

NZALT ~~Design a Banner~~ COMPETITION, 2009

This year's annual New Zealand Association of Language Teachers' (NZALT) competition was to design a banner that promoted languages and required at least a phrase in the student's language that they are learning. There were 80 entries nationwide over three categories: up to Year 8, Year 9-10 and Year 11-13. Craig Smith of www.languageperfect.co.nz sponsored the CD vouchers for the top three designs in each category.

Year 9-10 category – Vanessa Schneuwly's Japanese design won her 2nd place and a \$30 CD voucher along with a certificate which were awarded at Year 10 Assembly on the 24 November.

The second part of the competition was that the overall winner in each language won a printed off version of the banner for the member's school to be used for promotional purposes. Each design had to be scanned and the logos of the sponsors added.

Banner winning schools from around New Zealand were: Holy Cross School, Auckland (Chinese - sponsored by the Confucius Institute); Iona College (French - sponsored by the French Embassy); Kristin School, Auckland (German sponsored by Goethe Institut); Havelock North High School – Vanessa Schneuwly (Japanese - sponsored by Sasakawa Fellowship Fund for Japanese Education).

Eunice Beveridge Memorial Prize for Japanese

Peter Beveridge, owner of Aquila Books donated the Eunice Beveridge Memorial Prize to the New Zealand Association of Language this year. The Eunice Beveridge Memorial Prize is a greenstone pendant in a frame carved with the 3 kete of knowledge and it is in memorial of Peter's wife, Eunice who passed away in 2008 after a battle with cancer. Eunice was an advocate for languages and had a BA (Hons) in Japanese and also attained Level 2 in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. She also spoke French very well and was studying Maori when she died. There are two prizes awarded annually, one for the winner in each language during the annual NZALT Competition – Design a Banner in 2009.

NZALT Presentation of inaugural Prize 24 November, Havelock North High School

A delegation from the NZALT visited Year 10 assembly. Human Resources Officer Mr James Donaldson introduced the competition and Ms Adèle Scott president of NZALT spoke on how NZALT supports and encourages Learning Languages in schools. Vanessa was presented the CD voucher for 2nd place by Ms Scott. The banner was then presented to the school by Ms Naomi Collins of the Sasakawa Fellowship Fund.

Then it was the presentation of the inaugural Eunice Beveridge Memorial Prize for Japanese. Matthew Beveridge, Eunice's son, presented the prize and talked about why his family had donated it. As it is the first year of the prize Vanessa will keep the award and another copy will stay in school for the year. Members of the delegation wore red in recognition of Mrs Beveridge.