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NEWSLETTER

No. 1.

January 2008:

From the Coordinator:

Happy New Year and welcome to 2008. Haven't we had an amazing summer! The weather has been fantastic.

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and peaceful break over Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Now is the time for tutors and learners to make contact with each other and re- start lessons. If you cannot continue tutoring, or if you would like a new learner, please let me know.

Our programme for this year is a bit different from last year's. Please note any changes.

Read through the newsletter to find out about the upcoming events and activities.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Class/ Group</u>	<u>Level</u>
Monday	10.00 -11.00	New Zealand English	Beginners
Monday	11.00 -12.00	New Zealand English	Intermediate/Upper
Tuesday	10.00- 11.00	Social English Group	Beginners
Tuesday	6.30pm - 8.00pm	For people who work during the day.	Beginner/ Lower intermediate.
Wednesday	10.00- 11.00am	Improve your reading and writing	Beginner
Thursday	10.00 - 11.00	Social English Group	Intermediate
Friday (fortnightly)	9.45 (10.00 start)- 11.30	Multicultural Women's Group	All
Friday (fortnightly)	10.00- 11.00	Walk and Talk	All

Please note:

ALL CLASSES START ON MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from attending an class or group, please bring them along. Classes are free for Permanent Residents.

News from the Multicultural Women's Group:

Nearly 50 women and children gathered at the Learning Centre on Wednesday 12 December last year before heading to Jane's home for the 2007 Christmas Party. We had a lovely morning with lots of delicious food to share, gifts to exchange, games to play and a special prize draw to finish off the party.

Thanks must go to Gloria Warrington and Amy Oh, in particular, who helped with the organisation. It was a great occasion.



Bep and Ameera

Some of our Chinese Ladies.



Kelly and her tutor, Karin.

Meetings for Terms One and Two are:

FRIDAYS

1, 15, 29 February; 14, 28 March; 11 April.

9, 23 May; 6, 20 June; 4 July.

ESOL Family Picnic /BBQ

Everyone is invited to come along to the Wanganui ESOL Family Picnic/ BBQ.

When: Sunday 24 February

Where: Bason Reserve
Rapanui Road
Westmere

Time: 12 noon

What to Bring: A picnic or food to barbeque
(Weather permitting)



It will be a great day and we look forward to seeing everybody there – all tutors, all learners, all friends and family! If you need a ride out, please let Jane know.

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Tutor Training 2008:

Our first Tutor Training course will begin on Wednesday 2nd April at 1.00pm. It will take place on Wednesday afternoons from 1.00pm to 4.30pm for 6 weeks. If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact me or call in at the office.

Current Tutors, please note:

If you have finished your 12 weeks Record of Learning, please ring me to arrange a meeting as soon as possible.

ALSO.....

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There is a Tutor and Learner section, lots of information, resources, and links to other sites as well as the Tutor Helpline.

AND THERE ARE PHOTOS OF SOME OF OUR WANGANUI LEARNERS!

Also.....

Remember that you can use our friendly language expert Marilyn Lewis, on the “tutorhelp” email service with any tutoring queries.

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Please note:

New office hours for 2008:

**The office will be open from 9.30am -3.30pm
on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

**We will be closed on Wednesday, February 6th for Waitangi Day
as well as 21st, 24th & 25th March for the Easter break.**



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Whanganui Community Foundation	Lottery Grants Board
Wanganui High School	COGS
Wanganui City College	

More on RESOURCES:

We were extremely fortunate to be the beneficiaries of a number of books from the now defunct UCOL English (ESL) Department. They passed on many books and tapes which may be of interest to you. Please come into the office for a look.

There are a number of “Headway” books, which are excellent. There are also a number of resources relating to speaking & listening. And heaps more.....

If you wish to make any suggestions or comments about ESOL Wanganui, please feel free to contact one of the Committee members. They are Dave Cameron, Caroline Samuel, Ameera El Masry, Elena Adams, Alison Aitchison, Rosemary Tennant and Laraine Dolling. Or talk to Jane.

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Please Note:

Classes for Term **FOUR** finish on 7 December (except for the Monday classes & Women’s Group). Classes for **2008** begin on Monday 11th February. Also, the office will be closed from Monday 17th December until Tuesday 22nd January.

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