



Newsletter July 2023

1978- 2023 - 45 years of achievements!

Serving & Supporting Community Language Schools across NSW.

2023 has begun successfully for the Federation and our school communities. Have a great start to term 3



1 - Lúcia Johns, President

Dear Member Schools and Community Language School Organisations,

We are only in June and yet so far, it has been quite a busy year with lots of activitiesworkshops, courses and more, all to assist our member schools.

This year, again, our sector was very well represented at the Premier's Harmony Dinner - the large number of community schools that attended the dinner **cannot be ignored by our political leaders**.

We had our inaugural Community Language Spectacular at Sydney Town Hall at the beginning of this month which was a great success. It received enthusiastic coverage from a range of language media. Next year it will be a bigger event. So, please get ready and start preparing **your groups**.

At the Federation, our focus is on the children growing up in Australia as Australians. These are children who benefit from their family background, language and culture. The Federation does whatever possible to **help** communities **maintain their language and culture** and to keep them alive in NSW and Australia. We are an apolitical organisation. And for us, all communities, large or small, and **all language groups** are **equally important**. We are here to represent everyone.

Our mission is to work together, to unite communities by promoting languages and making those languages accessible to everyone. The NSW Federation **does its best** to assist community language schools to thrive throughout the whole year by providing training, workshops, networking opportunities, and lots of resources that are all free for our members - teaching books, computers, tablets, talking pens, gimbals, and much more. These will all help your school, so make the most of them.

I also would like to thank many of you for the invitations, for the privilege to be part of your celebrations, and for welcoming me into your communities.

As every year, the Federation had the difficult task of selecting the groups to perform and picking the winners of the competition. There is always an abundance of talent in the community language groups. To all participants, thank you for sending your work, you are already a winner as it demonstrates that your culture is important.

We would like to thank you all for being part of this incredible community and for your solid ongoing support.

Happy Anniversary and we hope that the NSW Federation will continue providing valuable service to Community Language Schools in many years to come.

Sincerely,

Lúcia Johns

President on behalf of NSWFCLS management team

Thank you Alice, Anne, Bindya, Eva, Mam, Meggy, Nathan, Nick, Pauline, Stepan, Tammy and Thiru.



"I would like to thank the Federation Board for their commitment. Like me, all members of the board are volunteers and we do our best because we believe in language education. Everything that we achieve as an association is the result of our collective work, it is thanks to the dedication of this whole group." says President, Lucia Johns

"Our efforts associated with community language schools are to connect, understand, lead, trust, unite, respect, and empower."











Thank you Amanpreet, Carmila, Felipe and Siobhan.



"I would also like to thank our Community Language Schools Ambassadors. These young people are exemplary ambassadors of their languages and cultures. Their community language schools were very important in their lives – and after many years studying the language of their family, they are continuing to be involved.... teaching and assisting the new generation to learn the language of their heritage... It would be great to have more students following in their footsteps. At the Federation, we are also really

thrilled to have them **and u**nconditionally be an important part of our events and celebrations." Lúcia continues

From CEO's desk



Much **has been** achieved in the last 6 months.

I would like to thank all member schools, who without their active involvement the Federation could not be the vibrant organisation that it is today. Only by working together, we can achieve more for community language schools in NSW.

The Federation once again, for a second consecutive year, has provided free Public Liability Insurance to all our funded schools. All our policies have been updated and added 6 new policies. The School's Inaugural Spectacular was a huge success and our Annual Gala Dinner was a winner with our teachers. **look out a**nd register for our two University short courses.

I would also to take this opportunity to thank the NSW Government for the support given to our Federation through Multicultural NSW and the NSW Department of Education and Training – Community Language Schools Program.



2 - Premier of NSW, The Hon Chris Minns MP

A Special video message from the Premier of NSW.

The Hon Chris Minns, MP. Click [HERE](#)¹



¹<https://www.dropbox.com/s/p7hgadjd0aokkpa/Video 5. Premier's video link.docx?dl=0>



3 - CEO Multicultural NSW, Joseph La Posta



4 - 45 years Teacher Award: Rev. Sister Constantina Zapaia OSBM

There was a change to the date of the Annual Gala dinner to the beginning of the school year rather than the end.

On **Saturday 17 June 2023**, our Gala dinner was held successfully at the Grand Ballroom Bankstown Sports Club, Bankstown

The night was filled with amazing performances from 3 schools. More than 550 language teachers, management committee members, politicians, Education Department representatives and staff, and many distinguished guests attended the function. Talented young winners of film and art competitions were proudly named on the stage with our distinguished guests. It is also a great opportunity to meet your fellow community languages organisations, government representatives, exchange ideas, create partnerships and projects, or catch up with some familiar faces or meet new ones.

To see all the photos, speeches, and highlights from the Annual Gala Dinner 2023 click on the links:

Annual Gala Dinner 2023 Highlights²
DINNER PHOTOS⁴

Annual Gala Dinner 2023 Speeches³ 2023 Annual GALA

Highlights of this year's Annual Gala Dinner



²https://www.dropbox.com/s/h6a14jeulg4udzr/NSWFCLS_AnnualGalaDinner2023_Highlights.mp4?dl=0

³https://www.dropbox.com/s/8a4lgs6detq0122/NSWFCLS_AnnualGalaDinner2023_Full.mp4?dl=0

⁴<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pr9uzdeuffmmqew/AAD4T63cSG50D3E-xbd1VoNTa?dl=0>































*We wish to thank and congratulate teachers and students for their overwhelming response when it comes to competitions. It is very rewarding when the office receives incredible work from students of all ages. **Through the works of the children, one can see their academic capabilities but also those values instilled in them from their parents and teachers to help them become competent professionals and above all good citizens of Australia.***



5 - Stella and Sophia Julius from the Association for Brazilian Bilingual Children's Development Inc.



6 - Inner West Vietnamese Language School Inc



7 - Inner West Vietnamese Language School Inc



8 - Sabdamala-Nepalese Language School Inc



9 - Minghui School Inc



10 - Mongolian Language School



11 - Buddharangsee Thai Community Language School Inc

'My Community's Celebrations'





12 - 2023 Short Film Winners - 1st prize- with our guest of honor, The Hon Prue Car MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney.



13 - 2023 Short Film winner -2nd



14 - 2023 Short Film winner -3rd



15 - 2023 Short Film winner - *Highly Commended*

To assist you with planning: Federation's Annual GALA DINNER,
Saturday 23 November 2024

EVENTS AND MEMBER ACTIVITIES

It is pleasing to have had a number of events so far....



16 - A glimpse into the work done by the schools



17 - COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR,

Sunday 4 June 2023, Lower Sydney Town Hall



**NSW Federation of Community Language Schools Inc.
Inaugural Community Language Schools Spectacular
2023**

No	TYPE OF PERFORMANCE	Run sheet	Community Language School Performing
1	speech about Harmony	9:15 AM	North Parramatta Sinhala School
2	dance	9:20 AM	St Nicholas School of Russian
3	sing and play the guitar	9:25 AM	ABCD- Association for Brazilian Bilingual Children's Development Inc
4	dance with singing	9:30 AM	Flamingo Education Inc
5	song	9:35 AM	Sutherland Shire Chinese Language School
6	song	9:40 AM	NSW Epping West Chinese School
7	song	9:45 AM	Lotus Chinese Community Language School
8	dance	9:50 AM	Sydney Elite Chinese school
9	song	9:55 AM	Sydney Chinese School Inc.
10	dance	10:00 AM	Lao Oz Language and Culture School
11	song with dance movements	10:05 AM	The Holy Family Polish School, Marayong
12	A Medley of instrumentals accompanied by a song	10:10 AM	St Andrews Ukrainian School
13	song	10:15 AM	Greek Orthodox Church of St George
14	dance	10:20 AM	Paadasala Malayalam Community School
15	violin and cello	10:25 AM	JCS Japanese
16	dance	10:30 AM	Balakairali Malayalee Association Inc
17	song	10:35 AM	Eastwood Tamil Study Centre
18	dance	10:40 AM	Balakairali Malayalee Association Inc
19	song	10:45 AM	Tamil Study Centre Homebush
20	dance	10:50 AM	Mongolian Language school
21	song	10:55 AM	Tamil Study Centre Homebush
22	11:00 am - 11:15 am dance	11:20 AM	Official Opening - Speeches Buddharangsee Thai Community Language School
23	dance	11:25 AM	Wollongong Pelangi Indonesia School
24	dance	11:30 AM	Harmony Russian School of Sydney
25	dance	11:35 AM	Balar Malar Tamil Educational Association Inc.
26	Meditation and martial art	11:40 AM	Huyen Quang Buddhist Youth Association
27	song	11:45 AM	Vietnamese Language School of NSW
28	dance	11:50 AM	St Alexander Nevsky Russian school
29	song	11:55 AM	LOLO Arabic School
30	dance	12:00 PM	Blacktown Sinhala School
31	group violin	12:05 PM	Minghui Language school
32	dance	12:10 PM	Blacktown Sinhala School
33	dance	12:15 PM	Umit Uyghur Language School
34	flute performance	12:20 PM	Inner West Vietnamese Language School
35	dance	12:25 PM	Khalsa Punjabi School

For the first time ever, we celebrated our student's talents in all areas of art and creativity; singing, dancing, speech, poetry and other performances. This was an inaugural event for community language students and schools.

35 schools and 250 students participated in this 'spectacular' event.

To see all the performances from this special day click on the links:

SEQ All Final Part 1⁵

SEQ All Final Part 2⁶

⁵https://www.dropbox.com/s/ngk1l2kctcluth4t/SEQ_All_Final_Part_1.mp4?dl=0

⁶https://www.dropbox.com/s/oh6jdg5tpc5hd2z/SEQ_All_Final_Part_2.mp4?dl=0







*To assist you with planning: Community Language Schools
SPECTACULAR, Sunday 2 June 2024*



Get ready and be prepared for our 2nd COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR, SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024, and celebrate our student's talents in all areas of art and creativity; singing, dancing, writing and other performances.

Community Languages Teachers Conference and Professional Development Training Day.



On Saturday 15 April, the Community Language Schools Conference was held successfully at the University of Technology Sydney with 548 participants.

A Big Thank you to each Conference Presenter for their special contribution and every Community Language Teacher present at this year's Annual State Conference and Professional Development Day.

Post-conference presentations and special content, click on the links: Conference resources & presentations⁷ Grants Guy Keith Whelan presentation⁸



18 - The Federation's Education officer, Alex Di Prinzio with community language teachers.



⁷https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1L8pCgBdwOfldhkVAnibg_nV_BSeyaMfv?usp=sharing

⁸https://www.dropbox.com/s/snst8jzlj2hf0b/NSWFCLS_AnnualConference2023_KeithWhelan.mp4?dl=0

*To assist you with planning: Community Languages TEACHERS
CONFERENCE and Professional Development Training Day, Saturday
27 April 2024*

PREMIER'S HARMONY DINNER 2023





2023 Premier's Harmony Dinner, was held on **Thursday, 23 February 2023 at the Grand Ballroom, ICC Sydney, 14 Darling Drive, Sydney, at 6:30 pm**. The Premiers Harmony Dinner is the major NSW Government Multicultural celebration in NSW that brings together so many cultural and linguistic groups in one place. It is an opportunity to **acknowledge the work** of so many community people who have provided their communities with great services.

WORKSHOPS AND NETWORK GET-TOGETHER OPPORTUNITIES



The Federation's Professional Learning CALENDAR in 2023

Community languages schools Quality Assurance Framework. Friday 9 June 2023

Invitation to a special session:

On Friday 9 June the **NSW Federation of Community Languages Schools Inc**, in collaboration with Community Languages Australia and Erebus International, was very excited to present the **Newly Revised Quality Assurance Framework!** The workshop was a great success. Our members found it very good and useful.

Watch this video to learn why the QAF is important for your school. This 6-minute video gives you a great overview of how the Quality Assurance Framework is related to community language schools and why it's important to consider it. Click this link: https://youtu.be/RGwNxOwOd_g⁹

⁹<https://hebael-hakim.lt.acemlna.com/Prod/link-tracker?redirectUrl=aHR0cHMIM0EIMkYIMkZ5b3V0dS5iZSUyRIJHd054T3dPZF9nJTNGdXRtX3NvdXJjZSUzREFjdGl2ZUNhbXBhaWduJT12dXRtX21lZGl1bSUzRGVtYWlsJT12dXRtX2NvbmlbnQIM0RPZmZpY2lhbCUyQkxhdW5jaCUyQm9mJTJCdGhlJTJCTmV3bHkIMkJSZXZpc2VkTJCUXVhbGl0eSUyQkFzc3VyYW5jZSUyQkZyYW1ld29yayUyNnV0bV9jYW1wY>

FREE EVENTS - ALL COMMUNITY LANGUAGES TEACHERS ARE WELCOME



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Next: SHORT COURSE Session 5 (online) on Wednesday 26 July: Talking to Parents

This training will consist of strategies for teachers to start a conversation about a child's learning or behaviour. An interactive training that includes role-play and scenario discussion. You will learn the do's and don'ts of talking to parents about concerns.

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CERTIFIED SHORT COURSE IN AUGUST. Engaging Community Language Learners through Questioning

ONLINE SHORT COURSE

Questioning techniques for learning are vital for understanding where our students are in their learning.

Take your skills to the next level in this new short course offered by Western Sydney University designed and delivered by experts in education.



Conducted by
the University of
Western Sydney
School of
Education

**Online each Monday from
6PM to 7PM
7 August to 18 September
FREE for teachers**

Offered to you by the NSW
Federation of Community
Language Schools Inc

TOPICS

WEEK 1: An Australian way of teaching. Is there one?

WEEK 2: Types of questions and their function

WEEK 3: Questions in the classroom

WEEK 4: Questions to encourage interaction

WEEK 5: Questions to build understanding

WEEK 6: Effective questioning

WEEK 6: Assessing learning: open vs closed questions

[click here to register free](#)

The NSW Federation of Community Language Schools Inc and Western Sydney University have united to offer language schools' teachers the opportunity to register for a new certified short course. *Engaging Community Language Learners through Questioning*.

This University short course commences on **Monday 7 August 2023** and ends on **Monday 18 September 2023**. The course is offered **FREE** of charge to community language teachers that are willing to participate and complete the course.

- The 7-week short course delivered fully online. • Weekly online sessions on Mondays from 6.00 – 7.00 pm.
- 1-hour duration workshop. Total of 7 hours for the short course.

NEXT- Provide First Aid and CPR training



SCHEDULED Provide First Aid In An Education And Care Setting **Sunday, 20 August** and **17 September 2023**. For Community Languages teachers, volunteers, parents, and carers in NSW Community Language Schools.

2023 Media Releases

FCLS Annual Conference 2023- Media Release¹⁰ & FCLS Annual Gala Dinner 2023- Media Release¹¹

¹⁰[https://www.dropbox.com/s/08tz94j4vud8d1k/FCLS Annual Conf 23- MEDIA RELEASE.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/08tz94j4vud8d1k/FCLS%20Annual%20Conf%2023-%20MEDIA%20RELEASE.pdf?dl=0)

¹¹[https://www.dropbox.com/s/wm57m8nlfri87zy/Media Release Multilingualism Recognised NSW FCLS Inc Annual Gala dinner Sat 17 June 2023 .pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/wm57m8nlfri87zy/Media%20Release%20Multilingualism%20Recognised%20NSW%20FCLS%20Inc%20Annual%20Gala%20dinner%20Sat%2017%20June%202023.pdf?dl=0)

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