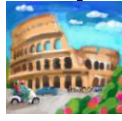


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INFORMATION & DIARY DATES TERM 2, 2011

Italian Language Assistants Induction Program 2011

The Italian Language Assistants Induction Program will take place on **Wednesday 27 – Friday 29 April** at CO.AS.IT. The Italian Assistants will be informed about the Victorian school system, employment conditions and their role & responsibilities. The assistants will be placed in both primary and secondary schools across regions. Congratulations to the schools that have been assigned an assistant this year.

MLTAV Conference: "Victoria- From LOTE to Languages"

The Modern Languages Teachers' Association of Victoria Conference will be held on **Friday 20 May** at the Conference Centre, Karsten's at CQ, 123 Queen St. Melbourne (8.30-4.30pm) For further information and registration details please refer to MLTAV website: <http://www.mltav.asn.au/>

Italian Harvest Festival at the Museo Italiano

The Italian Harvest Festival will be held on **Sunday May 1** (11 am – 5pm) at 'Museo Italiano', 199 Faraday St. Carlton. Throughout the day families and children are encouraged to tour the Museo Italiano and complete the harvest trail. There will be workshops on Italian culture such as olive preparation and kid's activities (pasta making, creative dance). Cost: Gold coin donation for adults and children free.

Upcoming NMR Languages Conference in Term 3, 2011

The Northern Metropolitan Region is currently organising a conference for all LOTE teachers on **Friday 26 August** at the Darebin, Arts and Entertainment Centre in Preston. There will be keynote speakers focusing on Languages and Literacy; Using the Gestures method in teaching languages, as well as workshops on a variety of topics. If you are interested in presenting a workshop please contact myself or Angela Minuzzo, LOTE Project Officer on 9488 9462. Further information and registration details will be forwarded during this term. Please keep this date free to attend!

CO.AS.IT Italian Education officers and Museo Italiano

The Italian Education Officers **Rosaria Zarro** (Melbourne Museum) and **Daniel Torcasio** (National Gallery of Victoria) offer programs for students learning Italian. For full range of programs and bookings please contact them at daniel.torcasio@ngv.vic.gov.au & rzarro@museum.vic.gov.au

The *Museo Italiano* will be offering targeted language programs for Primary and Secondary students based on the exhibition and led by the Italian Education Officers. The programs offered include: **La storia in valigia- Exploring Italian Migrant stories using material culture** Years 5-9 and **Museo Italiano Introductory talk for Advanced level of Italian** Years 10-12.

Teachers can contact the Booking Office at *Museo Italiano* on **9349-9080** or the Italian Education officers on **9349 9019** or education@museoitaliano.com.au

Teachers will receive a 'Museo Education Kit' on CD Rom for any bookings.

For any enquiries or assistance related to the teaching of Italian in the Northern Metropolitan Region please contact Maria Brancolino

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LOTE NETWORK MEETINGS

Italian Network Meetings: held after school hours 4.15-6.00

Language network meetings have been established to provide support to language teachers in both primary & secondary schools (DEECD & CEO). Each network meets to share ideas, organise initiatives and to discuss relevant topics related to teaching languages such as VELS, E5, assessment and reporting, resources and advocacy.

Teachers are encouraged to participate in these meetings and the hours of attendance can be added to the professional development requirements of VIT registration.

Information & dates for meetings will be forwarded to the relevant network groups during the term. **There will be a combination of both Language Specific (Italian); as well as combined Languages Network Meetings in 2011.**

- **Whittlesea Network:** Thursday 5 May at Lalor Secondary College
- **Inner Nth Network:** Wednesday 11 May at Clifton Hill PS (general)
& language specific: Wednesday 8 June at Princes Hill PS (Italian)
- **Moreland Network:** Wednesday 11 May at Coburg PS
Wednesday 1 June at John Fawkner SC
- **Darebin Network:** Thursday 19 May at reservoir West PS
- **Hume Network:** Thursday 2 June at Roxburgh Rise PS
- **Nillumbik Network:** Thursday 5 May at Briar Hill PS

Other Network meetings for different areas will be organised during the year, in consultation with the NMR LOTE Project Officer, Angela Minuzzo.

Looking for an Italian network?

The Networks are avenues to meet & work with other teachers of LOTE. Some networks have organised Poetry competitions & LOTE Camp; as well as sharing resources, planning & discussing issues. **Don't work alone!** If you wish to join an existing network or set up a network meeting in your area please contact me to discuss.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TERM 2, 2011

****Please refer to next pages for further details & registration***

1. LOTE Leaders Program 2011

Professional workshops for Primary & Secondary Teachers of LOTE

DAY 2: THURSDAY 12 MAY 9.00-4.30 pm

DAY 3: TUESDAY 21 JUNE 9.00-4.30 pm

**Venue: Whitten Oval, Western Metropolitan Region
Level 3, 417 Barkly St. West Footscray**

A professional development program for LOTE teachers to develop their leadership skills in order to improve LOTE learning outcomes for all students. This five-day program in its third year, is presented by both the Western & Northern Metropolitan Regions: LOTE Project Officer, Christine Bozin, WMR; Angela Minuzzo, LOTE Project Officer, NMR and Maria Brancolino, Co.As.It Italian Network Leader NMR.

A reminder to the participants in the program that there will be two workshops this term: 12 May & 21 June

2. What works for me in the VCE Languages Classroom

A session for VCE Teachers of LOTE

THURSDAY 26 MAY 4.00-6.30 pm

Venue: Northern Metropolitan Region

Level 2, Meeting Room 2.1 & 2.2

189 Urquhart St. Coburg

(off Bell St, turn into Alva Grove: MAP 17 H 12)

Parking available on site

This session is being held for teachers to share effective strategies, tasks and resources used in teaching languages at the VCE level. As this is a practical workshop, participants are requested to provide examples to share in a variety of areas such as study design, oral/written tasks and exam preparation ideas.

Facilitators: Maria Brancolino (Co.As.It Italian Network leader)
Angela Minuzzo (LOTE Project Officer, Northern Metropolitan Region)

Cost: \$20 (light refreshments provided)

Please do not send cheques as an invoice will be generated through the online registration process which will be sent to the school

3. Assessment and Reporting (LOTE VELs)

A session for Beginning & returning Teachers of LOTE

THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2.00-5.00 pm

Venue: Northern Metropolitan Region

Level 2, Meeting Room 2.1 & 2.2

189 Urquhart St. Coburg

(off Bell St, turn into Alva Grove: MAP 17 H 12)

Parking available on site

A workshop for beginning & returning teachers of LOTE, outlining the LOTE VELs Assessment document, including the Assessment guidelines, LOTE Progression points and assessment maps.

Facilitators: Maria Brancolino (Co.As.It Italian Network leader)
Angela Minuzzo (LOTE Project Officer, Northern Metropolitan Region)

Cost: \$30 (Light refreshments & materials provided)

Please do not send cheques as an invoice will be generated through the online registration process which will be sent to the school

REGISTRATION ON-LINE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Registrations for PD offered are entered online using the [PD Online](#) system. LOTE teachers interested in any of the PD listed must register using this system. Refer to directions to register for any workshop below. If you are experiencing any difficulty please contact me on 9488 9461 or email brancolino.maria.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Using PD Online

Registrations for professional development activities are entered online using the PD Online system. The address for PD Online is <http://www.pd-online.com.au/>.

Users should either login or request an account via the [PD Online](#) homepage.

Each participant must have an account before they can register for any activities.

For personnel employed by the Department, the PD Online system only accepts an EduMail address, which is an address that has: your surname.given name.initial@edumail.vic.gov.au. Please do not use a private email address when registering for activities. Also, do not use the school's EduMail address.

If you have difficulties logging in go to the Help button on the front page. The online administrator will reply to your email as soon as possible.

First time users

- Click on this hyperlink and follow the instructions [Request an account](#). **There is no cost involved to request & set up an account.**
- Remember to click on Send Request at the bottom of the page after you have entered all your details.
- An account, including your passphrase, will be generated as quickly as possible. However, you may need to allow a day for this.

Previous users

- Click on [Login to PD Online](#) and select the activity you wish to attend by ticking the appropriate box.

Registering for a PD

Click on 'Register for a new PD':

- Scroll down to the name(s) of courses in which you wish to attend and to register click the box.

- Then scroll down to the bottom of the page and confirm you have approval to attend the selected course by clicking the box.
- Then click 'Register for selected PD course'.

You will receive a confirmation email if you have registered successfully.

Multiple sessions

Some programs include multiple sessions. When you register for the first session you will automatically be registered for the other sessions. You **do not** need to register for each individual session.

More information

If you want to see the full details of a course when registering, scroll down to the heading '*More Information*' and download the file.

Payment

The PD Online system will automatically generate a Tax Invoice which will be forwarded to your school at the end of each month.

This invoice will cover professional development activities undertaken by school staff and organised through PD Online for that month.

Invoices will be emailed to the school's account each month.

Withdrawing from activities

If you have registered for an activity via PD Online and find that you are unable to attend:

- **Withdraw from the activity using the following online process. This will ensure that your school will not be invoiced for your attendance at the activity.**
- Go to [Login to PD Online](#) and scroll down to 'Withdrawals'. Click on 'Withdrawal from a PD' and the name(s) of courses in which you are enrolled will come up.
- Click on the Cancel? button and follow the instructions to withdraw from the course(s) in which you are enrolled.

You will receive a confirmation email if you have successfully withdrawn from the course(s).