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



# End of Year Picnic



**Come and celebrate the end of another  
active and successful year!**

Fairfield House,  
Trafalgar St South, Nelson

**5 – 8pm, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**



Fun, games – you bring your picnic food and we'll provide  
fruit juice and ice-cream.

Bring your family – help your learner's family to get there.

## Great film evening!

Thanks to all of you who came to our film evening at the Suter during Adult Learners' Week and helped make it such a successful evening. We sold all 150 tickets and because of that and the many generous donations we were able to send a donation of \$1,150 to Ban Mae Toh School in Thailand and also have over \$500 to go towards our teaching resources. A great night all round! Merle Moffitt, one of our tutors is in Thailand at the moment, doing some voluntary work and hopes to be able to visit the school.

I want to thank particularly, our Chair, Brian Wilke for organising all the drinks, and Kay Sneddon, Masami Ichikawa and Jasmine Yordsiri for preparing all that wonderful food – almost as good to look at as to eat!



*Providers of wonderful food! Masami Ichikawa and Kay Sneddon with a sample of the tasty treats they provided at our film evening.*



## Tutor Training

### More new tutors

From our tutor training course in September we have now got 12 new tutors. A very warm welcome to Peter Arnott, Jenny Borlase, Jayne Brinsley, Juliet Camello, Maria Janssen, Sara Joyce, Julie Martin, Ana Parkes, Jane Sorensen, Penny Taylor, Bridget Thompson and Caroline Younghusband. We hope you enjoy long and illustrious careers as home tutors!

### Tutor Training 2010

The tutor training courses for 2010 will start on these dates:

- **5 March**
- **11 June**
- **3 September**

If you know of anyone who you think might like to train as a home tutor, please ask them to contact Doug.

## English for Employees Classes

You may remember from previous newsletters and emails that we were asked to start new classes for permanent residents who are in employment. We had one class starting in April, but the whole idea has blossomed so that in September we started 3 new classes with a total of about 30 learners. One of the classes is for people who are working at Sealords and two of them are comprised mainly of people who work at Ewers' farm at Appleby, so the tutors (Tanya White and Kathy McDonald) are able to focus on their particular workplace environment. They (tutors and learners) are all doing a great job and seem to be enjoying their learning too!

Subject to funding, we hope to be running new modules (25 hours) of this course next year, so if you know a learner who you think

might be interested in attending, let Doug know.



*Tutor Lois Moreland and learner Hieu Thi Ngoc Lam with certificates recognising the great things they have done together as a very 'successful Home Tutor partnership'.*



*Sharyn Boyle receives a certificate of appreciation for all the great voluntary work she has done for our organisation in a range of areas over many years.*

### **View from the Chair!**

It is usual at this time of year to reflect on just where the year has gone and 2009 is no exception.

I think the two most important aspects of this year have been the introduction of the English for Employees programme and the change of name to English Language Partners.

Along with establishing our expanded relationship with Nelson Multicultural Council, Nelson Newcomers' Network and the Community Constable, we have also participated in the opening of the new Marlborough Centre where volunteer, migrant and literacy groups have come together in a new venue. When all these parts are listed, we can begin to understand how time and energy are utilised.

I want to thank Doug for the time and effort he has applied to getting the English for Employees classes operating, and also the tutors who are involved.

It was a very satisfying to experience the generous response of tutors and friends to our film evening and social function held in September. Thank you to all those who were involved in organising and supporting the evening. As a result of the generosity of those who gave, we were able to make a donation of \$1150 to the Ban Mae Toh school in northern Thailand.

Along with almost all sectors of the community, we anticipate that funding for the year 2010 could be tight. However your committee and management will endeavour to provide the usual help and support to our learners.

In conclusion, I want to sincerely thank every volunteer for their time and energy, without which our organisation would not function.

Best wishes  
Brian Wilke  
Chair, English Language Partners Nelson-Marlborough



## Book Review

**“What am I?”**

**By Gillian and Darryl  
Torckler.**



**Resource: From Intermediate Readers box in the resource library.**

**This book captivated the interest of my student, with photographic illustrations, poems, fact boxes and questions about the ocean world and creatures living in and around our coastline.**

**This book lends itself to adaptations, with discussions on the illustrations, trying to work out “What am I?” from the poem given, then naming the creature in each section.**

**The middle section gives more detailed information about each animal, bird or plant, some of this being too difficult for my student. The questions given at the end of each section were clear and simple, and my student enjoyed recalling or finding the answers.**

**The last activity my student enjoyed was to enter into a chapter of her own choosing.**

**This book I would highly recommend with its user friendly layout, (each chapter offering a similar outline), along with its clear and beautiful illustrations. My student and I found this book both interesting and challenging, also enjoyable and helpful for the learning process.**

**Gael Henry**

## Kayan people

Many of you may be aware that over the last few months there have been some Bhutanese refugees arrive in Nelson and also some people from an ethnic group known as Kayan or Padaung. The Kayan are originally from Karenni State in Myanmar/Burma but have been refugees in camps in northern Thailand for many years.

You may have seen items in the media about their tradition of Kayan women wearing brass coils around their necks. Because of this, they became tourist attractions in their camps in Thailand. Thai authorities charged tourists to go and see them, so that the Thai Government was not happy about them leaving to come to New Zealand. Now, in New Zealand the women do not wear the brass rings.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Kayan people there is a very good book called “In the Land of Green Ghosts” by Pascal Khoo Thwe – we have a copy in our Resources library and it is very popular! We are also gathering together a range of articles etc about the Kayan.

A number of Kayan people have joined our Literacy Class and others have home tutors, so we welcome them to Nelson and look forward to working with them.



## WHAT'S NEW IN THE RESOURCES ROOM?



It has been a busy few months in the Resources Room, with lots of exciting new resources arriving weekly. I am working hard trying to get as many of these onto the shelves as soon as possible. Processing the books takes a little while, so please be patient!

**LOOK OUT** for the following new resources:-

- The Language of Childbirth by Fran Weston - an excellent guide to pregnancy and childbirth and child development. CD is now on order.
- New **CHILDRENS ACTIVITY BOX** developed in response to tutors' requests for ideas on how to occupy pre-schoolers whilst working with learners. Snap, Happy Families playing cards, crayons and colouring books, readers and small puzzles and games. Plus a worksheet provided by one of our experienced tutors, Maggie Davidson, on how to keep little ones occupied during tutoring sessions. This should make life a little easier for some of you!
- **NEW WORKSPACE** now available in room adjacent to Resources Room. This is available to tutors who would like to sit down and prepare lessons, or simply to aid with Resource selection. A great space to spread out your books and preview resources.

- **New E-MAIL Resources service** now available to tutors. If you cannot get into the office to select books, simply
- e-mail me or Doug, with your requests. The following will help me help you -
  1. Brief description of item or topic,
  2. Resource type - listening, speaking, reading, writing, pronunciation etc
  3. Level - starter/ beginner etc
  4. Learner details if necessary (language, age, interests)

We do have some great resources, so drop in and spend some time browsing, familiarizing yourself with what is on the shelves.

### CONTACT DETAILS

I am in the office on Wednesdays between 11 am and 3 pm if you want some help selecting resources, or e-mail [mary.kroch@englishlanguage.org.nz](mailto:mary.kroch@englishlanguage.org.nz) [doug.adam@englishlanguage.org.nz](mailto:doug.adam@englishlanguage.org.nz)  
I will do my best to deal with your request. There may be a delay as I only work Wednesdays.

### SUMMER BREAK RESOURCES RETURNS

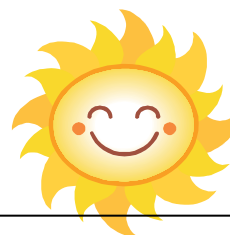
And finally, I have a request that all resources be returned to the library before our long summer break. Please aim to return all resources not in use by mid December. This will enable me to carry out an end of year book audit, (and to avoid sending out endless overdue notices!!). Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Happy Tutoring  
Mary Kroch  
Resources Librarian



## Holidays!!

Yes, Kathleen and I would like some holidays too, so we are:  
**closing the office on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December,**  
and **opening again on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.**



## Thanks to ....

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*NZ Post*



**Keep your children or grandchildren entertained while you bake the Christmas cake...amuse your learner's children... have a go yourself!**

## Playdough

3 cups white flour  
1½ cups salt  
2 tablespoons cream of tartar  
3 tablespoons cooking oil  
3 cups boiling water  
Food colouring

Mix flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil together in a large bowl.

Add the boiling water and food colouring. Stir well until the mixture leaves the sides of the bowl. Add more flour if the mixture seems too sticky. Turn out of the bowl and knead. Store in a container in the fridge. It will last a long time.

This useful recipe comes from *The Great Little Cookbook, hints and healthy eating on a tight budget*, written by Sally Mackay, designed by Jill Harris (one of our committee members) and published locally by the Ministry of Social Development.

We have a number of copies of this useful and practical book in our resource library.

**NB:** All the other recipes are edible!

## Enlarge your vocabulary -

Here is a word that could be casually dropped into the conversation

### ***paraskevidekatriaphobia***

fear of Friday the thirteenth

comes complete with its own adjective and noun:

**paraskevidekatriaphobic**

**paraskevidekatriaphobe**

For the superstitious, 2009 was a bad year with three Fridays falling on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There is always one in a year – three is the most we can have.

This is no minor problem. According to the Stress Management Center and Phobia Institute in Asheville, North Carolina, US companies lose millions of dollars owing to paraskevidekatriaphobes who refuse to travel or go to work on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

