopia, Iran and Afghanistan. Penny has not only taught her students English but also has helped her students to meet their goals but most of all she has become mother, advisor and friend to them. Penny despite bouts of ill health has continued to tutor and help her students feel they belong in their new home in New Zealand.



**Glenys Mather** trained as a volunteer in Oct 2001.

After working with a Congolese learner for some months, Glenys was matched with an Afghani woman from the refugee boat, the "Tampa". She remained a friend and tutor for two years, helping the family with their successful settlement in NZ.

As well as another group of women from Afghanistan, Glenys has also tutored a Cambodian woman and a Taiwanese Buddhist Nun. She is currently working with a young mother from Burma.

Glenys has given her learners the confidence to move on to classes and to take part in community activities.

**Fahima Saeid**, a former student spoke about her experience with home tutoring. Fahima was a doctor in Afghanistan and had a very responsible job being in charge of a large number of female patients. When she arrived as a refugee in N.Z. in 2001 she felt very alone and isolated until she was introduced to her home tutor, Pat Collings, a former primary teacher. A friendship grew and Pat became grandma as well as friend. 9 years later they still spend a lot of time together and even take holidays together. Fahima has with Pat's help done further study and works full time with Refugee as Survivors.



Auckland West certificate recipients pictured with Auckland Mayor John Banks



We enjoyed entertainment by members of the Burmese community





## English Language Partners Auckland West

### Social English Conversation Groups

A great opportunity to practise speaking English and to make new friends.  
An English speaking facilitator guides discussion on various subjects relating to life and learning in NZ.  
Classes are **free** and run during term time . **For more information phone Lynne 846 0398**

- Sandringham** Sandringham Community Centre, 18 Kitchener Rd. **Beginners: Thursdays 1.00- 2.30pm**  
**Mt Roskill** Room 4, May Rd Primary School, 504 Richardson Rd. **Beginners: Tuesdays; 9.00–10.30am**  
**Three Kings** AK Regional Migrants Centre, Three Kings , 532 Mt Albert Rd. **Beginners: Mondays 1.00–2.30pm**  
**Hobsonville** Northwest Baptist 67 Hobsonville Rd, **Wednesdays; 9.30 - 11.30am**  
**Henderson** Sturges West Community House, Summerland Drive (next to school) **Tuesdays; 9.30–11.00am**  
**Te Atatu** Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre Cnr Te Atatu/Harbour View Rds. **Thursdays 1.00- 2.30pm**  
**Avondale** Community Centre, 99 Rosebank Rd, **Wednesdays: 1.00- 2.30pm**  
**Glen Eden** CAB/Library **Fridays 10.30–12.00pm**

### Beginners Reading and Writing Classes

For more information phone Lynne, 8460398. Classes start 9th Feb

- Glen Eden** CAB/Library, Glendale Rd. **Wednesdays 12.30–2,30pm**  
**Sandringham** Community Centre, 18 Kitchener Rd. **Mondays & Tuesdays 9.30–11am**  
**Owairaka Plunket** (Women only) 99 Richardson Rd. **Tuesdays & Wednesdays 1.00 - 2.30pm.**  
**New Lynn Community Centre.** Totara Rd **Wednesdays 9.00–11.00am.**  
**Massey Matters Burmese Class** Please ph. Lynne for details

### Literacy & Bi-lingual Classes

Students must attend regularly. .Please phone Zoe or Lynne on 846 0398 to check eligibility for these classes.  
Students must have Permanent Residency, and have had less than six years of schooling in their own country.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>New Lynn Community Centre</u></b> <b><u>Totara Rd. New Lynn</u></b></p> <p><b>Literacy:</b>  <b>Tutor:</b> Nahed Ibrahim  <b>Days:</b> Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs  <b>Time:</b> 9.00–11.30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Wesley Intermediate School</u></b> <b><u>Sandringham Rd. Ext.</u></b></p> <p><b>Literacy:</b>  <b>Tutor:</b> Margaret Bryan  <b>Days:</b> Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs.  <b>Time:</b> 9.00-11.30am.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Massey Community House 385 Don Buck Rd.</u></b></p> <p><b>Literacy:</b>  <b>Tutor:</b> Nahed Ibrahim  <b>Days:</b> Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri  <b>Time:</b> 12.00-2.30 p.m. (Fri 10.00–12.30)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Wesley Intermediate School</u></b></p> <p><b>Transitional Class:</b>  <b>Tutor:</b> Ingrid Dubbelt  <b>Days:</b> Mon. Tues. Wed.  <b>Time:</b> 11.30–2.30</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Wesley Community Centre Sandringham Rd Ext. Sandringham</u></b></p> <p><b>Literacy</b>  <b>Tutor:</b> Jill Collinson  <b>Days:</b> Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur <b>Time:</b>12.00–2.30 p.m.</p>	