The 14th National Conference for Community Languages and ESOL, brought to you by TESOLANZ (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages New Zealand) and CLANZ (Community Languages Association New Zealand) will be held at Rutherford House and Old Government Buildings, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand on Thursday 10 – Sunday 13 July 2014.

The theme for the 2014 conference is Essentials for Learning and Teaching: Ko te Pū, ko te Ako

Along with keynote speakers Deborah Short, Center for Applied Linguistics in Washington, DC, United States of America; William Grabe, Northern Arizona University, United States of America; Amy Tsui, The University of Hong Kong; Paul Nation, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand; John Read, University of Auckland, New Zealand; Janet Holmes, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand; and Laurie Bauer, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand there are three great pre-conference workshops:

- Teaching for L2 Reading Comprehension (10:00am – 12:00pm, 2 hours), presented by William Grabe
- Let’s Give Reading Fluency the Attention it Deserves (1:00pm – 2:30pm, 90 minutes), presented by Fredricka Stoller
- How Should You Deal With Vocabulary? (3:00pm – 4:30pm, 90 minutes), presented by Paul Nation

Full details regarding each of the pre-conference workshops are available here:

Registration
Check out the conference website for information on registration fees:

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Waikato TESOL

Waikato TESOL committee has already met twice this year to plan events for 2014. The first event was on Thursday 3 April and held at Wintec City Campus with two people from Wintec Centre for Languages presenting on the broad topic of Technology. The two were:

Scott Granville, "Film and Video Considerations for the ESOL Classroom". Scott discussed language learning opportunities using film resources in the ESOL classroom and gave suggestions for student interaction with multimedia in the classroom.

Colin Powell, "E-learning: Science Fiction or Science Fact". Colin discussed ideas about why e-learning is important.

As in previous years, we are planning to hold an event with one or more guest speakers each term. We are hoping all presentations will appeal to practitioners from all sectors and of most levels. These events are free to members with a small fee for non-members – and as usual refreshments will be provided.

Details for the subsequent three meetings have yet to be confirmed. Members will be informed by e-mail closer to the time and the Branch webpage (http://www.tesolanz.org.nz/Site/Branches/WAIKATOTESOL/waikatotesol.aspx) will be updated as information is confirmed.

Members are also encouraged to come along to committee meetings and will be informed of the time and date of these. Ideas of topics or presenters are also welcomed.

Waikato TESOL Events for 2014
TERM 2: Tuesday 10th June: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Wintec City Campus or Waikato Migrant Resource Centre. Topic: Reading
Presenter to be confirmed

TERM 3: Saturday 16th August
University of Waikato
AGM with Guest Speaker (to be confirmed)

TERM 4: Thursday 30th October: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m
Hillcrest High School or Hamilton East School
Topic: Learner autonomy
Presenter to be confirmed

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