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From the President's Desk

Welcome to our December edition of Voice. Wow! Once again the year has flown by and Christmas is upon us when it only seems a short time ago we were doing the preparation for our end of year.

Looking back over the past few months, we have all been very busy, and Timea has been constantly responding to enquiries that come in regarding our schools. She also had the opportunity to attend a national meeting in Melbourne with representatives from the other ethnic school organisations.

We continue to work closely with DET. We have only had one face to face meeting with them, but in regular contact thru email.

There has been one meeting with the **Minister for Education Tony Cook**. Many thanks to Stefan Romaniw for arranging the meeting. Both Timea and I attended with Stefan. He gave a brief on the National situation and expressed our concerns for ESAQ future. Stefan offered to write up a proposal to see where ESAQ and After Hours Ethnic Schools (CLA) fit within the department. This will be presented in the new year.

We also had a meeting with **Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority** following up on the recognition of other languages that are not covered in Queensland exams. Possibility of doing external exams from other states. More follow up on this to be done.

We have had two major functions this year. The first one being our **Cultural Games and Activities Day** in August. Wow!! What a huge success that was. The parents had just as much fun as the students. Such a shame the day came to an end as everyone wanted to keep on playing games and socialising with everyone. It was great to have all different cultures together and sharing with one another. We did do a short video and there are many photos to remember the day.

Some are in this edition and once we have our website operational again we will upload there.

So a Special Thank you to all who attended.

The second event was the **National Conference** held here in Brisbane at Our Lady's College Annerley.

What an amazing day that was. The attendance was more than we anticipated. The Speakers were excellent and not only informative, but very entertaining, as for the workshops, it was difficult to decide which ones to attend. The presenters were great and offered to provide the power point presentations to all who provided their email address. I want to thank all of you for the great support in not just the attendance, but in the running of the day. Thank you to all who jumped in and helped when help was needed.

The Dinner in the evening was a first for ESAQ and proved to be very popular. I want to make special mention of our entertainers for both functions. The beautiful Vietnamese students who danced at the conference and the Nuer youth who danced at the dinner. They sure got everyone up and on to the dance floor.

The 2019 Conference venue has not been confirmed yet, so stay tuned for more information on this.

The committee are looking at holding another day similar next year. We will just have to see if we can get the extra funding for it. So watch this space.

Our schools were once again invited to take part in the SBS competition. So many thanks to all of you who participated. Thank you to Timea for all the work you did to make sure all the entries were presented on time.

Congratulation to **Kelsey Booth** from St Margaret AGS, QLD, we become first in the **age 16-18** category, she is studding **Mandarin**.

I have also had the opportunity to attend some of your wonderful Awards Nights, and continue to be amazed at the quality of performances the students present. The plays they write, the dances they learn, the poems and costumes. They all have so much confidence and I can see that we have many great leaders coming through the ranks.

I am so proud to be associated with them.

We did not have a Christmas celebration with our committee as everyone has been committed to school functions.

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.

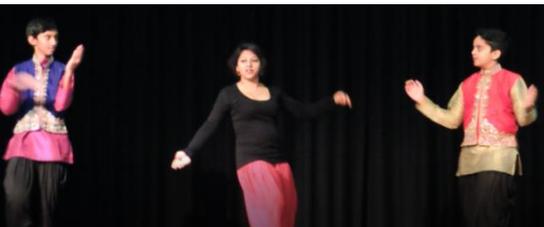
Thank you everyone for your support during the year. Do take care and have a well earned Christmas Break.



Cheers

Irene Bayldon/Tavutavu

Photos report from Cultural Games and Activities Day



Schools participation in
Cultural Games and Activities Day
5th of August
2018

- Australian Filipino Language and Culture Association
- Brisbane Chinese Language School
- Brisbane German Language School
- Brisbane Hungarian School
- Brisbane Tamil School
- Chinese Culture Research Association
- Gold Coast Hungarian School
- Hindustani Language & Culture School Queensland
- "Romashka" Russian Language School
- Yasodhara Sinhala School



A fun filled day with different cultural games, food and performances



We all had fun, see you next time!

Venue

Hall at
School of
Distance
Education

Coorparoo

15th National Language Schools Conference



On the **6th of October 2018**, the 15th National Language Schools Conference was held at Our Lady's College, Annerley, Queensland. It was attended by great speakers: **Stefan Romaniv, Ms Betty Baram, Dr Maria Gindidis, Prof Joseph Lo Bianco** via Skype, **Prof Roly Sussex**.



In addition we had great conference Workshop Speakers, in two sessions, **Dr Cecilia Cooper** who refreshed us about the Senior Syllabi in Languages, **Dr Lilian Fleuri** who elaborated on the Community Leader's challenges in implementing a Community Language School, a dialogic approach,



Stefan Romaniv



Tassos Douvartzides



Irene Bayldon
Ms Betty Baram
Myrlla Prianes
(from left to right)

Keynotes



Dr Maria Gindidis



Prof Joseph Lo Bianco



Prof Roly Sussex

and **Majida Ali** who showed us how to go about Assessment of Students' Learning in Classroom.

In the second session we had **Kate Blauw**, who was talking about Engaging Activities, Lessons & Practical Classroom Ideas for 2-12 year olds, **Dr Mandy Scott** who shared with us her knowledge about raising school's profile: benefits for your community, educational program, students and teachers, and **Connie Lammertsma** who was presenting about the Content and Language Integrated Learning.



Workshop presenters



Dr Cecilia Cooper

Thank you for all the schools that attended the conference, especially for the Hoa Binh School for their nice Vietnamese dance performance at the lunch time, and for Doormoung Ethnic School youth for the great Nuer dance at the dinner.

We would like to thank the Community Language Australia and Ethnic Schools Association of Queensland for the Opportunity to become the "best community language teachers". It was great to be seated with fellow Ethnic teachers at the Mercure Hotel which was concluded with a dinner.

Dr Mandy Scott

Majida Ali

Kate Blauw

Dr Lilian Fleuri

(from left to right)

Connie Lammertsma

(below)



Introducing one of our member schools

In the late 1980s, Darra State Schools attracted quite a lot of Vietnamese teachers. At that time, Vietnamese student population also accounted for more than half of the school's students. Contacting with Vietnamese children daily, these Vietnamese teachers could see the common interests, then they had intended to set up a school to teach the Vietnamese language in this place, for the purpose of maintaining original culture as well as helping to train the Vietnamese language.

This desire was a stronger boost from Australian teachers in Darra SS, especially through English tutoring teachers with the comments, saying that if Vietnamese students have a good knowledge of Vietnamese language, it will be easy to acquire knowledge in learning English.

In addition, at that time, Darra State School Principal, Mr Bernard was also encouraging and supporting the idea because he thought that the Vietnamese language school in this place would attract more Vietnamese parents coming and enrol their children in Darra SS instead of Darra Jindalee Catholic School (as known as Our Lady of Sacred Heart School).



In 26-7-1991, Mr Principal Bernard of Darra State School sent the first letter to Mr Principal of Lac Hong Vietnamese Language School regarding setting up a new branch in Darra SS. Afterward, in 1-10-1991, the first school year - 1991 of Vietnamese language school was announced to parents and community under name of Lac Hong. At Annual General Meeting in 19-12-1992, the royal name of Hai Ba Trung – the female kings, the heroes of Vietnam was honourably used to name the Viet School "TRUNG VUONG".



TRUNG VUONG Vietnamese Language School





2016 marks the 25th anniversary of establishing Trung Vuong Vietnamese Language School. It is said that to understand and promote a culture, one needs to speak its language. Before you can take pride in your culture you need to embrace your origins. By learning Vietnamese, children can communicate effectively within family and community. As Australia is becoming closer to the Asia – Pacific region economically and socially the ability to speak Vietnamese can help to enhance the multicultural society in Australia and can also help the children with career prospects.



Now we have Vietnamese classes from prep to year 12 with around 170 students. We proud of our students who obtain the good results that could improve an OP score which in turn raises a student's ranking when applying for admission to many University courses. We also proud of our teachers and volunteers who spend time on teaching the younger generations language and culture in order to preserve our heritage in multicultural Australia.



We thank for the support given and the ongoing dedication and goodwill shown by all those involved with our school, especially Darra State School, Ethnic Schools Association of Queensland (ESAQ) and Education Queensland in the past 27 years and we look forward to receiving the continued support in the future.

TRUNG VUONG
Vietnamese
Language School

Celebrations in Community schools



Brisbane Tamil School - 33rd annual cultural concert

1st of September 2018



Yasodhara Sinhala School -Ellen Grove annual Prize giving

17th of November 2018



Lac Hong School Celebrating 40 years



More than 10 years Teachers
Graduating Students



CLS Programs

International Mother Language Day and Harmony Day at one

Brisbane Bangla Language School and ESAQ are planning to celebrate both International Mother Language Day and Harmony Day at one event on **3 March 2019**. All ethnic schools are requested to participate in this event to showcase your cultural heritage in your own language and to support the spirit of Harmony day. The students of the ethnic language schools are mostly young Australians from diverse backgrounds and they need to understand the importance of their own mother languages and cultures as well as the importance of Harmony Day. The festival will provide opportunities for community participation and intercultural connections; increased understanding between diverse cultural groups and the wider community; and will promote Queensland's multicultural identity.

If anyone has any further queries, please call **Dr. Rafiul Alam**
Brisbane Bangla Language School 0433195436

Do not miss out!

Time:
 10:30 am - 7:30 pm

Date:
Sunday
3rd March
2019

Venue:
Robelle
Domain,
Springfield
Central

CLS Programs

Multicultural Sports, Games and Activities Day

ESAQ applied for the 2018-19 Celebrating Multicultural QLD - Multicultural Events grant, and we are happy to announce that ESAQ had a successful application.

Multicultural Sports, Games and Activities Day



Time:
11:30 am - 3:30 pm

Details

are

coming

soon

Be part of it!

Grant opportunities

Community benefit funding programs

2019 is a special year for the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) – we are celebrating 25 years of providing grants to Queensland communities. And that means more funding opportunities for not-for-profit groups!

The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) Community Benefit Funds Unit (CBFU) administers the GCBF. We invite all eligible organisations to submit grant applications to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund through the GCBF online grants portal. Please watch the tutorial videos below before applying through the grants portal.

Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants

If you wish to apply for a grant of \$500 to \$35,000, please read the following information and apply online via the grants portal. Round 100 will open mid-January and close at 11.59pm on 28 February 2019.

<http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/sponsorships-and-grants/grants/community-benefit-funding-programs>

Easy grants Bank West - ongoing

Bank West is accepting applications on an ongoing basis. The first 40 Easy Grant applications received each month that meet the entry criteria will be up for public vote. If your application falls beyond the first 40 received, we'll automatically include you in the next available month's voting period. We'll be in touch once your application progresses to the voting stage. You are invited to vote on a monthly basis for the community group you think should receive a grant. The six 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>

For more fund please check: <https://mdaltd.org.au/communityfunding/>

CLS funding in 2019 From Education of QLD

Important
dates/deadlines:
End of December
– handing in Student
Attendance Form
basis of next year
funding

Mid-January

– handing in Online
Application
– handing in
Service Agreement

February

– receiving GRANT
PAYMENT for the
whole year

April :

– receiving
Insurance
Certificate

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LOCATION:

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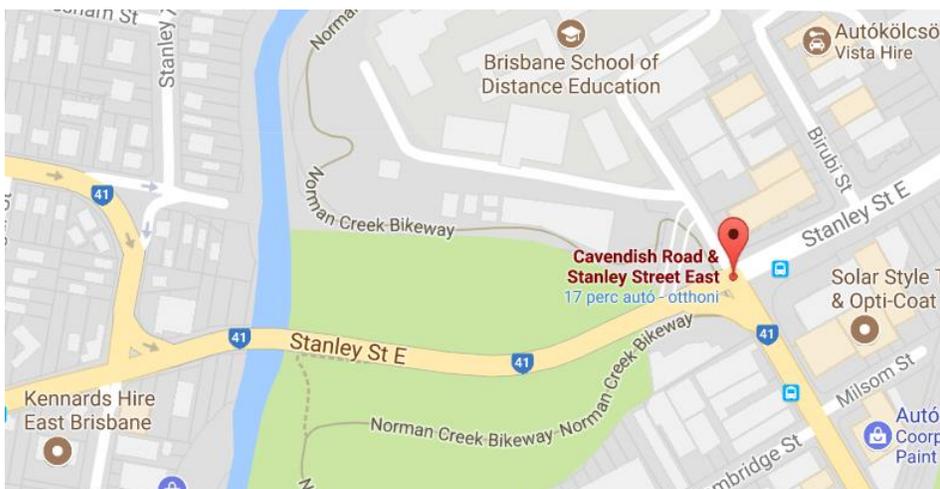
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Office
is
closed
in
school
holidays

Re-opens
31st of
January
2019