

Secondary English newsletter

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to another school term! It already feels like the year is starting to fly by. Term 2 looks to be a busy term with the launch of the BHELE cluster, Small department cluster, the feedback of the Literacy standards due, many schools planning their 2011 Year 11 courses and the EnthusENG conference on the horizon! In some ways the 11 weeks is a bit of a blessing. Please don't hesitate to email me if you would like me to come out and support you and your department this term. I will hopefully see some of you at the clusters and maybe even the the conference in Christchurch!

Kind regards,

Claire

Claire Amos, Auckland Secondary English Facilitator

Team Solutions

Teacher Resource Exchange relaunches on English Online

Following the launch of the mailing lists in February, English, ESOL and Literacy Online is pleased to announce the second stage of community development - the launch of Teacher Resource Exchanges for NCEA English, Literacy/English (curriculum levels 1-5), ESOL and Secondary Literacy. However, as these are "fresh off the factory floor" they need contributions from you if they are to serve their community sharing function.

Please consider contributing to these exchanges by going to these links:

<http://englishonline.tki.org.nz/English-Online/What-do-you-need-to-know-and-do/Teacher-Resource-Exchanges>

Much Ado About English - IFTE Conference 2011

NZATE will be hosting the 2011 IFTE (International Federation of Teachers of English) conference, which is to be held at The University of Auckland, Auckland 18-21 April 2011. This will replace the annual NZATE conference.

Check out the details at: www.ifte.net

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Upcoming events

Building Highly Effective Leaders of English Cluster

Begins Thursday 22nd April

BHELE is a professional development cluster series targeted at leaders of English (Heads and Assistant Heads of Department). It will provide a structured programme delivered over 10 sessions in Terms Two and Three 2010. The aim of this programme is to establish a Professional Learning Community that will share their ideas, resources and expertise.

Cluster meetings will take place in C12 at the Faculty of Education, Epsom Ave, Epsom. They will occur fortnightly from 4pm-6pm on a Thursday. The dates will be: 22/04 (note 3 week space), 13/05, 27/05, 10/06, 24/06, 22/07, 12/08, 26/08, 09/09, and 23/09. Afternoon Tea will be provided.

Planning English Programmes for 2011 - the New Zealand Curriculum and the new Matrix

Monday 3 May

Kohia Education Centre

This course will explore the issues around planning programmes for 2011 and beyond with particular emphasis on the links between the New Zealand Curriculum and the new English Matrix. Suitable for all English teachers, particularly those responsible for departmental course planning.

Ph 09 623 8977 or got to:

http://edcentres.auckland.ac.nz/ed_centres/kohia_index.html for more information

EnthusENG 2010

7th-9th July

Christ's College, Christchurch

The annual NZATE Conference will be held at Christ's College with its historic buildings, fine facilities and its location within 5 minutes walk of Cathedral Square, the Art Gallery, Museum, Arts Centre and the 'recreational' facilities of The Strip. Keep an eye on the website for more updates.

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



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Participants will be asked to sign a PD contract, and will be expected to attend all sessions. The programme will be free, although a koha of \$10 per person will be collected at the first session to cover afternoon tea costs.

Spaces will be limited, please email your interest ASAP.

Programme Content:

Session One: Self-Review and needs of the group (confirming programme content)

Session Two: New literacy standards: getting to know them and the implications for English

Session Three: Teaching as Inquiry and growing independent teachers in your department

Session Four: Effective Pedagogy - thematic teaching and differentiation

Session Five: Junior programmes and the role of assessment

Session Six and Seven: Getting ready for Level One NCEA 2011

Session Eight: Best Practice: moderation, appraisal and department systems

Session Nine: ICTs in English

Session Ten: Conditions and guidelines for assessments (writing, presentations and reading logs)

Small department Cluster 2010

This is an invitation for Auckland English teachers who are working either on their own or in a very small department. I am looking at establishing a Professional Learning Community for those teachers working in isolation (or in very small departments). The aim of the PLC would be to:

- Establish a support network
- Share resources and ideas
- Discuss strategies for designing and delivering ILPs (Individual learning programmes)
- Provide advice and support with assessment (critiquing of tasks, marking and moderation)
- Receive professional development around the aligned standards for 2011

The PLC will meet twice a term at Team Solutions, Epsom Avenue, Epsom. Exact time to be confirmed.

Consultation on draft Literacy and Numeracy Unit Standards

From the NZQA site:

NZQA is seeking feedback on newly developed Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy unit standards. These standards will form one way of meeting the Literacy and Numeracy requirements for NCEA Level 1 from 2011.

Consultation on the standards closes on 28 May 2010.

Level 1 Standards and Assessment Resources

From the NZQA site:

Level 1 standards have been drafted, consulted on in June 2009, and have been amended in light of the feedback received. They are presented on the pages through the links above. The exception is in Technological Context Knowledge and Skills, where further work is progressing.

Assessment resources for new or significantly changed standards are

currently being drafted. Resources for internally assessed standards are intended to be trialled in schools in Terms 1 and 2 2010. Resources for externally assessed standards will be trialled in Term 4 2009 and Term 1 2010. All of these resources will be placed on the pages through the links above when they become available in 2010.

<http://www.tki.org.nz/e/community/ncea/english.php>

EnthusENG NZATE Conference 7-9 July 2010

A message from Trish Holden

I know that over the holidays you are going to read, eat, exercise, relax, do a 'little' schoolwork and lots of other things. I would like you to add "think about a workshop for this year's English Conference" to that list.

You may have a teaching approach, a text, something that has stimulated your, or your students', passion and enjoyment of language and texts. There may be particular approaches that you have used that have 'worked' effectively for certain groups of students in your classes eg. Maori, Pasifika, gifted and talented, boys who struggle with reading. This year sees the implementation of the NZC, and teachers are hungry to hear how others are integrating values, providing opportunities for the development of key competencies etc within the English classroom. What are you doing differently this year and how are you monitoring its effectiveness? We also know that there is the bread and butter business of managing a department, supporting provisionally registered teachers and other tasks that we grapple with each day. Tips on creating systems, managing department self review and other organisational processes effectively so that we retain our enthusiasm for teaching or our subject are also important to teachers.

We want this conference to be great and it needs your support to make that happen.

If you have not already applied to your PD committee to attend this year's conference, then now is the time. It represents some of the cheapest PD you can get.

Go to <http://www.enthuseng.org.nz> for further details.

Getting connected - are you a member?

NZATE (New Zealand Association for Teachers of English)

Chair: Leanne Webb

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Secretary: Jo Sanson

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Treasurer: Rafi Khader

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NARATE (North Auckland Regional Association of Teachers of English)

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