



# Newsletter

## Term 3

### 2014

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Welcome back to school! Term 3 was a very busy term as usual and our annual state conference on August 23 was a great success. 64 Chinese teachers attended and the feedback we received was very positive. We were delighted to have resource displays from a range of suppliers including three interstate (and overseas) companies and the support of a number of sponsors. This event is our major professional development for the year and we hope to make each of these conferences as professionally rewarding as possible for our members. Thank you to all who contributed on the day.

The CLTASA Annual General Meeting was also held on that day and the new committee elected. I would like to thank outgoing committee members Jingjing Pu, Maggie Gu, Wendy Lampard and Mingxia Wei for their wide range of varied contributions over the years. I would also like to welcome our new committee and thank them for their willingness to contribute to the CLTASA. In particular I would like to welcome Nhu Trinh as Vice-President, Shuo Wang as treasurer and Magdalene Kho as secretary. The new committee are:

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| ▪ Belinda Dello-Iacovo- President | Kathy Purvis- committee member  |
| ▪ Nhu Trinh- Vice president       | Chong Zhou- committee member    |
| ▪ Shuo Wang- Treasurer            | Shilin Zhang - committee member |
| ▪ Magdalene Kho – Secretary       | Jie Zhu- committee member       |
| ▪ Jenny Jin – committee member    | Joyce Chen – committee member   |
| ▪ Heng Wang- committee member     | Qu Wei – committee member       |
| ▪ Joseph Sun - committee member   |                                 |

At the AGM, members also voted in support of changing our financial year from July to June to the calendar year of January to December. This was recommended by our accountant and will make our financial records much easier to follow.

Finally we have already started work on our Term 4 Chinese Language Awards night which will be held on Friday November 28 at Adelaide University. More information about this will be circulated soon. Primary school teachers don't forget to start saving your students' work! We look forward to seeing you there.

Looking further ahead, 2015 will of course be a very special year for CLTASA as the national conference will be held in Adelaide on July 4-5 and hosted by us. Our enthusiastic and dedicated committee already had our first planning meeting in the holidays and will share details with you soon.

All the best for Term 4!

Belinda Dello-Iacovo

President

## *Treasurer's report / Become a member!*

### *Treasurer's report*

CLTASA held State Conference in August, 2014. This statement reflects the cost and income for the CLTASA Conference. The cost of the conference includes **catering (recess \$462 and lunch \$1857), note pads (\$44), prints (\$80) and gifts (\$328)**. In total, the cost of the CLTASA State Conference is **\$2771**. The income of the conference is from sponsorship and registration fee. CLTASA received **\$2600** from **6** sponsors. There were **64** attendees ranging from student teachers to fully-employed teachers. The registration fee received by CLTASA is **\$3260**. In total, the income of the conference is **\$5860**. There are still some payments need to be followed up. Overall, CLTASA State Conference made profit **\$3089**.

In addition to the above information regarding state conference, here is an update about CLTASA paid up conference registration member and bank balance. The current number of paid up members is **62** and the current bank balance is **\$21,318.08**.

### *Become a member!*

The CLTASA is a volunteer organization and we depend on membership fees to fund our activities. We run a minimum of three professional development activities (including the Term Three state conference) plus the Awards night each year. Members receive discounted prices on all professional development activities.

You can now become a member by registering online  
<http://www.cltasa.org.au/form.html>

After registering, you will receive a tax invoice by email and will need to pay the membership fee within one week. Please note membership expires 31/12/2014.

All registered and qualified teachers of Chinese language in the government, Catholic and independent school systems are eligible for full membership of the CLTASA. Student teachers are eligible to join as student members. Associate membership is offered to those working in related areas at the discretion of the CLTASA committee.

Annual membership fees are as follows:

**Full members (Employed)** - Qualified and registered teachers currently in part time or full time employment \$50

**Full members (Seeking work)** - Qualified and registered teachers currently without employment \$25

**Student Members and Associate Members** \$25

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On 23 August, the Chinese Language Teachers' state conference was held at the University of Adelaide. The theme of this year's conference was 共建专业的教学团体 'Building our professional community'. More than seventy Chinese teachers across the state gathered and enjoyed a great day of professional learning and collaboration.



Keynote speakers include Joe Van Dalen, President of Modern Language Teachers Association of SA, and Dr Peter Mickan, Senior lecturer of Discipline of Linguistics, University of Adelaide and Maggie Gu. Joe talked about the work of the MLTASA as part of the national association of language teachers in promoting and defending languages in South Australia and Australia. Peter and Maggie presented their work on 'Teaching Chinese as an additional language with texts' and provided practical examples with lesson extracts for teaching Chinese at a different levels in school programs.



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A variety of workshops were offered with a wide range of topics. We had the opportunity to explore ideas regarding innovative classroom practices, new resources and the use of technology in teaching and learning. Kathy Purvis and Philip Ong facilitated the discussions on the Australian National Curriculum (Chinese) and how we could put into practice.



The rich learning and sharing experience in the conference will help participants develop high level skills that allow us to adapt and excel in a rapidly changing and hyper connected world. It will support us to explore and challenge our own thinking, encourage us to develop and promote innovation in our own teaching practice. Attendees found it practical, rewarding and very useful.



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The successful annual event was once again superbly organised by CLTASA. The day went smoothly and was enjoyed by all. Thanks so much to the volunteers - the hardworking committee members, and special thanks must go to our dedicated and committed President Belinda Dello-Iacovo, Vice-President Nhu Trinh and Secretary Magdalene Kho who sacrificed so much of their own time to make it happen. We are truly grateful and highly appreciate what you do.



Last but not least, thank you all for participating in this worthwhile event and hope to see you in our PD sessions throughout the year.

The conference photos were provided by Jenny Jin.

The article was provided by Wendy Zhang Lampard.

## Chinese Language Awards Night 2014

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Dear teachers

This is advance notice that the Chinese Language Awards night will be held on Friday November 28 at Adelaide University. The aim of the Awards night is to recognise and encourage enthusiastic and committed students of Chinese. Each participating school can nominate one primary and one secondary student to attend and receive a prize. Registrations will open at the beginning of Term 4. Please remember that teachers will need to submit a piece of student work for their primary award winner (not required for secondary students.)

Have a relaxing break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 4!

Belinda

### Website Resources Pages

Teachers indicated that the area of most interest to them on the website is sharing of teaching resources so please contribute! After each PD and conference activity we hope to share the resources and ideas presented on the website. This will also benefit teachers who were unable to attend the PD and will also make the resources available long term.

Please share your resources and ideas by sending them to:

Chong Zhou (secondary resources) [chong.zhou@gihs.sa.edu.au](mailto:chong.zhou@gihs.sa.edu.au)

Heng Wang (primary resources) [HWang@stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au](mailto:HWang@stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au)

Please give a brief description of the activities/resources and indicate appropriate year levels.

We already have a great first page of links on our Internet Resources section

<http://www.cltasa.org.au/internet-resource.html> and hope that the other sections will be filling up as well soon!

