



A smile on technology

Ever been frustrated over a password? Our lives are becoming run by a password for everything technological.

- Please set a password to register.

cabbage

- Sorry, the password must be more than 8 characters.

boiled cabbage

- Sorry, the password must contain 1 numerical character.

1 boiled cabbage

- Sorry, the password cannot have blank spaces.

50soddingboiledcabbages

- Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character.

50SODDINGboiledcabbages

- Sorry, the password cannot use more than one upper case character consecutively.

50SoddingBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYours,IfYouDon'tGiveMeAccessImmediately

- Sorry, the password cannot contain punctuation.

NowIAmGettingReallyPissedOff50SoddingBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYoursIfYoudontGiveMeAccessImmediately

- Sorry, that password is already in use !

Working as a technical-support specialist for a computer company, customer help calls ranged from the mundane to the bizarre.

One memorable problem I had to trouble-shoot came from a man who complained that every time he flushed his toilet, his computer would reboot.

It turned out that he lived in a rural area with water supplied by a well with an electric pump. Every time he flushed, it would turn on the pump, causing a dip in the electric power, which in turn would cause the computer to restart itself.

Ponder this.

Did you know that the words "race car" spelt backwards still spells "race car"?

Did you know that "eat" is the only word that if you take the 1st letter and move it to the last, it spells its past tense "ate"?

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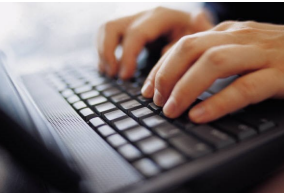
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A.G.M.

5.30 pm  
April 7th  
At Centre  
Followed by a pot  
luck tea.  
Committee meeting  
to follow.



Computing courses  
coming up.  
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areas of technology. Good  
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to up skill for work situation.



Noreen facilitating the successful professional development day

Kia ora and hello everyone,

Well, we are already in to 2014 with a bang. The old adage ‘ I don’t know where the time has gone’ is really apt. It has been a busy start to the year for the programme with two full time courses started, 2 beginner computer course complete, a full driving licence group in both Invercargill and Gore new students elsewhere and more coming in. The home based courses through Open Poly and Open Wananga are gathering interested students as well. It is good to be able to offer NCEA credits.

The New Years Get Together went well and we have had a good PD session. ( more about PD on page 2)

The new adventure/challenge for the year is developing a website. I have started investigations and find myself on a fairly steep learning curve just like some of the students. Haven’t ventured onto Facebook yet!! More and more people are asking about our website and currently we only have a connection to the Literacy Aotearoa website. Our AGM is coming up in April and it would be good to see you there.

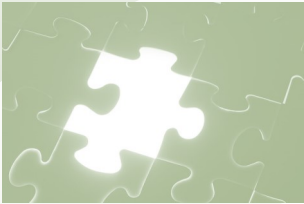
We welcome John Molineaux, Makuini Mckerchar, Helen Mason and Marianna Rainbow to our tutoring team.

2013 was a good year and some analysis of stats are on page 4 for your interest.

We look forward to working with you all. Take care and all the best  
Nellie and Averil



THREE  
MONTHLY  
REPORTS DUE  
BY APRIL 4TH



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY  
AND FURTHER PLANS FOR 2014.

Hello there everyone,  
  
Just a reminder that this months reporting needs to include a write up on progress toward goals for each of your students. Because of the increased information to be entered into the database we are asking for your reports by April 4th.

Thank you  
  
Colleen, Averil and Nellie

This year the plan is to combine with English Language Partners for our professional development programme.

I would like to thank those who were able to attend the first day on March 1st. Good feedback was received (as below) and will inform how we set up the future seminars.

10. What topics would you like presented in future seminars?
- “Use of technology – computer aids, recording devices, photographic records”
  - “Anything related to setting goals, planning, resources etc.”
  - “Can only ‘like’ if seen beforehand as appropriate”
  - “Specific shortcuts for language practice for students”
  - “I.T. practice – programmes that could be useful for me i.e. the tutor to help – content, method”
  - “Teaching techniques” “Thank you so much for today”
  - “Communication, goal setting”
  - “Relevant resources- development and finding, teaching grammar”
  - “Professional development options, teaching practice, resources”
  - “Opportunities for research / scholarships”
  - “Team building, guest speakers e
  - “Resources: where, when, what, how”
  - “Cultural necessities in the major groups taught”
  - “Resources, lesson planning, a follow up on this topic at the end of the year”
  - “Specific student learning difficulties, suggestions to overcome”
  - “anything inspirational, joint sessions great idea”

Nalini Varghese and I have discussed the feedback given above and the most asked for PD was on lesson planning, goal setting and resources. We are looking at the end of May (date to be confirmed) for this workshop. A further workshop on information technology will be scheduled for September. These workshops will be dependent on presenters available.

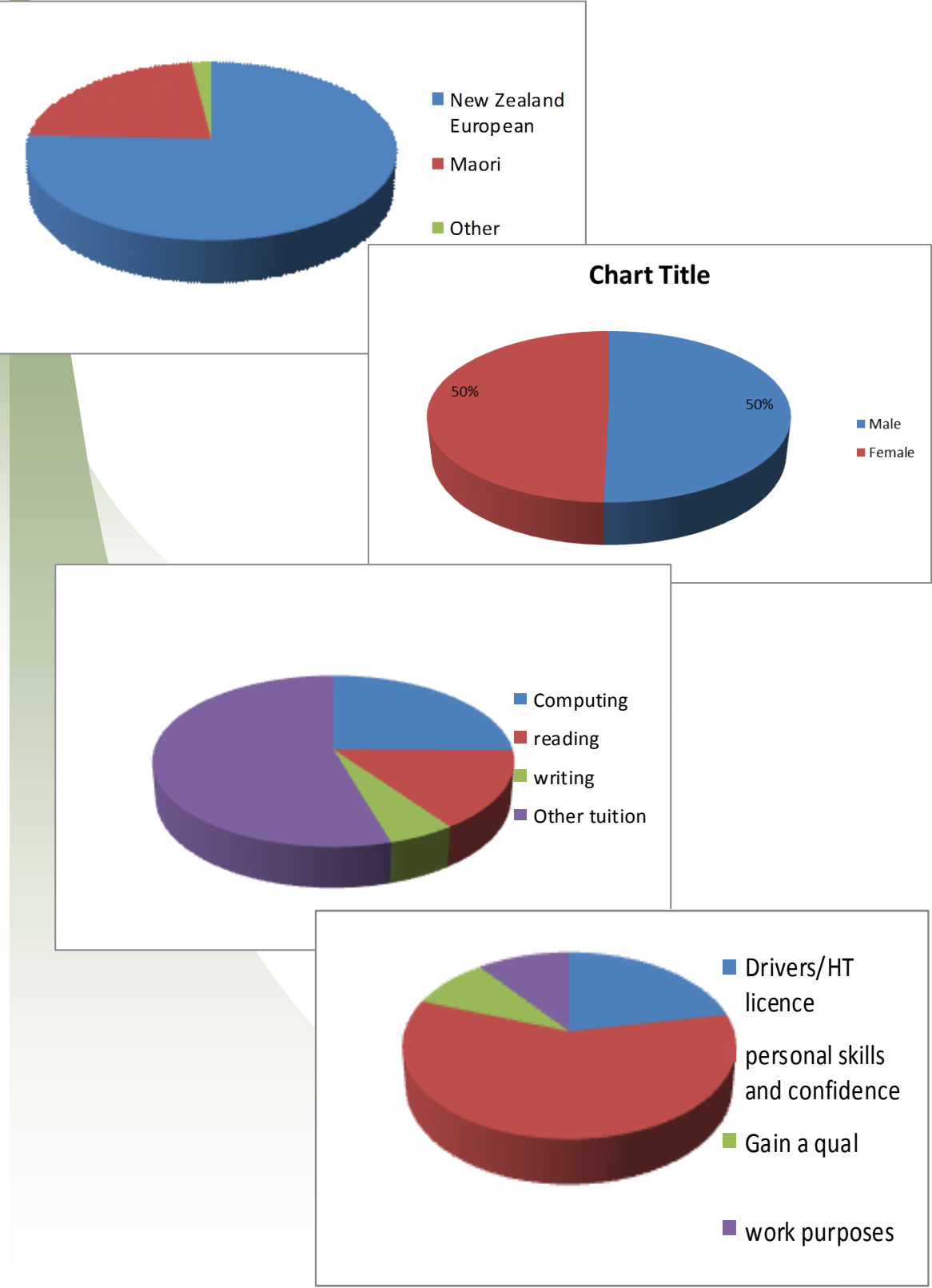
The Gore Connection.

Enquires are coming in for tuition in the Gore area which we are addressing. The Drivers Licence group is going well with two passed already this year and 2 more ready to sit. Last year some thought was given to changing our room but we are going to stay in our current room as it provides good outside access for students. The library is getting a sort through and books that are suitable are being given to local kindi or groups. If you know of any interested group let us know.

The Queenstown Connection.

All tutors in the area are working, some with more than one student. Enquiries in the area are slow but we have recently had another workplace request. We visited the tutors prior to Christmas and had a chat with them. Hopefully we can recruit some tutors in the area to do the full NCALE training later in the year. I plan to visit the Central /Lakes District area in late April. See page three for the pathway process.

2013 stats



Our Libraries

Jill Barker, is sorting and tidying the Invercargill Library. Some of the resources are being removed from the shelves due to age and relevance.

The Gore resources are also being sorted and some have gone to the Elsie street kindergarten, who were most grateful. There is more that will be donated to other such places.

All three libraries have sets of progressions in them which are valuable if you are looking to scale your student to a adult learning step for reporting.



Pathway to NCALE.

IF you have your CALT level 5 then you can enrol for the pathway to NCALE. I plan to facilitate this over the Winter months. Planning is still in the pipeline but please register with the office if you are interested. It will be a series of small workshops.