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From the President's Desk



Some sad news was the resignation of our very efficient Office/Project Officer Ilona Fekete. Ilona has been with us for 18 months with a minimum of 12 hrs per week in the ESAQ office. As we do not have the funds for more than this, Ilona looked for some extra hours. She has managed to secure four days a week with the Royal Historical Society of Queensland, so will be unable to continue her role with us. She will however remain a member of ESAQ and continue to be involved with our activities. We wish her well in her new managerial role.

The position did not remain vacant as we have been joined by Timea Kovacs.

Timea has been working with Ilona within the Hungarian School so is familiar with the operations of ESAQ Inc. She has spent time with Ilona in the office and the hand over was from the beginning of this school term. If you drop in to the Library, please make sure you call in and meet her in person. In this edition Timea has given us a short introduction.

Not wanting to waste any time, we have already scheduled a meeting with DET so that Timea can meet the staff we work with, and to see what new projects we can collaborate on.

Planning is also under way for some more Ipad training, and we are looking at September before the School holidays for the next session. There may also be an opportunity to again win a mini Ipad, consultations on going with DET.

If you have any requests for Training, please feel free to drop us an email with suggestions, so that we can incorporate your needs when we approach DET for funding.

Usually at this time of the year, I attend the AFESA meeting at the Victorian Conference, but I was unfortunately away overseas end June and beginning July. Instead Myrla attended the meeting on behalf of ESAQ Inc. Myrla has prepared a report on both the meeting with AFESA Council and the Victorian State Conference, it is in this edition.

ESAQ exists for you through your membership. The more members we have the stronger our voice is when we go to the department for support.

So please make sure that your school is financial sp we can continue representing all of you at both the state and national level.

If you have an event or a story to tell, please make sure you submit it to esaqsecretariat@gmail.com so it can be included in our Voice Edition or as an item on our Web page.

Once again welcome back to this our third school term

Irene Bayldon Tavutavu

Welcome to our July edition of Voice, and hard to believe that we are already half way through the year with the Eka almost upon us.

Since our last edition, we have had our AGM and I take this opportunity to thank all of you who attended this meeting. As we are all so busy with our individual community activities, taking the time out to attend was much appreciated.

Firstly we welcome our New Committee members Jaideep Narayan and Sutha Sivashanmugam and also the return of Myrla Prianes as Vice President, Dr. Narendra Nand as Treasurer with Heidi Englhofer and Mugunth Subramanian as committee members. We are looking forward to another great year for ESAQ Inc. with two committee meetings already taken place.

AGM 2016



On 3 May this year's AGM was well attended at Brisbane School of Distance Education, Coorparoo, and even a new school has joined ESAQ: the Yasodhara Sinhala School in West End. Esaq could welcome again Mr Joe Kelly, Member of Parliament for Greenslopes, who talked about his experience from Harmony Day. Multicultural Australia meant him that just like in music we all produce a harmonious music even though we do not look the same, or have the same thoughts. He believes, that especially now it is very important to keep in mind Australia's multicultural policy and live it every day: playing different notes but in harmony.

Two colleagues from the Department of Education and Training, Ms Betty Baram and Corinne Scholl also attended ESAQ's AGM. Ms Betty Baram (State Schooling Operations and Strategy, Education Queensland) with the audience that Community Language Schools became the official name for After Hours Ethnic Schools. And she told 2016 in numbers: 32 Community Language Schools were funded, 4194 students that is 470 more students than last year, 39 student passed senior external exams, and 15 languages were taught at these schools – Arabic, Bangla, Chinese, Farsi, Filipino, Greek, Hindi, Hungarian, Japanese, Korean, Nepali, Samoan, Sinhala, Tamil, Vietnamese. She also suggested a cooperation with mainstream schools, that could contribute to their language teaching

Corinne Scholl continued Betty's talk with the very important piece of information that the Community Language Schools website will be ready this year, so online applications, logbooks etc. will be easier and more accessible for schools. She also emphasized the importance of a generic email address for each school, not connected to a certain person, just like that the bank account should be in the name of the school. Corinne underlined the importance of the requirements to be funded: current Blue Cards for any educational staff, and to be registered at the Australian Charities and not for Profits Commission. The online presence is really important these days, so Betty Baram suggested a Professional development in the area of website development on free platforms – Wix, or Wordpress for example. Any information, question through: school.operations@dete.qld.gov.au





Paula Thomas, has accepted kindly our acceptance after a long day at West End State School to summarize the study material from the last two professional developments. The iPad usage in the classroom was well attended in January and April, and the next sessions are planned for September.

Catrin Renstrom, ESAQ's AGM's guest speaker, introduced herself as a long time language learner, and how he continued her love of language after moving to Australia. She introduced the subject as one of the most enjoyable ways of language learning. Once we have a song, there are many ways it could be used for language learning. The whole article can be read on the German in Brisbane blog, Music is your Teacher. (<http://germaninbrisbane.com.au/uncategorized/music-as-your-teacher/>)



After all this fun came the official part of the AGM, with president's reporte and the financial report. Thanks to Sarat Maharaj, ESAQ's auditor was Philip Fitzgerald in 2016 just like last year. Mr Fitzgerald donates the money from not-for-profit association for a good cause: sometimes delivers it himself to Nepal, where school children can enjoy a meal every day thanks to his generosity.

The ESAQ 2017 Officers nominated and seconded were: President: Irene Tavu-tavu ; Vice-President: Myrla Prianes; Treasurer: Narendra Nand; Committee Members: Jaideep Narayan, Heidi Englhofer, Mugunth Subramanian, Sutha Sivashanmugam.

ESAQ's wish everyone a successful school year and see you soon at our next professional development!



Ilona Fekete



Meeting with Community Languages Australia in Melbourne



On the 30th of June 2017, the Community Languages Australia had a Council Meeting where each of the States and Territories' representatives had to make a Report of what had transpired for the past three months. I am honoured to be a part of the Council to represent Queensland. Issues from different States and Territories have been put on the table for discussions and recommendations. **October 7, 2017** has been planned for the **National Conference** which will be held in **Perth, Western Australia**. Watch out for more information in the coming weeks. After the Council Meeting we had dinner and drinks.

On the 1st of July 2017, I attended the Victorian Conference at **RMIT** (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology) **University**. I had a chance to work with some Community Languages Australia Council members as well as one of the leading speakers like: Ms Maree Dellora (lady standing). The Victorian participants have witnessed the first graduates of the Certificate 1V in Community Language Teaching Students.

SBS has launched another Language Competition which opens from **24 July- 1 September 2017**. I encourage every community language school to log on sbs.com.au/NLC17

The Workshop topics: were Interactive Grammar/Vocabulary Activities, Technology in the Classroom, Creating the future of the Community languages sector, Community languages –a community of Learners (Digital Tools) on this Conference were very interesting that most of them



were full house. Stefan Romaniw, Executive Director, Community Languages Australia had organised every specific details from our accommodation, to dinner and the Conference as a whole.

Myrla Prianes

*Myrla Prianes,
ESAQ Inc
Vice-President
had an interesting
and busy weekend in
Melbourne.*

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Yum Cha with the Brisbane Chinese Language School

Thanks to the generous invitation of the Brisbane Chinese School and Ms Hu and Ms Qian, Irene, my daughter and I could enjoy a wonderful yum cha at the popular Landmark Restaurant at Sunnybank Plaza.

The cause for celebration was that the Brisbane Chinese School has found a new home for Term 2. The school was forced to leave their earlier premises, St Thomas More College at Sunnybank. The news of the move was quite sudden and the need for a new place for 1300 students was really pressing. ESAQ has written a support letter for the school and asked for recommendations from the Department of Education. Apart from these, the BCL has found its new premises at three campuses: Redeemer Lutheran College at Rochedale, Calamvale Community College at Calamvale and Indooroopilly State School at Indooroopilly.

The school's co-principal Ms Hu, and the principal Ms Qia has talked about how China supports diaspora language schools. Besides supporting every student with textbooks, every year a handful of teachers has the opportunity to participate on a 2-week-teachers' training in China. Educators from China visit the school every year and lead an in situ training and experience the challenges of language teaching in the diaspora. The students can attend different camps in China, as well as accompanied by teachers from their schools. Except the travel costs all of these programs are covered by the Chinese government.



ESAQ, Irene and I had a friendly and tasty lunch and left with food for thought for the future. Thank you for this wonderful gesture, Brisbane Chinese School and Patty Wu!

Ilona Fekete

Ilona Fekete

I was sad to leave the ESAQ community as a Secretary, even though our school will be still involved in ESAQ activities. It was a rewarding opportunity to work for such an experienced committee as at ESAQ. I have to thank all of them for their insightful advices and suggestions concerning my work, especially the veterans of ESAQ: Irene Tavutavu, Myrla Prianes, Heidi Ingloher, Rafiul Aalam.

It has been a learning curve to get to know each ethnic school, their achievements and struggles. The two competitions and our multicultural festival were great opportunities to see the power in ESAQ's joint forces through different cultures. I have learned a lot from their persistence and resilience that under any circumstances teachers' passion kept the schools going. I hope that I can take that lesson into my life and further jobs.

Please welcome Timea, the new secretary, whose many talents and skills will be a great asset for ESAQ!

But instead of a good bye, let's say see you soon either at an ESAQ event or at Queensland's longest occupied building, at the Commissariat Store!



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Timea Kovacs

I feel very fortunate that Irene and Myrla has put their confidence in me and appointed as the new secretary.

I was born in Romania in a Hungarian family, so I know about the difficulties and importance of keeping our mother tongue in a different cultural environment.

My passion for Hungarian as a community language has started only around 5 years ago, when we decided to have children here in Australia, far away from our family back home.

Since it is most recent resumption I have been helping Ilona establishing the Brisbane Hungarian School and running the classes.

Being an insider in the life of an Ethnic School, and experiencing the rewards and difficulties of running one first hand, gives me the power to work hard in ESAQ for all our school members using my previous skills and learning new ones as well.

I hope I will have to opportunity to meet all of our school members at our multinational day on 15 October if not sooner!



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SBS National Languages Competition

24 July - 1 September 2017

1. What is the SBS National Languages Competition?

The **SBS National Languages Competition 2017** is an exciting initiative to encourage and celebrate a love of learning languages in Australia. It's a nationwide competition to engage school children and reflect on the cultural, linguistic and ethnic diversity of Australia's multicultural society.

SBS Radio encourages all school students across Australia, to participate in the 'SBS National Languages Competition' by telling us in a 30 second video *'What learning a language means to you?'*, in any language other than English.

The competition is open to all school students aged 4 to 18 years, who are learning a language other than English.

Competition entries are open from 9:00am on Monday 24 July 2017 (AEST) until Midnight on Friday 1 September 2017 (AEST).

2. How to enter?

Given the diversity of ages and skills, we encourage parents, guardians and school teachers to guide the entrants where needed, in uploading their video and filling out an entry form. This year, all school students must enter the SBS National Languages Competition 2017 online by going to sbs.com.au/NLC17

☐ Parents or guardians should tick the box to indicate they have read the Terms & Conditions for the competition

☐ There can only be one submission per entrant. Participants cannot enter in groups

3. What do participants win?

There will be four grand prize winners (one from each age category) who will receive:

☐ iPad Pro 12.9 inch 256GB for the winner and one for his/her school

☐ Full days pass to Luna Park in Sydney for two

Winners will also be invited to attend the SBS National Languages Competition award ceremony at SBS headquarters in Sydney to be held in October 2017.

Selected winners who do not reside in NSW at the time of the above award ceremony will receive return airfares (for them and a parent/ guardian) from their capital city and one night's accommodation in Sydney to attend the ceremony.

4. Key contacts

For technical problems and general enquiries, please email us at queries.nlc@sbs.com.au

For media enquiries, please contact Uma.Sandeep@sbs.com.au

Who is eligible?

The competition is open to all school students across Australia who are learning a language other than English. The entrants are categorised into four groups:

Category A: Junior Primary (Aged 4 – 7)

Category B: Primary (Aged 8 – 12)

Category C: Junior High School (Aged 13 – 15)

Category D: Senior High School (Aged 16 – 18)

Entry is as simple as the following steps:

Step 1: Go to :

www.sbs.com.au/NLC17

Step 2: Upload the video (maximum 30 seconds long) describing 'What learning a language means to you?' Remember, the video is to be in any language other than English!

Step 3: Fill in the 'SBS National Languages Competition entry form'. Please provide accurate details where required in terms of name, age, school, contact details, etc.



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Professional Development

Create Great Clips with iPads

Preparation for the SBS National Languages Competition

This workshop is designed to introduce attendees with a new app called "Clips" - A new iOS app for making and sharing fun videos with text, effects, graphics and more. This app is really simple for students to master in a short amount of time. Students can capture video, add special features and effects to produce a quality movie in less than 30 minutes

Capture a moment.

Getting started is simple and quick. Just hold the red button to record video on the spot, or grab a video clip or photo from anywhere in your library. Pinch and drag while recording to smoothly zoom and pan across images for that extra touch of drama — or comedy.

Say it, see it

Live Titles let you easily create animated captions and titles — just by talking. Simply speak while recording and text automatically appears onscreen, perfectly synced with your voice. Choose from different styles and tap any title to adjust text and punctuation.

Jazz things up

Give your videos personality with a few taps. Pick a filter that flatters. Add animated graphics and emoji. Use full-screen posters with animated backgrounds to help tell your story. And set the mood with dozens of music tracks that instantly and intelligently adjust to match the length of your video.

Become a skilled director

Advance your movie skills by learning a variety of film shot types and how to use them effectively, lighting techniques and sound. Learn how to combine these tricks to create the perfect award-winning movie.

ESAQ iPad Workshop

with Paula Thomas

10th August 2017

time: 5:30-8:30 pm

venue: BEMAC

102 Main Street,
Kangaroo Point
QLD 4169

Programs:

Queensland Multicultural Month

A large celebration of IWAQ'S 25th anniversary that will be open to people from all cultures and religions and the broader community.

The four-day Australian Italian Festival will promote and showcase Italian culture to the wider community. Activities will include a hair and fashion extravaganza, model search, masquerade gala dinner, and a two-day carnival featuring cooking demonstrations, cultural displays, bocce lessons, a parade of school children in Italian costumes, historical display and cultural foodstalls.

The Gold Coast Multicultural Festival provides a venue to celebrate and showcase the skills and talents of our city's diverse cultural communities through a variety of exciting and educational multicultural activities culminating in the main Festival Day.

The festival will celebrate Korean National Liberation Day and aims to promote Korean culture to the wider community. Activities will include traditional Korean performances, martial art demonstrations, Korean Orchestra performance, and pop dances.

Toowoomba: An annual celebration of multiculturalism in the Darling Downs, activities will include cultural music and performances, arts and crafts, food, artworks, multicultural health and wellness expo, short cultural movies, photographic competition/exhibition, Turkish Belly dancing, cultural buskers and a multi-faith information display.

This celebration of India's Independence Day will feature a vast array of Indian dance, music, food, and religion

The Brisbane Serbian Festival is brought to you by the Serbian Orthodox Church and is the largest Serbian event in Brisbane attracting thousands of event goers annually. Discover the heart of Serbia and traditional cuisines, infuse yourself with the cultural traditions of this European country and enjoy a weekend of exciting performances, fun activities for the family, music, delicious food, competitions and much more!

Multicultural festival in Marsden
Food stalls, drinks and entertainment for all nations.

IWAQ 25 years of Multicultural support celebration -

5 August 2017

**Address: 45 Acacia Road,
Karawatha, Qld, 4117**

Australian Italian Festival -

5 August - 6 August 2017

**TYTO Wetlands Precinct,
Macrossan Avenue, Ingham, Qld,
4850**

Gold Coast Multicultural Festival -

6 August

**Address: Southport Broadwater
Parklands, Gold Coast Highway,
Southport, Qld, 4215**

The Korean Festival 12 August 2017

**Address: King George Square, Ann
Street, Brisbane City, Qld, 4000**

**Toowoomba Languages and
Cultures Festival - 20 August 2017**

**Address: Queen's Park, 43 Lindsay
St, East Toowoomba, Qld, 4350**

India Day Fair- 19 August 2017

**Address: Roma Street Parkland, 1
Parkland Blvd, Brisbane, Qld,**

Brisbane Serbian Festival

11 am – 4 pm 3 September 2017

**Address: Dutton Park state school
oval, 112 ANNERLEY RD,
DUTTON PARK. QLD. 4102**

**Multicultural festival hosted by the
Hungarian Club**

1 October

150 Fourth Ave, Marsden QLD 4132

ESAQ Language Diversity day

15 October

**4 Cavendish road, corner Stanley street east
,Coorparoo**

**Ethnic Schools performance
Multinational Food Court**

contact: esaqsecretariat@gmail.com

Celebrating Multicultural Queensland Grants Program

The Celebrating Multicultural Queensland Grants Program funds initiatives that celebrate and promote Queensland's multicultural identity, increase community awareness of benefits of multiculturalism, foster community cohesion, and support equal access to opportunities by people from diverse cultural backgrounds.

In 2017-18 total funding of \$1 million will be allocated to diverse multicultural events and projects across Queensland through 2 separate grants rounds:

- Multicultural Events - **open from 18 July to 29 August 2017**
- Multicultural Projects - opening later in 2017.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/community/community-organisations-volunteering/funding-grants-resources/celebrating-multicultural-qld-grants-program>



<https://www.qld.gov.au/about/events-awards-honours/events/queensland-day/sponsorship-program/assets/qld-day-sponsorship-fact-sheet-2018.pdf>

Easy grants Bank west - ongoing

The first 20 Easy Grant applications received each month that meet the entry criteria will be up for public vote. If your application falls beyond the first 20 received, it will be automatically included in the next available month's voting period.

Awarding the grants: Everyone can vote on a monthly basis for the community group you think should receive a grant. The three groups with the highest number of votes will receive \$1,000 each. The remaining groups will receive \$200 each.

Voting Periods: Voting runs for one month starting from the first Monday of each month, and closing on the last Thursday of each month. Check out the timeline below for more information

<http://www.bankwest.com.au/about-us/in-the-community/lp/easy-grants>

**Grant
opportunities**

What is Queensland Day?

Queensland Day is an annual celebration of the state's birthday on 6 June and acknowledges the 'birth' of Queensland in 1851 as a separate colony in its own right. It is an annual celebration of the state's culture, heritage, people and industry.

In celebrating Queensland Day, the community can share a sense of pride in being both Australian and a Queenslander. It is a time to reflect on how lucky we are to be part of such a wonderful lifestyle.

What is the program?

The program allocates sponsorships of up to \$10,000 per event for organisations and community groups to plan and host their own Queensland Day events between Saturday 2 and Sunday 10 June 2018.



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