

eVALBEC September 2008

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1. Free VALBEC Spring Forum

'Numeracy activities for all teachers'

Friday, 26 September, 2008

Details and RSVP at <http://www.valbec.org.au/08SprForum/08SpForum.htm>

Strategies and resources for developing language for maths learning

Noyona Chanda, adult numeracy specialist from London South Bank University.

More fun with maths - Dave Tout introduces more hands-on and fun maths and numeracy activities.

Integrating numeracy and literacy - Dianne Parslow introduces a variety of topics for integrating numeracy with reading and writing.

SWARN an adventure - Maria Santburn uses science (no lab required) as a way for teachers to enhance and energise (batteries not included) the delivery of core and numeracy units at cert Intro-2 levels. Hands on activities and numeracy tasks explored.

Free but RSVP by Sept 22

2. ACAL Conference 2008 • 'Surfing outside the flags: catching waves, avoiding rips'

Surfers Paradise on October 2 to 4, 2008

Register online <http://www.astmanagement.com.au/qcal8/>

Pre-Conference Forum – Thursday 2 October

Adult literacy, numeracy and lifelong learning: a cross-sectoral dialogue

Join Senator Ursula Stephens (Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion) and Dr Chris Duncan (ABS) in examining the implications of the ALLS survey for different sectors and work towards developing a framework for social inclusion through building literacy into a whole of government approach to policy development.

3. Student Writing for Fine Print

Now is your chance before the term break to get your students writing for Fine Print. Please read the guidelines below and join us in celebrating the work of your classroom! Any queries please ring

Sarah Deasey on 93477072

Electronic submission is preferred, however if this is an obstacle, please fax your pieces to 93471651, or mail to "Fine Print Student Writing Edition C/O, CNLC 20 Princes st North Carlton 3054

More details at <http://www.valbec.org.au/studentwriting.htm>

4. Victorian ACE Awards

Congratulations to the finalists and winners, in particular, to Sue Paull (joint winner of outstanding ACE Practitioner) who is a well known adult literacy practitioner and VALBEC member who has presented at our conferences and contributed to Fine Print.

<http://www.acfe.vic.gov.au/web11/ACFEMain.nsf/allDocs/RWPD61C266718A478AECA2574010016C10F?OpenDocument>

5. Securing Jobs for Your Future - Skills for Victoria

The Skills reform paper was released on August 26 and is available on the weblink below.

<http://www.skills.vic.gov.au/corporate/directions/skillsreform>

The VALBEC committee will continue to discuss the implications of the reforms at our meetings and welcome input from members.

6. Changing ACFE chair

Lynne Wannan has resigned as ACFE chair to take up the role of Director of the Victorian Government's new Office for the Community Sector. Lynne Matheson and Dianne Parslow represented VALBEC at a farewell event last week. We thanked her for the support she has given VALBEC over the past five years and wished her well for the future. We welcome the new acting ACFE Chair – Adrian Nye

7. Course contacts

What courses and programs do you offer? One of the most frequently visited page of the VALBEC website is where we list YOU!

Check your listing at <http://www.valbec.org.au/05/contacts/contacts.htm>

Add or amend information at <http://www.valbec.org.au/05/contacts/addnew.htm>

8. NCVER Research Overviews

NCVER recently released the latest adult literacy research overviews. The complete suite of overviews provide a comprehensive summary of each of NCVER's managed adult literacy and numeracy research projects funded in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. These projects were subsequently published in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

The latest overviews include:

- * Assessing and acknowledging learning through non-accredited community adult LLN programs
- * Investigating the impact of intensive reading methods in adult literacy.

Another overview 'Adult literacy and numeracy development in partnership: Social capital approaches', is expected to be published by the end of the year.

If you wish to reproduce either or both of the published overviews mentioned above, please feel free to do so; we only ask that a copy is sent to NCVER for our records.

See <http://www.ncver.edu.au/>

9. VALA Project Manager position

The Victorian Applied Learning Association is seeking a full-time project manager to develop and lead applied learning initiatives. This will include a new WorkSafe resources project as well as enhanced member services including professional development.

Details at <http://www.vala.asn.au/>

10. Indigenous Literacy Day, Victorian Writers' Centre event

3 September: Alexis Wright, Arnold Zable and John Marsden and other prominent writers discuss the importance of literacy to their lives and to the wider society. Held at the State Library of Victoria, Village Roadshow Theatre, Latrobe St entrance. September 3, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start. To book, please phone the VWC on 9654 9068. Entry is by donation, tax deductible, with all money going to the Fred Hollows Foundation to support Indigenous literacy programs in the Northern Territory

11. WELL on the way! – 2008

A National Workplace English Language and Literacy (WELL) Practitioners' Conference
Bankstown District Sports Club, NSW
November 12 and 13

This second national WELL Practitioners' Conference aims to consolidate the network established in 2007 and reflect on the diversity of WELL delivery across Australia.

The conference will once again provide the opportunity for WELL Practitioners to enhance relationships, exchange information and practice and address professional development needs specific to WELL delivery.

For further information email Kath at MESAB – mesab@mesab.com.au

12. ESL teacher required at CAE

CAE is seeking expressions of interest from qualified ESL teachers for 0.8 contract teaching from 6th Oct to 19th December 2008 - Monday to Thursday. Smaller fraction may be considered from suitable candidates. Tertiary ESL qualifications and Cert IV in AWT or TAA essential; experience with ESL Framework preferred. Position description available <http://www.cae.edu.au/?cinfo=employment> Expressions of interest including a CV, or further information: diannep@cae.edu.au by COB Fri 5 Sept.

13. Dave Tout on the move

Congratulations to Dave Tout who has recently finished at the CAE. He will take up a position at ACER working solely in the area of adult numeracy. We're sure we'll still see Dave around the adult literacy and numeracy 'circuit'.

14. Today's Useless Trivia

Le Mystère de Valbec (The Valbec Mystery) was a French-language adventure serial in which two children follow a puzzling treasure hunt in a small French

More at http://www.lookingandseeing.co.uk/site/Le_Mystere_de_Valbec

15. A magic thread will be broken later this month

eVALBEC has appeared on the first of each month for several years (Not Jan, we allow ourselves a break then). Come Oct 1 the editor/layout/producer/distributor will not be available. Sooooo...eVALBEC will appear in late September. If you want to make use of eVALBEC, have material in by September 22. Transmission returns to normal in November.

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