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Kia ora koutou e ngā tauira, ngā pouako, ngā kaiarahi katoa, tena koutou katoa. Greetings to you all. There have been some fabulous events during this years' Adult Learners' Week – He Tangata Mātauranga. Many Pou pou engaged in scrabble tournaments of varying shapes and sizes; 'travelling books' were launched north and south; learners, tutors, friends and whānau were celebrated and sustained with breakfasts, morning teas, lunches, afternoon teas, dinners and hangi.

A compilation of Ngā Pou pou reports will be shared soon. A sample of a Pou pou report features below from Literacy Aotearoa Dunedin who came up with the innovative idea of having a mini film festival to inspire discussion and writing.

Inside this issue Ngā Pou pou share news of literacy in the workplace, professional development opportunities for tutors, and learner successes. Online Resources feature home grown reading collections; an updated site for those new to computers and the internet; a site for employers to identify their workplace literacy needs; and a site for learners wanting to be better informed about their own health and health services. Finally, a dedicated and determined adult learner from Christchurch launches his fourth book.



Literacy Aotearoa Dunedin – Mini Film Festival inspires writing

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This year Literacy Aotearoa Dunedin organised an international dinner and scrabble tournament to mark International Literacy Day and to celebrate Adult Learners' Week – He Tangata Mātauranga. Te Pou pou also incorporated a mini film festival of New Zealand films into their courses.

The international dinner organised in conjunction with English Language Partners was a success. The dinner was a delicious mix of international and New Zealand fare. During the evening before the dinner the participants played Scrabble and were able to win prizes.

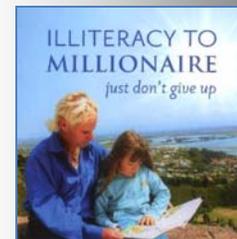
As a further extension to Adult Learners' Week a series of New Zealand films were shown in the Pou pou. Films were chosen by students and tutors and matched to the different groups. Some of the groups who watched a film included Women returning/entering the workplace, both the men's groups, the 'Reading to Your Child' group, the ESOL writing and reading group and the Bookbinding and Family Stories group.

The films chosen included, 'Boy', 'Whale Rider', the Topp Twins film 'Untouchable Girls' and 'The Reader' (not a NZ film, but of interest to our creative writing group).

The films encouraged a lot of reflection and debate and engendered discussion around different cultural experiences, societal attitudes to poverty, alcohol abuse and interaction with children within families.

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The Reading to your Child group is going to show some children's films to mothers to encourage discussion around the elements that go to make good children's films.

Tutors were surprised at the positive responses to the films and would like to include viewing of films – particularly New Zealand films as part of each course.



Ngā Poupu News



Buller Adult Learning – Workplace@the Coalface buller.arla@xtra.co.nz

from the Buller Adult Learning newsletter, Sept 2010

The ILN group picked the sunniest day of the week and took a tour of Stockton Mine. The group have been working on US 497 Occupational Health and Safety in the Workplace. Being on the coalface (literally) helped them to apply the theory they had learnt in the classroom. Jacky Tierney has been a tutor with Buller ALS since 2006. She has her CALT 5 and has almost completed the NCALE 5. She has been tutoring the ILN group. I think they would all agree she is a great tutor.



Waiheke Adult Literacy – Waiheke Radio Interview waihekeadultliteracy@ihug.co.nz

Vanessa Ryan has been a learner with Waiheke Literacy for two years and shares her experiences as an adult learner with Di from the Waiheke Community Library.



“We write stories, we talk stories, we have a wonderful time... it has stretched my brain...”

The 45-minute interview took place on International Literacy Day. You can hear it by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.waihekeradio.org.nz/node/929>



Literacy Whangarei – Friendly Fridays whangarei@literacy.net.nz

The Literacy Whangarei Poupu Committee has started ‘Drop In’ sessions called Friendly Fridays for their tutors to meet informally and exchange news, views and ideas over tea or coffee. The Tutor Support Sessions offer a stimulating programme for all tutors including:

- Whangarei Public Library Orientation
- Te Reo Māori
- Poupu Learning Resources and Games
- Foundation Learning Progressions
- National Assessment Tools



Adult Literacy inc. – Applying for a Scholarship margaret@adulteracy.org.nz

Htay (Sisi Htay Thaug) did not want to apply for a scholarship for the floristry course she is starting soon, because she misunderstood its significance. She compared it to doing scholarship subjects at school.

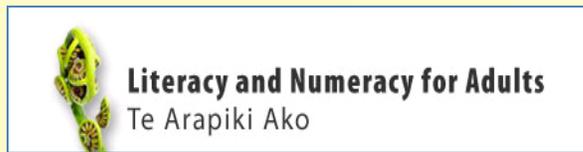


However a scholarship would really help her financially. To make it easier for her, we did a brainstorming session, which she had never done before and worked with a T-graph on the white board, says tutor Ariane Kracke. From the action points she was able to put an application together which she handed in that afternoon after our session. I believe it helped her in realising that she can do a lot more than she thinks she can and brainstorming will help with future assignments as well.

[Update: Htay received a scholarship for her Floristry course!!!]

Te Arapiki Ako – New Resources

<http://literacyandnumeracyforadults.com/>



For learners: Additions to the Reading Collection:

- Collection 4: Someone I Could Look Up To
- Collection 5: Making a New Life
- Collection 6: Second Time Lucky
- Collection 7: New Zealand at War

<http://literacyandnumeracyforadults.com/Educator-resources/Reading-Collections>

For tutors: Professional learning modules

Click on the Tab: Professional Learning and communities, then on the menu on the right: [Professional Learning: Reading - learning modules](#) for the topic: 'Working with learners who are reading at entry-level'

Module One: [Identifying strengths and learning needs.](#)

This module focuses on working with adult learners who are reading at entry-level. It is divided into four sections including: An introduction to entry-level readers; A brief look at oral language; Phonological awareness; and Decoding. Links are provided to further research and video clips demonstrating assessment in action.

Skills Highway

<http://www.skillshighway.govt.nz/>



The website is designed to inform employers about the benefits of workplace literacy development. The site includes: Business Employers' top 20 questions about workplace literacy training; Top tips (what other employers found most important); Tools and resources (for getting started; for assessment, for implementation and for measurement); and a Skills Gap indicator to identify employees' possible literacy, numeracy or communication issues relating to the workplace.

Wordle

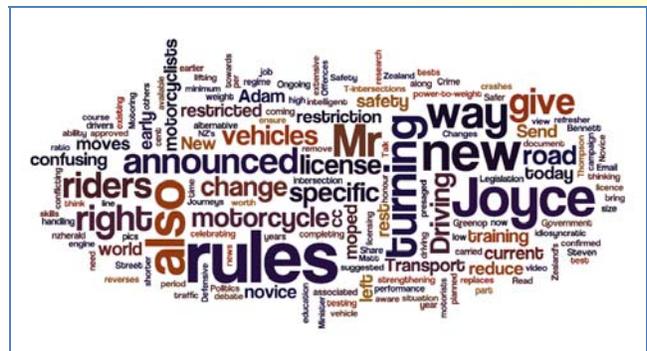
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'Wordle is a toy for generating "word clouds" from text that you provide. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text. You can tweak your clouds with different fonts, layouts, and colour schemes. The images you create with Wordle are yours to use however you like. You can print them out, or save them to the Wordle gallery to share with your friends.'

An example has been created below from copying and pasting the text from a newspaper article into Wordle: 'Confusing' give way rules to change – Joyce', New Zealand Herald, By Adam Bennett, 29 September 2010

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10676901



BBC Webwise

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/>

This website has a new look and some new resources for those wanting to learn about using computers and the world wide web.

Sections include: Your computer; Using the web; Email & sharing; Living & interests; Safety & privacy; and Courses (Computer basics, Internet basics, the WebWise Online Course) with step-by-step film clips.



Online Resources

Health Literacy in New Zealand

<http://www.healthliteracy.org.nz/>

New Zealand's Health Literacy website 'provides free comprehensive information about health literacy and associated resources for a range of groups working in the health sector and adult literacy in New Zealand.'



This site has links to other sites and resources (national and international) for adult literacy tutors and learners in the 'Literacy organisations' section. One fabulous website 'Healthy Roads Media' has film clips on hundreds of health topics. You can print out the text then read along as you watch the clip.

Topics include: Abuse - AIDS/HIV - Asthma - Cancer - Children/Infants - Dental - Diabetes - Diseases/Conditions - Emergencies - Food/Nutrition - Heart - Housing - Immunization - Injuries and Wounds - Jobs - Medical Tests - Medicines - Mental Health - Personal Health Issues - Pregnancy/Reproduction - Refugee Orientation - Sexual Health - Smoking - Staying Healthy - Substance Abuse - Symptoms - Tuberculosis.



<http://www.healthyroadsmedia.org/english/index.htm>

Another link to the 'Iowa Health Literacy project - Plain and Simple' has a learner telling her story 'Time to teach the doctors'.



empowerment of a literacy learner through learning how to ask questions.

"I knew it was very important to read to your children, so I would make up stories to go along with the pictures in the books. My children didn't even know I couldn't read until they got up into the higher grades in school."

"When I told my doctor about my reading problem, I was more or less teaching him how to work with us, people with reading problems."

"I also told my doctor about teach-back. When a patient's on medicine, you need to show him what to take, how to take it, and when to take it. You have to be specific... And then tell them to teach it back to you. There's a lot of people, even readers, who don't know how to take their medicines."

http://www.idph.state.ia.us/health_literacy/common/pdf/stories/teach_doctors.pdf



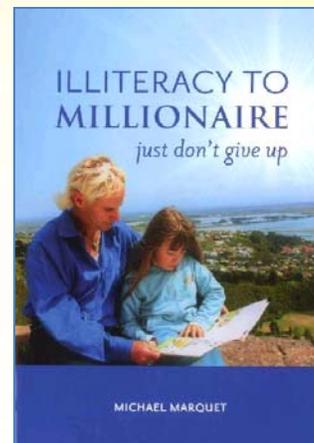
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He Michael Marquet launches 4th book: Illiteracy to Millionaire

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The launch of Michael Marquet's fourth book was a sensation, said Serenah Nicholson, Te Kaiwhakahaere (Co-chairperson of Te Kōruru). Guest speakers included Minister Anne Tolley who congratulated Michael and spoke about some of the aspects of learning he had written about in his book.

Barbara Peter (the first Coordinator of ARAS Christchurch) spoke about how Michael was always motivated to learn and to write his story (now four books later, she is still involved with helping edit his books).

David Carter (local MP) spoke about Michael's will to succeed. Michael then spoke of his journey and recognised Maureen Vance (Manager ARAS) for her support and belief in him. He also acknowledged his publishing company, Caxton Press, who helped him to get his book completed.

The book costs \$30.00 and can be ordered by phoning Michael on: 0272 69 66 47