



Are we there yet? Is it spring yet? Soon!

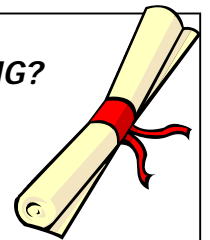
It has indeed been a bleak winter, but we are looking forward to the first daffodils popping their heads out of the ground in the park surrounding the Migrant Resource Centre.

The school holidays rushed by and here we are in Term 3!

Many of you will be aware of the cuts being made to the ACE (Adult Community Education) funding at the end of this year. Reduced funding will focus specifically on courses in Literacy, Numeracy, ESOL and those leading to employment. Some of the schemes throughout the country are more affected than others. Fortunately for us, we have only one of our Social English Groups funded through ACE. The others are supported by the Multicultural Waikato Council (formerly the Waikato Ethnic Council), Trust Waikato and WEL Energy.

***HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR CERTIFICATE IN ESOL HOME TUTORING?***

If you have "done" 12 sessions, or more, with your learner, then it's time you received your certificate! Some tutors say that it isn't important for them, but it matters to us!



We are contracted with the TEC, through the National Association, to award certificates to 60% of tutors trained each year. In our case it means 42 certificates - and to date we have only "done" 16!!! So please make a time and come on in with your tutoring notes.

**\*\*RESOURCES \*\* HELP \*\* RESOURCES \*\* HELP \*\* RESOURCES\*\***



**PLEASE** could tutors return resources you are no longer being used or that have been borrowed for longer than one month. There are a number of resources which have been out for much longer than this...!

We are still short of **'LISTENING TO NZ'** packs so please check your shelves, under the bed, in the bathroom, in the boot of your car and **BRING THEM BACK!!** Who knows, you may find something exciting to borrow from our shelves, under our desks, in a filing cabinet, on top of the book case.....!

**Our Sympathy** to committee member Raewyn Putt on the death of her husband Don, in June.

Also to Tutor Bev Wood whose husband Hugh also died recently.

Obituaries for both men were published in The Waikato Times and were a wonderful testament to lives well-lived.

## COMING EVENTS



**MOVIE - MOVIE - MOVIE!!!**

**.....come along to our just-past-mid-winter movie!**

**When: Saturday, 1st August, 1.30 - 3.15pm (approx.)**

**Where:** Migrant Resource Centre      **Cost:** free to all volunteer tutors

**Film: "GROW YOUR OWN"** - Gardeners at an English allotment area are faced with a group of refugees who have also been given garden plots.

(a very good film: funny, poignant, thought-provoking - Elaine)

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**Wednesday, 26th August, 9.00 am until 12.30 pm**

(Please note a change of date for this seminar!)

**TOPIC: CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES - AFGHANISTAN**

This is the third seminar in a series that Jenny Magee is running this year for our tutors.

**It is essential to book for this, so please phone the office - 853 2188**

**These seminars are free to ESOL Home Tutors**

Note: The final workshop in this series will be:

**Wednesday 14th October    Somalia - 9.00am - 12.30pm**

**Phone to book a place!**



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**Tuesday 4th August, 10.00 - 11.30am**

**New Volunteer Tutors Recall**

**for tutors who attended the training course May to June**

**Come along and share your experiences with each other**

**and have morning tea, of course!**

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**Quote: Giving children clothes and food is one thing but it's much more important to teach them that other people besides themselves are important and that the best thing they can do with their lives is to use them in the service of others.**

**—Dolores Huerta**



### ***A Change in Email Addresses***

As a result of the "Name and Logo Change" we now have a new email address:

**waikato@englishlanguage.org.nz**

Our former email address is still working during this changeover time.

And - the staff now have email on our computers and we have our very own email addresses!

We're all very happy about this - no more queuing at Jenny's computer!

So you can send messages to: **jenny.field@englishlanguage.org.nz**

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### ***E - 4 - E (or) English for Employees***

This new nation-wide programme funded by the TEC (Tertiary Education Commission) is now under way. It provides 25 hours of English tuition for working adults from a non-English speaking background. In Hamilton we have about 20 learners attending in small groups, mostly in the evenings, with one group meeting on a Saturday afternoon.

Tutors working with this programme have to have both an ESOL teaching qualification and either a Primary school teaching background or an Adult Education qualification. They then go to Wellington for a 2 day training session. Three of our staff undertook this training in April and this month three more are going.

It is interesting to discover the needs of the learners - at present they seem to be mostly conversation in the work place, including slang and idioms, telephone talk, pronunciation and the "Kiwi" accent.

If you know anyone who would like to join this programme, please contact us.

### ***Flu - but not Swine flu !***

One day I caught flu. I felt chilled. My temperature was rising higher and higher. Also I had a bad headache, a sore throat and I sneezed. I was in bed because I felt very sick. I took medicine such as Panadol and Neurofen and I drank lots of fluids such as lemon tea and cranberry water. My husband looked after the children and took care of me. I felt better on the fourth day.

**I wish everybody good health!**

**Yulia Venkova (St Albans Wednesday Social English Group)**



### ***Another view of history (from a child):***

\* Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king.

Dying, he gasped out: "Same to you, Brutus."

\* Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote *Donkey Hote*. The next great author was John Milton. He wrote *Paradise Lost*. Since then no one ever found it.



## **The Cook's Kitchen in Taiwan** by Amy Lu

The **Dragon Boat Festival** is a traditional statutory [holiday](#) celebrated in [Chinese](#) cultures. It is a public holiday in [Taiwan](#). The best-known story about the Dragon Boat Festival says that the festival commemorates the death of the poet and statesman, [Qu Yuan](#) who committed suicide by drowning himself in the [Miluo River](#) on the fifth day of the fifth month.

It is said that people threw food ([zongzi](#) - rice dumplings) into the river to feed the fish so that they would not eat Qu Yuan's body. The local people were also said to have paddled out on boats, either to scare the fish away or to retrieve his body - this could have been the origin of [dragon boat racing](#).

**There are lots of different kinds of Zongzi.**

Amy used the following recipe when she made Zongzi this year - she was practicing so she can make them for family and friends next year.

### **Zongzi (Rice Dumplings ) for 20**

#### **Ingredients**

**1 kg glutinous rice**

**2 kg lean pork cut in 3 cm cubes**

**10 salted duck egg yolks shelled and halved (any duck eggs would do)**

**40 small dried Chinese mushrooms (black)**

**20 dried chestnuts**

**100 grams of diced shrimp 200 gm raw peanuts (shelled but not skinned)**

**½ cup soy sauce**

**vegetable oil (for stir-frying)**

**5 cloves of garlic roughly crushed**

**1½ teaspoons sugar**

**1 teaspoon pepper**

**10 spring onions sliced thinly**

**40 large bamboo leaves\* (2 for each Zongzi)**



#### **Method**

Soak rice in water for 3 hours - then drain

**Wash bamboo leaves clean then rinse under running water**

Stew pork, chestnuts, soy sauce and sugar for 1 hr - set aside pork and chestnuts

**Boil peanuts until soft (½hr to 1 hr)**

Soak mushrooms until soft - then clean and cut off stalks - stir-fry and set aside

**Stir -fry half duck eggs with sugar and garlic**

Stir-fry spring onions until fragrant

**Stir-fry shrimp very quickly**

Mix rice, spring onions and peanuts together well

#### **Wrapping Zongzi**

**Overlap 2 bamboo leaves for about ⅔ along. Make a cup shape with the leaves in your hand**

Add a small amount of the rice mixture then add 1 piece of pork to the centre of the rice. Add more rice on top. compress slightly

**Repeat adding 1 chestnut, 1 mushroom and half a duck egg - followed by a layer of rice until you have a full rice ball in your hand**

Wrap leaves tightly and tie string around the ball

**Zongzi should be pyramid shapes with sharp edges and pointed ends. It takes practice to make nice -looking balls!**

Use a double-knot - like shoelaces to make them easy to open

**Steam for one hour, unwrap and serve.**

. \*Some of the unusual ingredients are available from Chinese Specialty shops.

## ***The Smile of Silla***



Jackie is an English teacher. Last Wednesday she was wearing a “su mag sae” necklace. The necklace was given to her as a present. It is a copy of a Korean treasure.

“Su mag sae” was found in a ruined temple, the “Young Myo Temple” in Gyeong Ju. It was made about 6 or 7 centuries ago in the time of the Silla Korean dynasty.

“Su mag sae” is a ceramic tile for a roof. It decorates the end of a house roof. The tiles are carved in various patterns, sometimes in the shape of the Buddha, but mostly in their shapes mean paradise, rebirth and a bird of paradise.

When this “su mag sae” was found, half of the face was broken but we can imagine the whole of the face. It’s an ordinary woman’s face. Although her smile is plain, whenever we see it we also feel happy and have a smile on our faces. The smile comes to us from over 1300 years ago. Nowadays she is called the *Smile of Silla*.

*Ju Young Lee*

### ***Job Mentoring***

The Job mentors that trained at the beginning of the year and others who have previously trained, have been working with their job seekers for a while now. They have been hugely supportive, giving of their time and knowledge to help the Job seekers along their pathway to employment. Two Job seekers have had success and are now employed and others have gained voluntary work experience. Having someone who can share their knowledge about the New Zealand workplace has a big impact on the Job seeker’s confidence, which in turn leads to a more positive outlook to finding employment.



We have more Job seekers than Mentors, so if you have some spare time or know of someone else who does, and you would like to share your knowledge and experience of the New Zealand workplace, please contact the office. Looking for work and being unsuccessful can be very demoralizing, You could make a big difference to someone’s life and helping someone to find employment can be very rewarding.

Enquiries: phone Susan on 853 2188

Or email: [susan.wright@englishlanguage.org.nz](mailto:susan.wright@englishlanguage.org.nz)

### ***TEE SHIRT ORDERS***

There are now black Tee Shirts with the new logo and name available from National Office. The sizes are from small to 2 x large in men’s (round neck) and women’s styles (round and V-neck). Prices are approximately \$35 - 40 post and packing included. Photos can be viewed and orders placed at our office.

The more we buy the cheaper the price! Orders should be made by Friday 14th August.

## **The Afar Pastoralist Development Association (APDA)**

A few newsletters ago we had a book review of "Maalika" by Valerie Browning.



Valerie is an Australian nurse who has ended up living in Africa, marrying an Afar clan leader, teaching from the back of a camel and getting banned by various governments. Some of us shared dinner one evening earlier this year with Valerie and members of the Afar community here in Hamilton.

The Afar are a pastoralist people who are found in the area where Ethiopia, Djibouti and Somalia meet.

We now get Valerie's newsletter via email and here is an excerpt from the latest one.

**As of early July** the main rainy season has begun. As is now the pattern of rain, storms are localised and very severe. In some towns some houses have lost their roofs.

Starting in early May, acute watery diarrhea (AWD - fast killing diarrhea and vomiting) has spread. 136 community development workers were mobilized teaching over 30,000 people and distributing soap, clean water and treatment materials to each affected household.

**Malnutrition** is expected to be high due to the general lack of food and the extremely low productivity of animals. Aside from the effects of AWD that can develop into malnutrition, there are so many destitute and near destitute households that urgently need assistance.

**Volcanic eruption:** 10 days ago the volcano that erupted for the first time in August 2008, sent up a second eruption killing one man and severely affecting the surrounding population with lung-irritant gases.

**Refugees** from Eritrea continue to enter Ethiopia. Refugee youth have become highly organised with the objective of assisting their fellow refugees as well as working to ensure that they continue education. They are teaching afar literacy in the Assayita refugee camp.

### **The need for programme expansion**

**1. Afar Education:** The APDA needs to continue to reach out to Afar communities without access to education and a deliberate effort must continue to facilitate female participation. We need to pilot at least one community boarding school aiming to get up to 40 males and 40 females through education to become the leaders and innovators of development.

**2. Afar language :** re-establish an Afar writing centre, establish Afar language literacy classes, promote government use of Afar within administration as well as using Afar as the medium of instruction as far as Grade 8.

**3. Primary Health:** Continue to take vaccination to remote districts using refrigerators and generators. Support health programme workers to study nursing and midwifery.

**4. Women:** Women extension workers to be greatly increased and supported to upgrade through distance education and train as health workers.

**5. AIDS:** APDA will work more with care and support as the need arises.

**6. Other work** involves promoting planting native grasses and trees, production locally of animal fodder, sub-surface dams and animal medications and vaccines.



## *Comings and goings*

You will be aware of funding cuts to the ACE sector in continuing education classes. Unfortunately the ESOL Assessment and Access Specialist service provided by Jo de Lisle will also lose its funding at the end of this year. This service provides English language assessment, advice and referrals to appropriate courses and classes for adult migrants and refugees and assists them in planning a pathway to further education and employment. Jo offers practical advice and encouragement to these people and liaises closely with us and other agencies. She keeps in touch with English language providers in our region and is able to keep up-to-date information about courses offered. She is also able to identify any gaps there might be in this provision. English Language Partners Waikato is the umbrella agency for this service and our committee is working hard to find ways to maintain the position next year through alternative funding.

In the meantime Jo has applied for and has been successful in obtaining a part time position at the National Association office in Wellington. She begins on 8<sup>th</sup> August at which time she will reduce her present hours here at the Centre to 3 days a week.

Jenny will be on leave for six weeks from 31<sup>st</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> October. She is visiting East Timor and renewing contact with old friends she met while on a Volunteer Service Abroad assignment in 2005. This time she is going to undertake some research for some study she has started this year at the University of Waikato.

Rebecca, our office administrator and wonder woman, has been away for three weeks visiting family in China with her husband. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with phones, photocopying and other jobs that needed doing.

This week the Migrant Resource Centre staff farewelled Neil Wang. Neil was on our committee seven years ago as Treasurer and has been a friend and a colleague ever since. He was with the Centre during the early days of the Interpreting Service when the concept of agencies using professional interpreters was quite new. We remember well when we moved to the present building and Neil was assisting with trailer loads of furniture, putting up signs and all the things that need doing when you move house! We wish him well and will continue to value his friendship.

Jenny

***Some writing from the ACHIEVE class:*** If our love is sincere and not “puppy love” we may be able to help our “little people” to choose a right way to live. I think a parent with sincere love can give a little smack to the little darling’s backside if he or she is naughty. But sadly we all know that not everybody cares about their own children’s feelings.

Statistics show that many children have to deal with violence in their own home and many of those children get hurt emotionally and physically. They just can’t be really happy people and maybe the consequences of hurting these little children will make them come out like a robber or murderer. Of course it won’t necessarily happen but I think we can all agree that children growing up with violence are learning the bad way of how to live in a relationship.

So if we put our anger on our child badly he or she will remember our punishment and I don’t think it is a good example to follow.

Because not all parents are reliable in society, it’s better to have a rule controlling or try to stop the bad things happening all around us.

We should learn how to discipline our children without smacking.

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***THANK YOU TO OUR VALUED SPONSORS***

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- > New Zealand Lottery Grants Board
- > Trust Waikato
- > WEL Energy Trust
- > HCC Community Assistance Fund
- > Waikato Ethnic Council
- > Sky City Hamilton Community Trust
- > New Zealand Post
- > Hillcrest High School Community Education
- > Page Trust
- > The Tindall Foundation Trust
- > Norah Howell Charitable Trust
- > ACE - WINTEC
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