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

## A Night at the Movies

All tutors, learners, families and friends are invited to a viewing of the movie

### “Innocence”



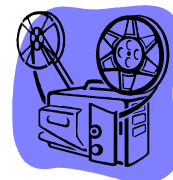
An award-winning documentary focusing on the efforts of one teacher to provide hill tribe children in a rural, mountainous part of Thailand with a good education.

**Sunday 6 September at the Suter Cinema in Bridge Street**  
**Film starts at 6pm**

Drinks and nibbles provided afterwards - a chance to celebrate Adult Learners' Week, and our new name. There will also be an opportunity to make a donation to the school.

Please book and pay at the English Language Partners office (upstairs at 2 Bridge Street) by Wednesday 2 September.

Cost: \$12



# Hi everybody,

I hope you are all well and managing to avoid the flu. As you can see from this newsletter, there is a lot happening around here. After the excitement of our Grand Opening and the launch of the Reporting Racism report on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we've got Qona Carrington's new Social English Group in Motueka, the film evening on 6<sup>th</sup> September and the start of a new English for Employees class on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. That's not to mention our final tutor training course for the year starting on Sept 4<sup>th</sup> and the opening of Marlborough House in Blenheim on Aug 27<sup>th</sup>. So plenty to keep us busy!

It is great to be sharing premises now with the Multicultural Council and the Newcomers Network. There is lots of running up and down stairs and people being referred from one to the other that might not have happened beforehand, so the new set up is already bringing benefits!

It would be great to see you at the film evening on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. Part of the reason for having this is to celebrate Adult Learners' Week – and that is all about the work that you are doing, so I hope you can come along and share the celebrations!

Best wishes  
Doug



*The crowd outside 2 – 4 Bridge Street before the opening of our Nelson Multicultural Resource Centre on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

## Nelson Multicultural Resource Centre

Well, we are now part of the brand new Nelson Multicultural Resource Centre. After our grand opening – mayors and all – a couple of weeks ago, we have our new centre all fired up and going strong! The NMRC is us, (English Language Partners Nelson), Nelson Multicultural Council (Evey McAuliffe), Nelson Newcomers Network (Claire Nichols) all together under one roof (well, two roofs really) at 2 – 4 Bridge St.

As well as these groups, Dave Cogger, the new Community Constable responsible for Ethnic Communities, will be based here for two days a week, so we hope that new Nelsonians will feel comfortable about discussing problems with him. We also have an office that is available for the use of like-minded community organisations.

We hope that our new centre will provide a higher-profile centre where new arrivals can get the advice and support they need to help them settle well in Nelson.



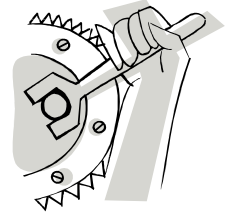
*The important people at the opening!  
From left, Brian Wilke (Chair of English Language Partners Nelson), Kerry Marshall (Mayor of Nelson), Richard Kempthorne (Mayor of Tasman), Joris De Bres (Race Relations Commissioner), Andy Joseph (Kaumatua, Nelson City Council)*

## English for Employees – new class



*Our first English for Employees course. Clockwise from far left Siaki Afioga, Silafaga Mauafu, Brenda Burns (tutor), Alex Yu, Lily Li, Felalita, Api Domoni.*

We are now into the second 'module' of our English for Employees class. It runs on a Sunday afternoon from 4 – 6.30pm and is going very well. We are starting another class on 21<sup>st</sup> September. This one will run every Monday evening from 6.30 – 8.30 and is for **Permanent Residents who are working**. If your learner fits into this category and would be interested in joining the class, could you please contact me about it. The class will be for all levels of English and will focus on language, numeracy and cultural skills in the workplace. It will be taught by Tanya White here at 2 Bridge Street.



## Tutor Training

Our final tutor training course for the year starts on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. We still have quite a few learners on our waiting list so we are keen to get as many new tutors as we can. If you know of anyone who would be interested in doing our tutor training and becoming a home tutor, please put them in touch with Doug.



*Newly trained tutors from the June course. Back, from left, Reg Gittus, Lee Dixon, Tanya White, Jaine Cronin, Nicky Swart, Katharine Day, Cath Ayers, Ginny McDouall. Front, from left, Merle Moffitt, Sally Walsh, Anita Gardener, Alicia Hannan, Birte Feldmann, Sue Marsland.*

# SOCIAL ENGLISH GROUPS



## New Social English Group in Motueka

A new development is the establishment of a Social English Group in Motueka. This started on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September and runs from 3 - 4.30 every Sunday afternoon at the Special Education Centre, 27B Talbot St, Motueka. It is being taken by Qona Carrington - hopefully with a bit of help from one or two other Motueka tutors. If you know of anyone who would like to join this group, or if you would like to help Qona, you can contact her at [qona49@hotmail.com](mailto:qona49@hotmail.com)

The Nelson and Richmond groups are running as usual, although please note the Richmond group now meets on **Tuesday** evening, not Monday.

Nelson: **Tuesday afternoons**

**1.30 - 3.00pm**

Home Tutor office

2 Bridge Street

Richmond: **Tuesday evenings**

**7.00 - 8.30pm**

23A Salisbury Rd

Richmond

Tutor for both these groups: Lyn Ashby

The groups provide a fun, sociable learning opportunity. Please encourage your learner to attend if they would like extra conversation practice.



## RESOURCES ROOM UPDATE

I have just returned from a wonderful trip to Europe, spending time with my family in Wales, visiting my daughter in Spain and recovering from jet lag in Rarotonga!! Lucky me! And now, it's time to get back to work, and to continue with improving the Resources Room library and service to you, the hard working home tutors!

Our focus for August is a review of the very popular selection of **READERS** that we have available. Over the last year, there have been a significant number of new books bought for this section, some with CD's.

### BEGINNERS

We now have approximately 120 beginner Readers, three with CD's and some with tapes. The three new books with CD's are proving to be very popular. These are *The Wedding*, *Good Morning Max* and *What?*, produced by PRACE Australia.

### INTERMEDIATE

This is the largest section with approximately 150 titles, with eight new Readers with CD's from the McMillan range. These are very popular as many of them also have teacher's notes and worksheets, to save you a lot of work.

Look out for these titles:-

- *Anna and the Fighter*
- *In the Frame*
- *Jane Eyre*
- *L.A. Detective*
- *Lucky Number*
- *Money for a Motorbike*
- *Princess Diana*

And finally...

### ADVANCED READERS

We have 36 books, two with CD's (*Robinson Crusoe* and *Rich Man Poor Man*), once again in the McMillan range.

Keep a lookout also for the excellent selection of **Rainbow Readers** that we have, approximately 20 titles. This is a local company with many of the stories based in the Nelson region. Whilst these books are produced for schools, the topics are very relevant to adults and families. For example, *Misadventure at Sea* and *Serious Fishing* will appeal to a wide audience. We are awaiting samples of their activity sheets.

All these books will be on display on the New Book stand and at the Tutor Lunch on Wednesday 26 August.

Mary Kroch  
Resource  
Librarian



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**Mary's hours:** Wednesdays 11am-3pm

## Opening of new Marlborough Centre

Things are happening in Marlborough too! English Language Partners Marlborough moved, in April this year, to new premises at 21 Henry St, Blenheim. It is a big old house that has been renovated and provides a great suite of offices and meeting rooms for the tenants – as well as English Language Partners, there is Volunteer Marlborough, the Marlborough Migrant Centre and Literacy Marlborough. They have now completed their renovations and are having a ‘grand opening’ on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August.



## Reporting Racism

Thanks very much to those tutors and learners who helped Debbie Kohner with her survey on Incidents of racism around Nelson. You may have seen in the media about the launch of this report on Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> August. There was quite a bit of unjustified and sensationalist publicity about Nelson being the ‘racist capital of NZ’ but at least it drew attention to issues which are important to our learners. Debbie found, for example, that 81% of participants had experienced racism.

The report recommends the setting up of a reporting system which people can confidently and securely use to report incidents. Our organisation could have an important role to play in this reporting system, so watch this space! If you are interested in reading a copy of the report (or even just the Executive Summary), please contact Doug.

## Thanks to ....

As always, we couldn't do our job without the generous support of the following funders:

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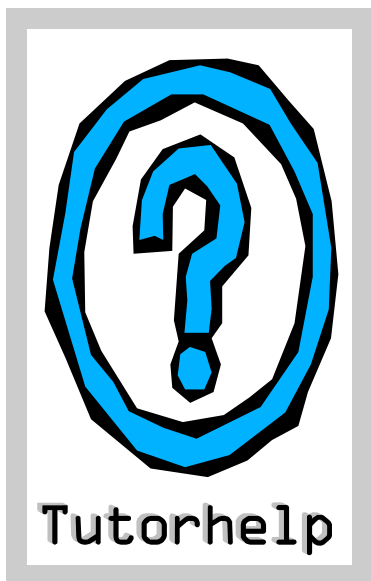


## Have you seen our banner?

The beautiful banner made by the Literacy Class last year to welcome delegates to the National Conference, has now been hung above the stairs leading up to our office, where the time, effort and workmanship that went into it can be properly appreciated.



**Don't forget** you can contact our friendly language expert Marilyn Lewis, on the 'tutorhelp' email service with any tutoring queries.  
**tutorhelp@englishlanguage.org.nz**



**For any ESOL question:  
tutorhelp@englishlanguage.org.nz**

*Note: This service is for home tutors only. In using this service you agree to have your question recorded and used anonymously for the benefit of teaching ESOL.*

## Can we email you??

Sometimes it would be useful and save time if we could contact you by email.



If you have an email address and are happy for us to contact you this way, could you please let us know at **nelson@englishlanguage.org.nz** or **esol@marlboroughonline.co.nz**

## Home Tutors website



**www.englishlanguage.org.nz**

Have you explored our national website yet? First of all, go into [www.englishlanguage.org.nz](http://www.englishlanguage.org.nz). You might like to have a look at the **Teach English** heading near the top of the screen on the home page. Then to get into the Tutors' area, you have to click on

- login near the top right hand corner of the screen, then on
  - Tutor login
  - type in username = ESOLHT and
  - password = communicate
- and with a bit of luck you will be in – there are tutor resources in there too (lots of useful worksheets), as well as a tutor bulletin board.

Give it a go!



### **POT LUCK DINNERS**

The Nelson Multicultural Council organises a monthly potluck dinner. These are held at 6.30 pm on the first Friday of every month at Victory School hall, Totara St, off Vanguard St, Nelson.

The next one is on: **Friday 4 September**

Perhaps you could take your learner along.