

Namaste (Hindi), Mālō e lelei (Tongan), Fākatalofa atu (Tuvaluan), Ni sa bula vinaka (Fijian), Fakaalofa lahi atu (Niuean), Mālō ni (Tokelauan)... Ngā mihi mahana kia koutou katoa, Greetings to you all.

The spring season brings Pacific Languages to the fore, beginning in Mahuru (September) with Tongan and Te Reo Māori language weeks, followed by Tuvaluan, Fijian, Niuean, and Tokelauan in Whiringa ā nuku (October).

Lifelong learning has been taking place with all staff at National Office celebrating these languages by practising simple phrases and greetings each morning, and with information sheets for those who want to delve deeper.

We carry on from last month's issue looking at how our members throughout the country acknowledged students and tutors and reached out to their communities to promote Literacy Aotearoa services by telling their stories...

## Mahuru Māori... Mahuru Mātauranga

'Mahuru Māori' was fully embraced by Ara (National Office Service Delivery and Training Administrator) who spoke only in Te Reo for the entire month at work, at home and in between.

She was an inspiration to many of us and inspired us to put more effort into our daily practice of Te Reo Māori. Tino rawe Ara.



## Light + good + knowledge + hope = Diwali

We are fortunate to have such a beautifully textured whānau at the National Office with people who whakapapa to many places in the world and are able to share their languages, customs (and kai!) enriching us all.

Diwali or [Deepavali](#) is the Hindu festival of lights and signifies the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance and hope over despair...

We celebrated Diwali with Shireen Kukkady, Programme and Quality Development Manager, who shared her collection of saris and churidar kameez and showed national office staff how to wear them.





Tuvalu (1-7/10/17)

In 2013, Tuvaluan people were the seventh largest Pacific ethnic group in New Zealand, making up 1.2% or 3,537 of New Zealand's Pacific peoples' population.

Fiji (8-14/10/17)

<http://www.mpp.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Fiji-Language-Week-Education-Resource-lr.pdf>

Niue (15-21/10/17)

Fakaalofa lahi atu! Niuean Language Week theme: 'Ko e Vagahau Niue ko e Atefua he Tagata Niue' - The Niue Language is the Heart of Niue People.

<http://www.mpp.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Ponataki-Niue-Language-Educational-Resource.pdf>

**MPP- Ministry for Pacific Peoples:**

Ref: <http://www.mpp.govt.nz/language-culture-and-identity/pacific-language-weeks/>

Tokelau (23-29/10/17)

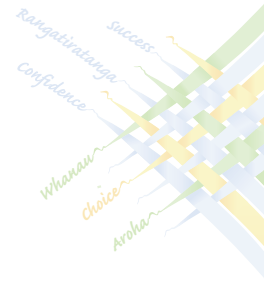
Malo ni! Tokelauan Language  
Week theme: ‘Tokelau ke mau ki te  
Gagana a nā tupuna auā he tofi mai  
te Atua’ - ‘Tokelau hold fast to the  
language of your ancestors because  
it is an inheritance from God’.

The Tokelauan ethnic group comprised 7,176 people or 2 percent of the Pacific population living in New Zealand on 5 March 2013.

The Wellington region is home to the biggest Tokelau population in New Zealand - and the world - with almost 50 percent living in the region (49.1 percent or 3,525 people). Based on Census 2013 there were almost 1,400 Tokelau people living in Tokelau.

<http://www.mpp.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/MPP7773-Tokelau-Language-Info-Sheet-v-web.pdf>





## International Literacy Day & ALW-HTM

Last month, Ngā Poupou (Literacy Aotearoa member providers) celebrated International Literacy Day and Adult Learners' Week – He Tangata Mātauranga with students, tutors, whānau and their communities...

### Westport inspires Lifelong Learning for Curious Minds



**West Coast Adult Learning Services** celebrated Adult Learners' Week and International Literacy Day with a variety of events. The highlight of the week was the 'Life-Long Learning for Curious Minds' event, organised in collaboration with West Coast Adult Learning Services, Buller REAP, EPIC Westport and The Buller District Council.

This event builds on the success of the previous year's events. Someone from the community who is passionate about their field of expertise is invited to come and talk to a group of life-long learners.

This year guest speaker Dyan Hansen spoke to 60+ people about some of the highlights of the ABCD (Asset Based Community Development) Festival, which she attended earlier in the year. Following Dyan's presentation there was an opportunity to join in discussion groups. This was followed by a celebration supper and time to talk to providers of adult learning in the Buller district.

### The Red Wall & Scrabbling in Nelson

**Adult Learning Support (Nelson)** partnered with Nelson Library to apply for funding from ACE Aotearoa and run events from the Library during the week. The theme for the week was 'Reaching your potential' and events included an inaugural giant scrabble tournament – involving playoffs between teams over the first four days of the week with the final prize ceremony involving the Nelson Mayor, Rachel Reese awarding the winner's trophy on the Friday; a 'Red

wall' display giving a range of Adult Education Providers the opportunity to share information about learning opportunities in the region; and taster sessions in adult education courses for bicycle maintenance, writing, mahjong and on-line learning. Locals also enjoyed a talk by well-known Children's Author, Kate De Goldie about the life-long benefits of introducing reading to children at a young age.



### Flying the flag for Outstanding Adult Learners in Christchurch



A highlight of the week for **Literacy Christchurch** was the ACE Forum Outstanding Adult Learner Awards, hosted by Hagley Adult Literacy Centre. A number of Christchurch adult learning providers were represented and we met and heard the learning stories of many wonderful people.

Robyn Chandler, Literacy Christchurch manager said their group was one of the more excitable, "We know how to party, and we had a great time celebrating our two outstanding adult learners for 2017: Veronica, a student in our LLN and NCEA LN compulsory unit standards programmes, and Jeremy, a MITO apprentice."

"We also put out our new flag for the first time, giving us a loud and proud 'street presence' on Buchan Street."







## Students Awarded in Oamaru

Waitaki Mayor Gary Kircher came to **Literacy North Otago** to participate in the International Literacy Day festivities and to present certificates to learners.



## Southern mix of Awards and Glowing Skies...

In Invercargill, **Southern Adult Literacy** joined with English Language Partners at the city library to talk with visitors who wandered by.

Later in the week the Southern ACE Network held an awards evening and enjoyed listening to Dil Belworthy, founder of [GlowingSky](#)



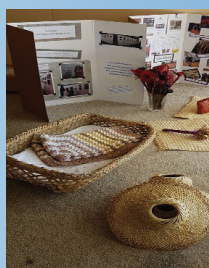
(merino clothing). He spoke of his experience of dyslexia, schooling, numerous labouring jobs, meeting his future wife on Stewart Island and becoming a successful businessman.

## Sharing Student Stories in Dannevirke



In Dannevirke, **Literacy Tamaki nui a Rua** and Tararua REAP celebrated learners at an Outstanding Adult Learners' Awards ceremony.

"The award ceremony was a great success with lots of emotion and allowed tutors and learners to take the opportunity to share student stories of their journeys to success



and achievement, often involving overcoming challenges and previous bad experiences in life," said Mick Wheeler, manager Literacy Tamaki nui a Rua.



Te Poupu also held a 'drop-in showcase' of students' work and held a workshop to learn weaving with some stunning pieces created.

## Reading in the Courtyard in Palmy

"As is our custom here at **Adult Literacy Palmerston North**, we had a 'rolling' morning and afternoon tea for our learners, tutors and visitors," says manager Frances Hemara.

Reading aloud in the courtyard is always popular, and everyone enjoys just being outside when the weather allows.

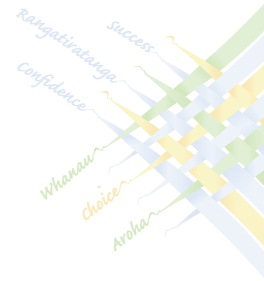
This year we took some of our activities to the PNCC library - the living room of the city - meeting and speaking with passers-by and patrons of the facility.

## Rotorua Road Code Refresher



**Literacy Rotorua** offered locals the chance to take part in a driver licence refresher session at the Rotorua Library. There were many questions and discussions about the road code and how a lot of people who are driving don't seem to know many rules. Roundabout usage was a deeply discussed issue. Some of the participants plan to enrol with Literacy Rotorua to complete a course to regain their driver licence.





## Critical Literacy and a cat named Bob

This year **Literacy Taupō** celebrated International Literacy Day with a film festival afternoon, screening the movie 'A Street Cat Named Bob'. This movie is based on the international best-selling book by James Bowen, a busker and recovering drug addict, who was living rough on the streets of London. The book was a recommended 'Quick Read' on the BBC Skillswise website (a site that was established to support literacy and numeracy development for adults), and has been the focus for lessons on critical literacy for the Literacy Taupō Literacy Café learners.

Learners, Literacy Taupō tutors and board members, and providers from social service agencies were invited to join in the celebrations. We set the learning room up as a cinema, with couches and comfortable armchairs. Everyone received a movie pack, which covered all of the compulsory movie-viewing food-groups - icecream, popcorn, chippies, chocolate and lollies, and tea, coffee and hot chocolate were in plentiful supply.

To begin the session, a brief overview of International Literacy Day was provided. The theme for this year is "Literacy in a digital world". The overview provided an opportunity to discuss digital literacy, and to raise awareness about the new challenges

technology has presented for people with literacy needs.

A short documentary was then screened to provide a context for the movie. This documentary followed James Bowen and Bob through the streets of London. James spoke about his life of addiction, and how his life changed when Bob came into his care (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MePaWG7g5FA>).



Some critical literacy questions were put to the group to encourage viewers to fully engage with the movie, and to provide a basis for critical literacy discussions, following the movie.

At the end of the movie, viewers shared their thoughts, and responded to some of the critical literacy questions. This was a relaxing way to celebrate International Literacy Day, and a great afternoon was had by all. We look forward to a positive year between now and International Literacy Day 2018.

## Cross-border relationship Whangarei to Bangalore

The whānau at **Literacy Whangarei** celebrated students and tutors alike with morning tea, awards and a karaoke afternoon.

Literacy Whangarei also began an international relationship agreement with Treamis School in Bangalore India, promoting a digital-based exchange with the students there.



"Our combined relationship strategy is that we are taking an organic approach to developing a cross-border relationship between Treamis and Literacy Whangarei starting with virtual activities, developing an online platform alongside promoting New Zealand tutor placement opportunities on short engagements with Treamis in India plus India to New Zealand Literacy and Numeracy education delegation visits," says manager Marion Kerepeti.

## Meanwhile... Counting the cost of groceries in Wairoa

**Literacy Aotearoa in Wairoa**, (in northern Hawke's Bay) invited locals to participate in a quiz based on everyday literacy and numeracy relevant to grocery shopping. Some of the questions were about products in the store; weights, measures and product prices. The main focus of the quiz was to guess the cost of the trolley of groceries and also included three questions about the location and services of Te Poupou. Those who stopped by the display table for a chat also gave some ideas for future programmes.

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## 'Before I die...' Public Art Project on Waiheke



“Throughout the week we promoted our organisation and the scope of work we do by promoting five of our learners and telling their stories in the local newspapers and on Facebook. The learners all have successes to share and we celebrate them on an ongoing basis with a display of posters in our Poupou. We are very proud of what they have achieved and their learning journey,” said Jo Nuttall, manager of Waiheke Adult Learning.

## Resources: Employability Skills

<https://www.careers.govt.nz/>



The CareersNZ website has many resources that can assist learners to start planning toward their future.

Step by step, with clear text and graphics and many photos, the site is user-friendly with some positive ways to identify the existing skills learners may have.



The Employability Skills posters, templates and activity sheets provide examples of important skills, how to get those skills and how to figure out what skills you have already. There are examples for employability skills gained through kapa haka and basketball.

<https://www.careers.govt.nz/plan-your-career/not-sure-what-to-do/skills-employers-are-looking-for/>



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