



ESOL Home Tutors (Nelson/Marlborough)

Tutor Newsletter

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Please tell your learner of the events and news in this newsletter that would interest him/her.

Hi everyone, **Happy Matariki**

It has been another busy few months for us all and we are now well and truly in the grip of early morning frosts. I hope you are keeping warm and enjoying those pristine sunny winter days. It's hard to believe we are halfway through the year already.

Since our newsletter in March we have finished our first training course for the year

So ... A Warm Welcome To our new Volunteer Tutors

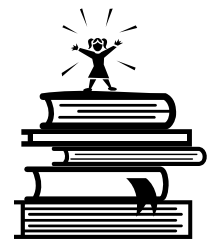
who successfully completed the course held in April

Miriam Duncan, Hilary Wood, Robyn Rolston, Jim Doyle, Judy Doyle,
Susan Oakden, Kris Bibby, Barbara Boswell and Boz Boswell

Next tutor training course: Is scheduled for August/September. Dates will be set closer to the time.

Resources

We have received a Lotteries grant to purchase additional resources for the library this year. A big thankyou to Julia Young and Margaret Pringle for their voluntary help in ascertaining purchase priorities.



Some of you may have by now also had a call from Susan Oakden. Susan has just started assisting as resource co-ordinator for two hours each week until later in the year. She will be contacting you to see if you would like any support with resources for your lessons. We really hope this will be of help to you. Susan is also getting your feedback about what you feel may be of help to build the library resource collection

over time and she will then assist in building the resources available. We hope in the next quarter to place these in the library and will invite you all to the unveiling!!

Would this help you???

If you have access to the internet please take a look at
www.handoutsonline.com

Save yourself some preparation time!
This website has great handouts, teaching notes and worksheets.
They are organised by topic and level.

We are looking at a bulk membership subscription rate that ESOL Home Tutors may be able to pay

If you would like to be registered by us for your personal access to this website
Please e-mail Tracey esol@marlboroughonline.co.nz

We need to have a certain level of registrations to be eligible for the bulk rate so please. DO contact me if you are interested.

New Course

Family English in Marlborough

Our new course started on June the 18th.

It's open to permanent residents who are the main caregivers in families with children under 5 years old. We have a lovely group of mothers who attend along with their children. They are learning all about the early childhood education environment in New Zealand whilst improving their English.

We are delighted to welcome our students, their children and our two teachers. Jason Newman leads the programme and is teaching the ESOL component, Ginny Smith is the Early Childhood Education specialist tutor and caregiver for the children.

A big thankyou also to those Home Tutors who are volunteers in support of students on the programme.

This programme is the first intake of the year and runs for 12 weeks. We still have places available on the first course, if you know of anyone who is interested please contact Tracey Ph 579 2460 as they are most welcome to visit the class to see what it is all about.

Hours: 9.30am-12.30pm
Wednesday and Friday mornings
During school term

Location: Riversdale Community Centre
131 Bridge Street
Blenheim

Cost: Free

Workshops

We plan to hold a workshop on developing your own resources, in conjunction with the library collection update. At this stage we aim to have this completed in August so hope you can come once we set a date and get invitations out.

Office hours are Wednesday and Friday 9am – 2pm or phone and leave a message anytime.

Have a warm winter, do take care and remember please stay in touch, it's always great to hear from you.

Tracey Ellis
Supervisor



Upcoming Events for the Migrant Community in Marlborough

Warm greetings from your Marlborough Migrant Centre and Newcomers Network!
If you know of anyone new to the area or would like to join yourself don't forget the Newcomers Network is now up and running.

Join us in some of the following activities to make this winter more interesting and fun!

Parents and children's group: This group has started meeting on 20 July and will meet once a month—every third Friday of the month, from 10.30am-12pm —at NMIT 85 Budge St.
Next meeting 18 July, hosted by Anne Barrer/NMIT. Morning tea provided

and nanny students help look after the children!

Women's craft group: This group will start meeting **from 9 July onwards**—every first Wednesday of the month, 6.30-8pm, at Riversdale Community House, 131 Budge St, Blenheim .

Next potluck dinner: on **Thursday, 31 July 08,** from 5.30pm onwards at Riversdale Community House 131 Budge St, Blenheim.

We would also like to start Kiwi cooking classes in spring/summer with Jill Peter – learn how to shop and cook inexpensive but delicious 'kiwi' food!

We also have a book club and are always looking for new ideas for regular activities (eg coffee mornings, movie nights etc) and people wanting to run these. Please get in touch if you are interested!

Marlborough Migrant Centre AGM:

Monday, 18 August, 7 pm at Wesley Centre, Henry St., Blenheim – please come along if you are interested in the Migrant Centre and/or if you would like to join the committee!

Global Football Festival:

Saturday, 6 September 2008, 9.30am-4pm, at the A&P show grounds, Blenheim.

Please contact us for more information and to enter a team !!!

Call Andreja on 579 2460 or email: mmc@marlboroughonline.co.nz for more information about any of these events.